

Müge Uğuz

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Washington D.C

Education

Doctorate of Philosophy - Political Science

The George Washington University, Columbian College of Arts & Sciences

Fully funded Ph.D. student; scheduled to advance to candidacy (ABD) in May 2026

Major field: Comparative Politics

Minor field: Research Methods

2023 - Present

Washington D.C, USA

Master of Arts - Nationalism Studies

Central European University (CEU)

Thesis: *Proceeding to the "Exit": Medical Doctors' Emigration from Turkey.*

Advisors: Rainer Bauböck & Luca Váradi

Oral defense passed with distinction

Merit-based tuition waiver and scholarship

GPA: 3.81/4.0

2021 - 2023

Vienna, Austria

Bachelor of Arts - International Relations

Bilkent University

Minor degree: Communication and Design (GPA: 3.80/4.00)

Exchange semester at the University of Konstanz

Merit scholarship based on performance

Overall GPA: 3.72/4.0

2016 - 2021

Ankara, Turkey

Teaching Experience

George Washington University

Scope and Methods of Political Science

Teaching Assistant (Instructor: Prof. Steven J. Balla)

- Led 2 weekly sections of 30 students each, teaching statistical analysis with RStudio

- Guided students through the design and execution of individual research projects

Aug 2023 - Present

Jan 2026 - Present

Washington D.C

Introduction to Comparative Politics

Teaching Assistant

- Across 4 semesters: led 3 weekly discussion sections of 20 students each

- Built feedback systems, assessed student performance, and maintained standards compliance

- Mentored students on academic and professional goals, including reference letters

Aug 2023 - December 2025

Washington D.C

Teaching Assistant - Instructor Prof. Kimberly Morgan

- Guest Lecturer: Gender, Ethnicity and LGBT+ Identities

Aug 2024 - Dec 2025

Teaching Assistant - Instructor Prof. Bruce Dickson

- National Identity

Jan 2024 - May 2024

Teaching Assistant - Instructor Prof. Eric Kramon

- Regime Change

Aug 2023 - Dec 2023

Yale Young Global Scholars (YYGS)

Instructor in Politics, Law, and Economics (PLE)

- Designed and delivered three seminars on identity, nationalism, and democracy

- Facilitated breakout discussions following lectures by Yale faculty

- Guided a two-day symposium and mentored students on capstone projects

Jun 2025 - Aug 2025

New Haven, USA

Awards & Fellowships

PhD Student Fellowship

Institute for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies (IERES)

- Awarded IERES affiliation and research funding up to \$2,000.

2025 - 2026

Washington D.C, USA

Teaching Award

George Washington University

- Political Science Department yearly award for Outstanding Teaching Assistant.

2024 - 2025

Washington D.C, USA

Presidential Scholar Award

Central European University

2022

Vienna, Austria

- Recognition of academic excellence, leadership potential, and community-oriented activities.

First Prize, Transdisciplinary Group Projects Panel

Bilkent University

- *Financial Assistance and Policy-making: China's Influence in Africa and Latin America.*

2021

Ankara, Turkey

Conferences

Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)

Panelist/Presenter

- Beyond Borders: A Global Dataset of Nonresident Voter Registration and Turnout.

Apr 2026

Chicago, USA

Middle East Studies Association (MESA) Annual Meeting

Panelist/Presenter

- Medical Doctors' Emigration From Turkey: Profession-Based Approach to Migration Reasons.

Nov 2025

Washington D.C, USA

Pedagogy Workshops, GWU Political Science

- Monthly workshops for teaching assistants moderated by Prof. Kelly Bauer.

- Training on planning/facilitating sections, grading, and managing difficult conversations.

Sep 2024 - May 2025

Subfield Workshops, GWU Political Science

- Regular biweekly workshops on Comparative Politics.

- Occasional attendance in IR, American Politics, and Political Theory workshops.

Sep 2023 - May 2025

International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Conference

Panelist/Presenter

- Rebel Tactics, Diaspora Response: Exploring Diaspora Support in Civil Wars (co-authored with Seray Yalaz).

Mar 2025

Chicago, USA

APSA Teaching & Learning Conference

Panelist/Presenter

- From Learners to Educators: Effect of Undergraduate Experiences on TA Pedagogies.

Feb 2025

Alexandria, USA

APSA Annual Meeting & Exhibition

Attendee

- Scheduled to present at APSA 2026 Annual Meeting (Boston).

Sep 2024

Philadelphia, USA

Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN) Annual Convention

Panel Chair

- Scheduled to present at ASN 2026 Annual Meeting.

May 2024

New York City, USA

Research Experience

Center for Foreign Policy and Peace Research

Research Intern (Supervisor: Prof. Ersel Aydinli)

- Contributed to the Global IR project on English-language domination and journal diversity.

- Collected and analyzed regular issues from 100+ journals in 40 countries (2015-2020).

Feb 2021 - May 2021

Ankara, Turkey

Center for Southeast European Studies

Research Intern (Supervisor: Dr. Rory Archer)

- Contributed to an Albanian migration project funded by the Austrian Science Fund (FWF).

- Translated Turkish sources into English and prepared periodic findings reports.

Jul 2020 - Sep 2020

Graz, Austria

Bilkent University, International Relations

Research Intern (Supervisor: Asst. Prof. Efe Tokdemir)

- Conducted data collection and coding on ethnic non-state armed actors and government concessions.

Jun 2019 - Sep 2019

Ankara, Turkey

Organizational Experience

International Organization for Migration (IOM) - UN Migration

Communications Assistant

- Facilitated internal and external communications for the Anti-Bullying Campaign.

- Transcribed and translated beneficiary interviews.

- Produced social media content, concept notes, donor visibility reports, and human-interest stories.

Jul 2022 - Apr 2023

Ankara, Turkey

Nationalism Studies Department, CEU

Assistant for Student Recruitment and Social Media Activities

- Proposed and launched the departmental Twitter account; continue to manage it.

- Organized and promoted the essay competition across 70+ universities in 15 countries.

- Served as a panelist in information sessions on the program and application process.

Fall 2021 & 2022

Vienna, Austria

Bilkent Radio and Publishing Corporation

Oct 2016 - Aug 2021

Coordinator of Public Relations Department (May 2019 - Aug 2021) Ankara, Turkey
 - Recruited, trained, supervised, and evaluated 100+ students in a structured volunteer program.
 - Secured annual budget funding and prepared mid-year reports.
 - Chaired weekly meetings with 50+ volunteers; coordinated PR units and policy updates.
 - Led social awareness projects including collaboration with UN Women Turkey.
 Head of Sales and Marketing Unit (Nov 2018 - May 2019)
 - Secured sponsorships, managed partner communication, and ensured contract execution.
 - Ran marketing operations for public events and broadcasting shows.
 Public Relations Volunteer (Oct 2016 - Nov 2018)
 - Prepared event proposals, evaluated surveys, and organized guest pipelines for interviews.

Bilkent University Information Office for Prospective Students Oct 2017 - Aug 2021
 Student Guide Ankara, Turkey
 - Held online and in-person meetings with prospective students and families.
 - Organized detailed campus tours and connected students with faculty and offices.

18th IF Istanbul Independent Film Festival Aug 2019 - Oct 2019
 Ankara Coordinator's Assistant (Project-based) Ankara, Turkey
 - Built and coordinated a 10-member volunteer team and daily operations.
 - Prepared daily reports on attendance, issues, solutions, and stakeholder satisfaction.

GAL Alumni Association Jan 2018 - Oct 2021
 Vice-Chairperson of Management Board and Founding Member Ankara, Turkey
 - Organized anniversary events and hosted on-air alumni interviews.
 - Scheduled board meetings, set agendas, and documented reports.

Languages

Turkish: Native

German: Intermediate (actively learning)

English: Proficient

Spanish: Elementary (actively learning)