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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science
Rutgers University, New Brunswick, 2020-
Fields: International Relations (major); Comparative Politics (minor); Quantitative Methods (second minor).
Dissertation Title: "Three Essays in International Politics of Energy Resources and Maritime Disputes"
Dissertation Committee: Andrey Tomashevskiy (chair); Jack S. Levy (co-chair); Michael Kenwick (member); and Sara Mitchell (external member)

M.A., Political Science/International Relations
Rutgers University, New Brunswick, 2022
Bilkent University, Turkey, 2020

B.A., International Relations
Bilkent University, Turkey, 2018
London Metropolitan University, Spring 2016

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

2024 Summer Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), University of Michigan [Data Science and Text Analysis; Maximum Likelihood Estimation II]

2021 Summer The Summer Institutes in Computational Social Sciences (SICCS), Rutgers University, New Brunswick

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

1. **V. Tibet Gur**, and Andrey Tomashevskiy, 2024. "Taking Sides: Corporate Social Responsibility and Political Ideology." *Economics & Politics* 36(3): 1321–1344. [Link]
2. Pinar Ipek, and **V. Tibet Gur**, 2022. "Turkey's Isolation from the Eastern Mediterranean Gas Forum: Ideational Mechanisms and Material Interests in Energy Politics" *Turkish Studies* 23(1): 1–30. [Link]

WORKING PAPERS

1. **V. Tibet Gur**. "Losing Territorial Sovereignty and Resource Access: Computational Text Evidence from Turkiye." *Under Review*.
-Recipient of the 2025 ISA-Foreign Policy Analysis Section Alexander George Best Paper Award.
2. **V. Tibet Gur**. "Territorial Loss Aversion and Energy Security: Public Support for Use of Force." *Under Review*
3. **V. Tibet Gur**. "Carbon Choices: MNCs and Climate Self-Regulation."
4. **V. Tibet Gur**, and Andrey Tomashevskiy. "Corporate Political Activity, Partisanship, and Foreign Firms."
5. **V. Tibet Gur**. "How Oil Shapes the Escalation of Strategic Rivalries in Maritime Disputes: *Discovery, Prices, and Dependency*."

WORK IN-
PROGRESS

1. **V. Tibet Gur.** "Geopolitical Risk and Energy Investment: Field-Level Evidence from Oil and Gas Projects"
2. **V. Tibet Gur,** and Andrey Tomashevskiy. "Climate Risk Perceptions and Corporate Political Activity: Text Evidence from 10K and 20F Reports"

AWARDS &
FELLOWSHIPS

Alexander George Best Paper Award (\$500), International Studies Association, 2025 .
Excellence Fellowship / Teaching Assistant Fellowship (\$40,000), Rutgers University, 2025-2026
Honorable Mention: School of Graduate Studies University and Louis Bevier Fellowship (\$25,000), 2024

Lyon, William & Meredith Porte Peace Fund Research Award (\$1,300), 2024
School of Graduate Studies (SGS) Research and Conference Award (\$3,000), 2023-2025
Rutgers University, Departmental Conference Travel Award (\$3,000), 2023-2025
Rutgers University, Departmental Award for ICPSR (\$2,800), 2023
Research In Political Psychology Laboratory (RIPPL) Experiment Award (\$9,000), 2023-2025
Summer Institute in Computational Social Sciences (SICSS) Research Grant (\$2,500), 2021
Teaching Assistant Fellowship (Annual \$40,000), Rutgers University, 2022-2024
Excellence Fellowship (Annual \$25,000), Rutgers University, 2020-202 / 2024-2025
Full Tuition Waiver & RAship, Bilkent University, 2018–2020
Erasmus Exchange Scholarship (€2,500), Bilkent University, 2016
Merit-Based Tuition Waiver, Bilkent University, 2013–2017

TEACHING
EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record:

International Security (*Graduate*), Seton Hall University [Spring 2026]
Strategy in International Relations, Rutgers University [Fall 2025]
Oil and International Politics, Rutgers University [Spring 2024, Fall 2025, Spring 2026]
Introduction to International Relations, Rutgers University [Summer 2023, Summer 2025]

Teaching Assistant:

Issues in American Foreign Policy, Rutgers University [Spring 2026]
Introduction to International Relations, Rutgers University [Fall 2022, Spring 2023]
Nature of Politics, Rutgers University [Fall 2023, Spring 2024]
Politics of International Economy, Bilkent University [Fall 2019]

CONFERENCE
PRESENTATIONS

1. 2026, March – **ISA, Columbus:** "Carbon Choices: MNCs and Climate Self-Regulation"
2. 2025 – **Empirical Studies of Conflict (ESOC), Washington DC:** "Losing Territorial Sovereignty and Resource Access: Computational Text Evidence from Turkiye."
3. 2025 – **APSA, Vancouver:** "Losing Territorial Sovereignty and Resource Access: Computational Text Evidence from Turkiye."
4. 2025 – **ISA, Chicago:** "Losing Territorial Sovereignty and Resource Access: Computational Text Evidence from Turkiye."

5. 2025 – **ISA, Chicago**: “Territorial Loss Aversion and Energy Security: Public Support for Use of Force.”
6. 2025 – **SPSA, Puerto Rico**: “Corporate Political Activity, Partisanship, and Foreign Firms” (with Andrey Tomashevskiy).
7. 2024 – **APSA, Philadelphia**: “Multinational Firms, Contentious Politics, and Support for Investment Restrictions” (with Andrey Tomashevskiy).
8. 2024 – **APSA, Philadelphia**: “Carbon Choices: Firm-Level ESG Strategies and Demand for Climate Regulation.”
9. 2024 – **ISA, San Francisco**: “Corporate Political Activity, Partisanship, and Foreign Firms” (with Andrey Tomashevskiy).
10. 2024 – **ISA, San Francisco**: “Petro-Indivisibility: Domestic Support for Territorial Aggression.”
11. 2024 – **Eurasian Peace Science Conference, Turkey**: “Petro-Rivalries over Maritime Territories: Presence, Prices, Dependency and Petro-States.”
12. 2023 – **APSA, Los Angeles**: “Ideology or Pragmatism? Explaining Firms’ Political Stances” (with Andrey Tomashevskiy).

PROFESSIONAL
SERVICE

Conference Panel Chair: *ISA 2025 [Oil, Carbon, Energy Security]; APSA 2025 [Geopolitical Competition, Territorial Disputes, and Strategic Innovation]*

Reviewer, *Turkish Studies* (2023, 2024)

Discussant, *Visiting Speaker (Erik Voeten), Rutgers University [Spring 2023]*

SOFTWARE

R; Python; L^AT_EX; Qualtrics; SPSS; MS Office

LANGUAGES &
CITIZENSHIP

USA, Turkey

REFERENCES

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