

## BURAK KADERCAN

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### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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#### U.S. Naval War College

- *Associate Professor of Strategy & Policy, August 2017 – present*
- *Assistant Professor of Strategy & Policy, August 2014 – August 2017*
- *Senior Associate, Center on Irregular Warfare and Armed Groups (CIWAG), September 2015-present*

#### Tufts University, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy

- *Resident Fellow at the Center for Strategic Studies, September 2017 – March 2018*

#### University of Reading (United Kingdom)

- *Assistant Professor, January 2013 – August 2014*

#### Institut Barcelona D'Estudis Internacionals (IBEI)

- *Assistant Professor & MA Coordinator, 2011-2013*

#### University of Richmond

- *Visiting Lecturer, University of Richmond, 2010-2011*

### EDUCATION

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Ph.D., Political Science, The University of Chicago, 2011

M.A., Political Science, The University of Chicago, 2006

B.A., Political Science, Bogazici University (Istanbul), 2000

### RESEARCH

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#### BOOKS

2023. *Shifting Grounds: The Social Origins of Territorial Conflict*. New York: Oxford University Press.

2017. *Territorial Designs and International Politics: Inside-out and Outside-in*. London: Routledge (with Boaz Atzili).

#### ARTICLES

2022. "Exploring the "Military Time": Historical Timing, Civil–Military Relations, and the Military Revolution in Russia and Japan." *Global Studies Quarterly* 2 (3).

2021. "Territorial Logic of the Islamic State: An Interdisciplinary Approach." *Territory, Politics, Governance* 9 (1): 94-110.

2018. "Nationalism and War for Territory: From 'Divisible' Territories to Inviolable Homelands," *Cambridge Review of International Affairs* 30 (4): 368-393.

2017. "Territorial Design and Grand Strategy in the Ottoman Empire," *Territory, Politics, Governance* 5 (2): 158-176.

2017. "Territorial Designs and International Politics: The Diverging Constitution of Space and Boundaries," *Territory, Politics, Governance* 5 (2): 115-130, with Boaz Atzili (American University).

2016. "Turkish Military as a Political Actor: Its Rise and Fall." *Middle East Policy* 23 (3): 84-99, with Pelin Telseren (Brown University).

2016. "What ISIS Crisis Means for the Future of the Middle East." *Insight Turkey* 18 (2): 63-84.

## **ARTICLES (continued)**

2015. "Triangulating Territory: A Case for Pragmatic Interaction Between Political Science, Political Geography, and Critical IR." *International Theory* 7 (1): 125-161.
2014. "Strong Armies, Slow Adaptation: Civil-Military Relations and Diffusion of Military Power." *International Security* 38 (3): 117-152.
2013. "Making Sense of Survival: Refining the Treatment of State Preferences in Neorealist Theory." *Review of International Studies* 39 (4): 1015-1037.
2012. "Military Competition and the Emergence of Nationalism." *International Studies Review* 14 (4): 401-428.

## **WORK IN PROGRESS**

*Quest for Greatness: Turkey's Grand Strategy in the Twenty-first Century* (in progress)

"Fighting for God: Religious Nationalism and Violence in International Relations," with Ahsan Butt

"The More Things Change: Armed Drones and Military Adaptation," with Caglar Kurc

## **OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

2015. "Bringing the 'Other' Empires Back In: The Case of the Ottoman Empire." American Political Science Association's *International History and Political Newsletter* 1 (1).
2015. "İşid'in Çilginliğinin Arkasındaki Yöntem [The Method Behind ISIS' Madness]." *Ortadoğu Analiz* 7 (70): 20-23.
2014. "Busting Myths: Five books on The Cuban Missile Crisis in Its Fiftieth Anniversary." *Cold War History* 14 (3): 445-451.
2014. "Güç [Power]," in *Uluslararası İlişkilere Giriş: Tarih, Teori, Kavramlar ve Konular* [Introduction to International Relations: History, Theory, Concepts, and Issues] ed. by Şaban Kardaş and Ali Balcı (Istanbul: İmge).
2012. Commissioned review of *Revolution and Constitutionalism in the Ottoman Empire and Iran* (Cambridge UP, 2011) by Nader Sohrabi. *Comparative Political Studies* 45 (10): 1310-1314.

## **SELECTED & RESEARCH-RELATED OPINION PIECES**

- "Paradise Lost: Making Sense of Erdogan's Latest Victory." *War on the Rocks* (2023)
- "Symphony of Destruction: How the AKP is Undermining Turkey's Institutions." *War on the Rocks* (2021)
- "The Role of Perception and Misperception in U.S.-Turkish Relations." *Texas National Security Review* (2019)
- "What Happens in Istanbul Will Not Stay in Istanbul." *War on the Rocks* (2019)
- "The Year of The Gray Wolf: The Rise of Turkey's New Ultranationalism." *War on the Rocks* (2018)
- "The Good, the Bad, And the Ugly: Three Scenarios to Expect from Turkey's Upcoming Elections." *War on the Rocks* (2018)
- "Between A Rock and Dynamite: American Options in The Face Of The Turkish-YPG Crisis." *War on the Rocks* (2018)
- "Old Dogs, New Tricks: Urban Warfare in Turkey's War with the PKK." *War on the Rocks* (2017), with Margarita Konaev
- "Defeat as Victory? How the Islamic State Will Rely on Hijrah to Claim a Win." *War on the Rocks* (2017)
- "Making Sense of Turkey's Syria Strategy: A 'Turkish Tragedy' In the Making." *War on the Rocks* (2017)
- "The Rise & Fall of Erdoganocracy: Why Victory May Defeat Turkey's President." *War on the Rocks* (2017)
- "The Strategic Logic of the New Year's Eve Attack in Istanbul." *War on the Rocks* (2017)

## **SELECTED & RESEARCH-RELATED OPINION PIECES (*continued*)**

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“Turkey’s Anti-Americanism Isn’t New.” *The National Interest Online* (2016).

“How ISIS Is Ripping Turkey Apart.” *The National Interest Online* (2016).

“Welcome to the Turkish Winter: The Great Purge Is Just Beginning.” *War on the Rocks* (2016).

“Making Sense of the Islamic State: Four Frameworks.” *War on the Rocks* (2015).

“The Method Behind the Islamic State's Madness.” *War on the Rocks* (2015).

- Published in German as “Die Logik des Barbarismus” by *Internationale Politik und Gesellschaft*

“3 Huge (And Dangerous) Myths about ISIS.” *The National Interest Online* (2015).

“This Is What ISIS' Rise Means for the ‘Kurdish Question.’” *The National Interest Online* (2015).

“Why Fighting Through Auxiliaries Usually Fails.” *The National Interest Online* (2015).

“How Not to Fight the Islamic State.” *War on the Rocks* (2015).

“What's Eating Turkey: Ankara and the Islamic State.” *War on the Rocks* (2015).

“Turkish Winter Is Coming.” *War on the Rocks* (2015).

“The Gezi Park protests illustrate the fall of the military as a political actor in Turkey.” *LSE – EUROPP* (2013).

“The Duke of Hazard? Causes and consequences of Turkey’s Middle East policy.” *Open Democracy* (2013).

## **HONORS & AWARDS**

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Naval War College, Faculty Development Award, August 2017 (\$3000); November 2016 (\$2000); September 2016 (\$4000)

Chancellor’s Fellowship, *tenure-track* research position, (University of Edinburgh), 2014-2019, declined

Committee on International Relations Post-doctoral Fellowship (Univ. of Chicago), 2011-2014, declined

Mellon Dissertation Year Fellowship, 2009-2010

Grodzins Lectureship Prize (University of Chicago), 2009

International Studies Lectureship Prize (University of Chicago), 2009

Provost’s Summer Research Fellowship (University of Chicago), 2009

Provost’s Summer Research Fellowship (University of Chicago), 2008

Graduate Fellowship (University of Chicago), 2004-2008

## **SERVICE**

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Reviewer for: *International Security*; *Journal of Politics*; *International Studies Quarterly*; *European Journal of International Relations*; *International Theory*; *Review of International Studies*; *International Studies Review*; *Terrorism and Political Violence*; *European Journal of International Security*; *Journal of Global Security Studies*; *Territory, Politics, Governance*; *Geopolitics*; *GeoJournal*; *Nationalities Papers*.

Case-lead for “Al-Qaeda and Associated Movements” (AQAM) and India-Pakistan Rivalry, Strategy & Policy Department, US Naval War College

Briefings on the Islamic State Group for active-duty operators of the US military, including US Air Force Special Operations Command (FL), Marine Special Operations Command Raider Regiment (NC), Air National Guard Corps (MA)

Coordinator for Research Seminar Series, Politics & IR, University of Reading, 2013- 2014

Coordinator for Seminar Series, Institut Barcelona D’Estudis Internacionals, 2012

## **TEACHING (U: Undergraduate; G: Graduate)**

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<i>Rising Titan or Falling Star: Domestic &amp; Foreign Politics of Turkey</i> (G)	Naval War College, 2020-21
<i>Theater Security Decision Making</i> (G)	Naval War College, 2019
<i>Strategy and Policy</i> (G)	Naval War College, 2015-present
<i>Strategy and War</i> (G)	Naval War College, 2014-present
<i>Reason and Madness in International Politics</i> (U)	University of Reading, 2013-2014
<i>International Relations Theory</i> (G)	University of Reading, 2014
<i>Theories of International Security</i> (G)	IBEI, * 2012
<i>War in World Politics</i> (G)	IBEI, 2012
<i>Research Methods</i> (G)	IBEI, 2012
<i>Advanced International Relations Theories</i> (G)	IBEI, 2011 (co-taught)
<i>Foreign Policy</i> (U)	Bogazici University, 2011& 2012
<i>Diplomatic History</i> (U)	Bogazici University, 2011
<i>International Security</i> (U)	University of Richmond, 2011
<i>Nations and Nationalism</i> (U)	University of Richmond, 2011
<i>Causes of War</i> (U)	University of Richmond, 2010
<i>Introduction to International Relations</i> (U)	Univ. of Richmond, 2010 & 2011
<i>Social Science Inquiry III</i> (U)	University of Chicago, 2009
<i>State Preferences and War</i> (U)	University of Chicago, 2009
<i>States and Their Private Armies</i> (U)	University of Chicago, 2009
<i>Social Science Inquiry I</i> (U)	University of Chicago, 2008
<i>Democracy and Social Science III</i> (U)	University of Chicago, 2007

## **RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (Research Assistant)**

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Duncan J. Snidal, University of Chicago, 2007-2009

Michael Mousseau, Koc University, 2004

Bruce Kuniholm and Suhnaz Yilmaz, Koc University, 2002 - 2003

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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American Political Science Association

International Studies Association

Midwest Political Science Association

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\* Institut Barcelona D'Estudis Internacionals.

## OTHER

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*Citizenship:* Dual citizen of the United States of America & Turkey

*Foreign Languages:* Turkish (native); German (intermediate)

*Statistical Software:* STATA, R

*Consulting Experience:* *Oxford Analytica* (as an expert in Turkish politics)

## REFERENCES

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