

# Curriculum Vitae

## TUGBA BOZCAGA

CONTACT INFORMATION	King's College London School of Politics and Economics Bush House NE Wing 30 Aldwych London WC2B 4BG	 <a href="http://tugbabozcaga.com">tugbabozcaga.com</a>  <a href="mailto:tugba.bozcaga@kcl.ac.uk">tugba.bozcaga@kcl.ac.uk</a>  <a href="https://github.com/tugbabozcaga">github.com/tugbabozcaga</a>
ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS	<b>King's College London</b> Lecturer in Politics (Political Methodology) (Assistant Professor with Tenure) 2021 - Present	
	<b>Harvard University</b> Fellow, Middle East Initiative 2021 - 2022 Postdoctoral Fellow, Middle East Initiative 2020 - 2021	
EDUCATION	<b>Massachusetts Institute of Technology</b> Ph.D., Political Science ( <i>Maternal leave, Fall 2019</i> ) September 2020 Fields: Political Economy, Political Methodology Dissertation: "Essays on the Political Economy of Public Service Provision" <b>Mancur Olson Prize</b> for Best Dissertation in Political Economy (Honorable Mention), APSA.	
	<b>Central European University</b> M.A., International Political Economy (Distinction) 2011	
	<b>Boğaziçi University</b> B.A., Economics (Dean's High Honors List) 2010	
AFFILIATIONS	Faculty Fellow, Association for Analytic Learning about Islam and Muslim Societies (AALIMS) 2021 - Present Fellow, Governance and Local Development Institute (GLD) 2022 - 2023 Graduate Student Affiliate, Harvard University Center for European Studies 2017 - 2020	
PUBLISHED & FORTHCOMING	"The Social Bureaucrat: How Social Proximity Among Bureaucrats Affects Local Governance". Forthcoming, <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> . <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Phi Beta Kappa Award, MPSA.</li><li>- Best Paper by an Emerging Scholar Award, MPSA.</li><li>- Kenneth Meier Best Paper Award in Public Policy and Administration, MPSA.</li><li>- Best Comparative Policy Paper Award, Public Policy Section, APSA.</li><li>- Honorable Mention for Best Paper Award, MENA Politics Section, APSA.</li></ul> "Imams and Businessmen: Non-State Service Provision by Islamist Movements" (with <a href="#">Fotini Christia</a> ). Forthcoming, <i>Journal of Conflict Resolution</i> . <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Best Paper Award, MENA Politics Section, APSA.</li><li>- Weber Best Paper Award, Religion and Politics Section, APSA.</li></ul>	

"Municipal Government." Oxford Bibliographies in Urban Studies. Oxford University Press, 2025.

"Combining Mobile Data and Satellite Imaging for Human Mobility" (with [Asli Cansunar](#)), In *Data Science for Migration and Mobility* (eds. Albert Ali Salah, Emre Eren Korkmaz, and Tuba Bircan), Oxford University Press, 2022.

"The Unintended Consequences of Nation-Making Institutions for Civil Society Development" (with [Asli Cansunar](#)). *Journal of Historical Political Economy*, 1(4), 591-613, 2021.

"Assessing Syrian Refugee Integration Using Call Detail Records from Turkey" (with Fotini Christia, Elizabeth Harwood, Constantinos Daskalakis, and Christos Papadimitriou), In *Guide to Mobile Data Analytics in Refugee Scenarios: The 'Data for Refugees Challenge' Study* (eds. Albert Ali Salah, Alex Pentland, Bruno Lepri, and Emmanuel Letouzé), Switzerland: Springer, 2019.

"Policy Implications of the D4R Challenge" (with [Albert Ali Salah](#) et al.), In *Guide to Mobile Data Analytics in Refugee Scenarios: The 'Data for Refugees Challenge' Study* (eds. Albert Ali Salah, Alex Pentland, Bruno Lepri, and Emmanuel Letouzé), Switzerland: Springer, 2019.

"Enforcement Process Tracing: Forbearance and Dilution in Urban Colombia and Turkey" (with [Alisha Holland](#)), *Studies in Comparative International Development*, 53(3), 300-323, 2018 (Special Issue).

"Women and the welfare state regime of Turkey". *Turkish Policy Quarterly*, 11(4), 177-188, Winter 2013.

WORKING PAPERS "Members of the Same Club?: Subnational Variations in Electoral Returns to Public Goods". Governance and Local Development Institute Working Paper No. 2023/66.

- McGillivray Best Paper Award (Honorable Mention) in Political Economy, APSA.

"When Incumbent Mayors Affect Representativeness: Incumbency, Education, and Kinship Ties in Municipal Councils" (with [Aytug Sasmaz](#) and [Rabia Kutlu](#)). Submitted to *American Journal of Political Science*.

"Putting Property Rights in Context: Colonial Cotton Concessions, Customary Land Tenure, and Development in Mozambique" (with [Robin Harding](#) and [Arinze Nwokolo](#)).

"The Gender Effect in Intra-Party Meritocracy" (with [Rabia Kutlu](#)).

"Employment Type and Refugees' Climate Vulnerability: Evidence from Geocoded Mobility Patterns".

"Regulatory Failures in Disaster-Prone Areas: Political Competition, Bureaucratic Enforcement, and Satellite-Derived Measures of Building Damage".

"The Education Backlash: How Assimilative Primary School Education Affects Insurgency in Areas of Ethnic Conflict" (with [Asli Cansunar](#)). WIDER Working Paper 2023/50. Helsinki: UNU-WIDER.

WORK IN PROGRESS "The Social Bureaucrat: Social Proximity, State Capacity, and Local Governance." (Book Project)

"Scarcity and Discrimination in Local Public Services" (with [Aytug Sasmaz](#) and [Melani Cammett](#)).

"Urban Bias in Rural Areas: Quasi-Experimental Evidence from Turkish Municipal Governance" (with [Aytug Sasmaz](#)).

POLICY "The Geography of Gulenism in Turkey" (with [Fotini Christia](#)), *Foreign Policy*, March 18, 2019.

"Turkish referendum rallies in Europe made headlines. Did they affect election results?" (with [Fotini Christia](#)), *Washington Post*, "The Monkey Cage," May 6, 2017.

MEDIA COVERAGE	<p><a href="#">“Tugba Bozcaga: Social Proximity among Bureaucrats in Turkey,”</a> <i>Governance Uncovered: Local Politics and Development</i>, 3 November 2020.</p> <p><a href="#">“What makes for better bureaucracy?,”</a> <i>MIT News</i>, 21 October 2019.</p> <p><a href="#">“Norms, State Capacity, and Elections,”</a> <i>Rocking our Priors</i>, 31 August 2019.</p>	
AWARDS, GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS	<p>Performance Recognition Award, KCL 2024</p> <p>McGillivray Best Paper Award (Honorable Mention) in Political Economy, APSA 2022</p> <p>Phi Sigma Alpha Award (best paper presented at the annual conference), MPSA 2022</p> <p>Kenneth J. Meier Award (best paper in bureaucratic politics, public administration, or public policy), MPSA 2022</p> <p>Best Paper by an Emerging Scholar, MPSA 2022</p> <p>UNU-WIDER Institutional Legacies of Violent Conflict Research Grant 2021</p> <p>Mancur Olson Prize for Best Dissertation (Honorable Mention) Political Economy Section, APSA 2021</p> <p>Best Paper Award, Religion and Politics Section, APSA 2021</p> <p>Best Paper Award, MENA Politics Section, APSA 2021</p> <p>Harvard University Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Raphael Morrison Dorman Memorial Postdoctoral Fellowship. Declined. 2021</p> <p>Harvard Data Science Initiative Postdoctoral Research Fund Award 2021</p> <p>Best Comparative Policy Paper Award, Public Policy Section, APSA 2020</p> <p>Best Paper Award (Honorable Mention), MENA Politics Section, APSA 2020</p> <p>APSA First Generation Scholar Travel Grant 2019</p> <p>NSF Society for Political Methodology Annual Meeting Grant 2019</p> <p>MIT Graduate Student Life Grant 2019 <i>To organize a kickoff event for first generation college students at MIT’s graduate programs.</i></p> <p>Data for Refugees (D4R) Turk Telekom Competition Access to call detail records (CDRs). 2018</p> <p>Center of International Studies Summer Grant, MIT 2016, 2018</p> <p>Program on Governance and Local Development Short Term Grant, University of Gothenburg, Sweden 2017</p> <p>ASMEA Research Grant, <i>Declined</i> 2017</p> <p>MISTI Mexico Travel Grant, MIT 2014</p> <p>Ida M. Green Fellowship, MIT 2013</p> <p>Open Society Foundation Scholarship, Central European University 2010</p> <p>Scholarship of Achievement, Bogazici University Departmental award given to the student ranked 1st in the admission list. 2005 - 2010</p> <p>National Scholarship for Undergraduate Studies, Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK) Awarded for being in the top hundred (among 1,5m) in the national examination. 2005 - 2010</p>	
RECENT TALKS & PRESENTATIONS	2025 Oxford-DPIR Comparative Politics Seminar Series; EPSA Annual Meeting; KCL-UCL-LSE Politics of the Global South Workshop (discussant, chair)	

- 2024 UCL Departmental Research Seminar; APSA (discussant, chair, presenter); KCL-UCL-LSE Politics of the Global South Workshop; EUROWEPS-LSE; AALIMS Annual Meeting-Harvard; Oxford Middle East Centre Seminar Series
- 2023 KCL Comparative Politics Seminar Series; APSA Annual Meeting; Annual GLD Conference; HPE HORIZONS 2023 (University of Chicago); MPSA (discussant)
- 2022 LSE Comparative Politics Seminar Series; Oxford DPIR Seminar Series; Oxford Meeting in Historical Political Economy; APSA Annual Meeting (didn't attend due to visa); KCL-UCL-LSE Politics of the Global South Workshop; Oxford DSPI Seminar Series; AALIMS Conference on the Political Economy of the Muslim World; WIDER Development Conference
- 2021 Harvard Kennedy School Data Donuts Series; LSE PSPE Seminar; GLD Work-in-Progress Workshop; Kadir Has Economics Seminar Series; APSA Annual Meeting; MESA Annual Meeting; MPSA Annual Meeting (discussant; presenter); Education Politics and Policy Winter Conference
- 2020 APSA Annual Meeting; APSA Bureaucracy Mini-Conference; MPSA Annual Meeting (panel co-organizer); AALIMS Conference on the Political Economy of the Muslim World; Annual GLD Conference; Society for Institutional and Organizational Economics (SIOE) Annual Meeting; NEWEPS
- 2019 APSA Annual Meeting; MIT GOV/LAB Political Behavior of Development Conference; POLNET Annual Meeting; PolMeth Annual Meeting
- 2018 APSA Annual Meeting; AALIMS Conference on the Political Economy of the Muslim World, NYU Abu Dhabi; North East Middle East Politics Working Group (NEMEPWG), Harvard University

MEETINGS  
ORGANIZED

- 2025 KCL-UCL-LSE Politics of the Global South Workshop
- 2023 POLMETH Europe; Annual GLD Conference.
- 2022 Workshop in the Political Economy of the Middle East and North Africa (PEMENA); EBRD and King's College London Workshop on the Economics and Politics of Migration

TEACHING

- Quantitative Research Methods, KCL (Evaluation:4.7/5) 2022–
- PE of Development in Muslim Societies, KCL (Evaluation:4.4/5) 2023–
- Introduction to Comparative Politics, KCL (co-taught; Evaluation:4.2/5) 2021–
- Research Design, KCL 2021
- GitHub Workshop, MIT 2018
- GIS Visualization and Analysis Workshop, MIT 2018, 2019
- Latex Workshop, MIT 2016
- as Teaching Assistant, MIT Department of Political Science*
- Machine Learning and Data Science in Politics (by In Song Kim) 2018
- Quantitative Research Methods I (by Daniel Hidalgo) 2016
- as Teaching Assistant, MIT J-PAL*
- J-PAL Executive Education Course 2016
- as Teaching Assistant, Bogazici University Department of Economics*
- Intermediate Macroeconomics 2009
- Intermediate Macroeconomics 2008
- Principles of Macroeconomics 2008

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	<p><i>Reviewer:</i>  <i>American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, Quarterly Journal of Economics; British Journal of Political Science, Journal of Demographic Economics, Journal of Comparative Economics, Middle East Law and Governance</i></p> <p><i>Institutional:</i>  Admissions Chair, Departmental Postgraduate Committee, KCL 2021 - Present  Departmental Research Committee, KCL 2022 - Present  School of Politics and Economics Space Allocation Committee, KCL 2024 - Present  Inaugural First-Generation Constituency Representative, MIT GSC 2019 - 2020  Organizer, Kickoff Event for First-Gen Students at MIT's Graduate Programs 2019  Member, Committee on Race and Diversity, MIT 2016 - 2017</p> <p><i>Disciplinary:</i>  Committee Member, APSA Committee on the Status of the First Generation Scholars, 2024–Present.  Committee Member, APSA Political Economy Section, 2024–Present.  Award Committee Member, APSA MENA Politics Section, Best Paper Award, 2024.  Award Committee Member, APSA Politics and Religion Section, Weber Best Paper Award, 2022.</p>
OTHER	<p>Research Transparency and Reproducibility Training (RT2), BITSS/CEGA 2018  Kaufman Teaching Certificate Program 2018  The Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research 2016</p>
WORK EXPERIENCE	<p>Project Manager, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Directorate for EU Affairs, Turkey 2011 - 2013  - Designed, implemented, and evaluated capacity building projects on local governments and civil society organizations; coordinated a research project consortium with a budget of 2,500,000 Euros submitted to the European Union (Ranked 2nd among 15 consortiums).</p>
SKILLS	<p><i>Languages:</i> Turkish (native), German (advanced), Spanish (working proficiency), Ottoman Turkish (limited working proficiency), Arabic (limited working proficiency)  <i>Software:</i> ArcGIS, Atlas-ti, iGraph, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, STATA, R, Qualtrics</p>