

## BURCU SAVUN

*Curriculum Vitae*

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### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Professor of Political Science, University of Pittsburgh (2023-Present)  
Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Pittsburgh (2012-2023)  
Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Pittsburgh (2006-2012)

### EDUCATION

**Rice University:** Ph.D. in Political Science, 2006

**Rice University:** M.A. in Political Science, 2003

**University of Pittsburgh:** M.A. in Political Science, 2001

**University of Michigan, Ann Arbor:** Senior Year as Exchange Student, majored in Political Science, 1998-1999

**Middle East Technical University (METU), Ankara, Turkey:** B.A. in International Relations, 1999, *High Honors*

### OTHER EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Participant in Summer School in International Politics (IBEI, Spain, 2009)
- Participant in Summer Workshop on Teaching about Terrorism, University of Oklahoma, (2007)
- Participant in Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) Summer Institute, (2004)
- Participant in the Texas A&M Winter Institute in Mathematical Modeling: Program in Foreign Policy Decision-Making (2003)
- Participant in the Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Summer Program (2000, 2002)

## PUBLICATIONS

*\*Graduate student*

### Refereed Journal Articles

Spaniel, William and **Burcu Savun**. *Forthcoming* “Impossibility Dilemmas in Civil War Intervention” *Journal of Conflict Resolution*.

**Savun, Burcu**. 2022. “Refugee Flows, Refugee Rights, and Political Violence.” *International Studies Quarterly* 66(1):1-14.

Donno, Daniela, Kelly Morrison and **Burcu Savun**. 2022. “Not all Elections are Created Equal: Election Quality and Civil Conflict.” *Journal of Politics* 84(1):134-147.

Braithwaite, Alex, Michael Frith, **Burcu Savun**, and Faten Ghosn. 2022. “Government Targeting of Refugees in the Midst of Epidemics.” *Perspectives on Politics* 20(2):490-506.

**Savun, Burcu** and Christian Gineste\* 2019. “From Protection to Persecution: Threat Environment & Refugee Scapegoating.” *Journal of Peace Research* 56(1): 88-102.

Gineste, Christian\* and **Burcu Savun**. 2019. “Introducing POSVAR: A Dataset on Refugee-Related Violence.” *Journal of Peace Research* 56(1): 134-145.

Bormann, Nils-Christian and **Burcu Savun**. 2018. “Reputation, Concessions, and Territorial Civil War: Do Ethnic Dominoes Fall, or Don’t They?” *Journal of Peace Research* 55(5): 671–686.

**Savun, Burcu** and Daniel Tirone. 2018. “Foreign Aid as a Counterterrorism Tool: More Liberty, Less Terror?” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 62(8): 1607-1635 [**Lead Article**]

Cook, Scott and **Burcu Savun**. 2016. “New Democracies and the Risk of Civil Conflict: The Lasting Legacy of Military Rule.” *Journal of Peace Research* 53: 745-757. [**Lead Article**]

**Savun, Burcu** and Daniel Tirone\*. 2012. “Exogenous Shocks, Foreign Aid, and Civil War” *International Organization* 66: 363-393. [**Lead Article**] -*The recipient of the Robert O. Keohane Award for the best research article published in International Organization by an untenured scholar-*

**Savun, Burcu** and Daniel Tirone\*. 2011. “Foreign Aid, Democratization, and Civil Conflict: How does Democracy Aid Affect Civil Conflict?” *American Journal of Political Science* 55: 233-246.

Mattes, Michaela and **Burcu Savun**. 2010. “Information, Agreement Design and the Durability of Civil War Settlements.” *American Journal of Political Science* 54: 511-524.

**Savun, Burcu** and Brian J. Phillips\* 2009. “Democracy, Foreign Policy, and Terrorism.”

*Journal of Conflict Resolution* 53: 878- 904.

Mattes, Michaela and **Burcu Savun**. 2009. "Fostering Peace after Civil War: Commitment Problems and Agreement Design." *International Studies Quarterly* 53: 733-755.

**Savun, Burcu**. 2008. "Information, Bias, and Mediation Success." 2008. *International Studies Quarterly* 52:25-47.

Leeds, Brett Ashley and **Burcu Savun**. 2007. "Terminating Alliances: Why do States Abrogate Agreements?" *Journal of Politics* 69: 1118-1132.

### **Book Chapters, Book Reviews, and Other Publications**

Braithwaite, Alex, Idean Salehyan, and **Burcu Savun**. 2019. "Refugees, Forced Migration, and Conflict: Introduction to Special Issue" *Journal of Peace Research* 56(1): 5-11.

**Savun, Burcu** and Daniel Tirone. 2017. "Foreign Aid and Counterterrorism." *Sustainable Security*

Braithwaite, Alex, Kerstin Fisk, Idean Salehyan, **Burcu Savun** and Thorin Wright. 2017. "What Will Taught us about Refugees and Forced Migrants." *Political Violence @ Glance*

Chenoweth, Erica, Kathleen Cunningham, Page Fortna, Sara Mitchell, **Burcu Savun**, and Jessica Weeks. 2016. "How to get tenure?: (If you are a Woman)" *Foreign Policy*

**Savun, Burcu**. 2009. "Mediator Types and the Effectiveness of Information Provision Strategies in the Resolution of International Conflict" in *New Approaches to Mediation*. Jacob Bercovitch and Scott Gartner (eds.). Routledge, pp. 96-114.

**Savun, Burcu**. 2008. Review of *Crafting Peace: Power-Sharing Institutions and the Negotiated Settlement of Civil Wars* by Caroline Hartzell and Matthew Hoddie. *Political Science Quarterly* 123(3).

### **Under Review**

"Civil War Violence and Women's Post-War Political Participation" (with Caroline Hartzell, Lindsay Reed, Jessica Stanton)

"Competing Verdicts: Multiple Election Monitors and Post-Election Violence" (with Daniela Donno, Kelly Morrison, Perisa Davutoglu\*)

"Liberal Refugee Policies and Political Violence" (with Lamis Abdelaaty and Christopher Blair)

"Alliances and Civil War Intervention" (with Brett Ashley Leeds and Jesse Johnson)

## Working Papers

“Varieties of Violence in Refugee-Hosting Communities” (with Christopher Blair)

“Host State Responses to Forced Migration” (with Idean Salehyan)

“Leader Turnover and Conflict Recurrence” (with Jeff Carter and Omer Zarpli)

“De Facto Refugee Policies and Political Violence” (with Heidrun Bohnet)

## CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

### Paper Presentations

“Liberal Refugee Policies and Political Violence”

- American Political Science Association, Los Angeles, September 2023
- International Studies Association, Montreal, March 2023
- American Political Science Association, Montreal, September 2022

“Leader Turnover and Conflict Recurrence”

- Peace Science Society, St. Louis, 2023
- International Studies Association, Toronto, March 2023

“Competing Verdicts: Multiple Election Monitors and Post-Election Violence”

- American Political Science Association, Montreal, September 2022
- European Political Science Association, Prague, June 2022

“Alliances and Civil Wars”

- Peace Science Society, Denver, November 2022
- International Studies Association, March 2022

“Government Targeting of Refugees in the Midst of Epidemics”

- American Political Science Association, September 2021

“Reputation Effects and Strategy of Resistance in Self- Determination Movements

- Peace Science Society, November 2020
- American Political Science Association, September 2020

“Electoral Incentives and Violence against Refugees”

- American Political Science Association, Washington DC, September 2019
- European Peace Science Conference, Belfast, June 2019

“The Goldilocks Principle of Civil War Peacekeeping”

- Peace Science Society, Austin, November 2018

“Not all Elections are Created Equal: Election Quality and Civil Conflict”

- International Studies Association, Toronto, March 2019

- American Political Science Association, Boston, September 2018
- European Peace Science Conference, Verona, Italy, June 2018

“Civil War Violence and Women’s Post-War Political Participation”

- American Political Science Association, Boston, September 2018
- American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, September 2017

“From Protection to Persecution: The Determinants of State Violence against Refugees”

- American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, September 2017
- International Studies Association, Baltimore, February 2017
- Peace Science Society (International), South Bend, November 2016

“Welcoming the Unwelcome: Refugee Flows, Integration, and Political Stability”

- International Studies Association, Atlanta, March 2016
- Peace Science Society (International), Oxford, November 2015
- American Political Science Association, San Francisco, September 2015

“Foreign Aid as a Counterterrorism Tool: More Liberty, Less Terror?”

- Peace Science Society (International), Philadelphia, October 2014
- International Studies Association, Atlanta, March 2016, March 2014
- American Political Science Association, Chicago, August 2013

“Multiplying Conflict: Do Power-Sharing and Power-Dividing Institutions Beget New Conflict?”

- Peace Science Society (International), Savannah, October 2012

“Elections and Civil War”

- Peace Science Society (International), Los Angeles, October 2011

“Authoritarian Regimes, Democratization, and Civil Conflict”

- Peace Science Society (International), Los Angeles, October 2011
- American Political Science Association, Seattle, September 2011

“Exogenous Shocks, Bargaining Problems, and the Onset of Civil War”

- American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, September 2010

“Exogenous Shocks, Foreign Aid, and Civil Conflict”

- Peace Science Society (International), Chapel Hill, October 2009

“Democracy Aid, Democratization, and Civil War: How does Democracy Aid Affect Civil War?”

- American Political Science Association, Toronto, September 2009
- Peace Science Society (International), Claremont, October 2008

“Democracy, Foreign Policy, and Terrorism.”

- American Political Science Association, Boston, August 2008

“Information, Agreement Design and the Durability of Civil War Settlements.”

- International Studies Association, San Francisco, March 2008

“Fostering Peace after Civil War: Commitment Problems and Agreement Design.”

- Peace Science Society (International), Columbia, November 2007

“The Optimal Design of Civil War Settlements: Insights from Bargaining Theory.”

- American Political Science Association, Chicago, September 2007

“Information, Bias, and Mediation Success.”

- Peace Science Society (International), Columbus, November 2006
- International Studies Association, San Diego, March 2006

“Issue Salience and the Costs of War: Testing Predictions Derived from a Bargaining Framework.”

- Peace Science Society (International), Houston, November 2004

“The Way We Were: Explaining Decisions to Terminate Alliances.”

- Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2004

“An Analysis of Dispute Duration, 1945-1992.”

- International Studies Association, New Orleans, March 2002
- Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2001

“Third Party Interventions in Civil Wars.”

- Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta, November 2000

## Other Conference Participation

Discussant (D)/ Chair (C):

*International Norms, Legitimacy, and the Diffusion of Standards.* European Political Science Association, June 2022. **D**

*Disaggregating Conflict-induced Migration.* International Studies Association, April 2021. **C**

*The Political Economy of Internal Conflict.* Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 2019. **C**

*Foreign Aid in the Shadow of Violence.* Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, San Francisco, April 2018. **D**

*The Politics of Responses to Forced Migration.* Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Baltimore, February 2017. **C**

*Negotiations, Conflict Resolution, and Post-Conflict Outcomes.* Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Baltimore, February 2017. **D**

*Comparative Perspectives on Individual Participation in Conflict.* Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, September 2016. **C**

*Foreign Aid and Transnational Terrorism: The Role of International Counter-terrorism*

*Agreements.* Online Peace Science Colloquium, April 2016. **D**

*Beyond the State: The Micro-dynamics of Aid and Conflict.* Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, September 2015 **D/C**

*Countering Violent Extremism in the United States and the European Union.* Organized by Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, April 9-10 2015, Pittsburgh. **C**

*Disaggregation in Terrorism Studies.* Annual Meeting of Peace Science Society, Philadelphia, October 2014. **D**

*New Directions in Empirical Research on Terrorism and Political Violence.* Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington DC, August 2014. **D**

*Rights, Repression, Regime-Types and Terrorism.* Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Toronto, March 2014. **D**

*Economics and Civil War.* Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Seattle, September 2011. **D/C**

*The Politics of Aid and Disaster.* Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Seattle, September 2011. **C**

*Third Parties in Civil Wars.* Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, September 2010. **D/C**

*Mediation and Conflict Management.* Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Toronto, September 2009. **D/C**

*Asymmetric Conflict and Violence.* Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, New York, February 2009. **D/C**

*Economic Sources of Civil Conflict.* Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, August 2008. **D/C**

*Domestic Politics and Conflict.* Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, San Francisco, March 2008. **D/C**

*Conflict Mediation.* Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, September 2006. **D/C**

## INVITED TALKS and WORKSHOPS

Florida State University, 2023  
University of Iowa, 2022 (*Journeys in World Politics* - Senior Scholar Mentor)  
Rutgers University, 2022  
University of Tennessee, 2021  
American University, 2018  
University of Maryland, 2017  
University of Arizona, 2017  
University of California, Berkeley, 2016  
Uppsala University, Sweden, 2015  
Carlos III-Juan March Institute (IC3JM), Madrid, Spain, 2014  
AidData Research Consortium, William & Mary, 2014  
University of Houston, 2013  
Penn State University, 2013  
Duke University, 2013  
Emory University, 2012  
Visions in Methodology Conference, Penn State University, 2012.  
Conference on Terrorism and Policy, University of Texas at Dallas, 2011.  
Visions in Methodology Conference, Ohio State University, 2011.  
Program on International Conflict and Cooperation, Texas A&M University, 2010.  
*Journeys in World Politics*, University of Iowa, 2008.

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

ISA Catalyst Workshop Grant, Spring 2018 (with Alex Braithwaite and Idean Salehyan)  
Hewlett International Grant, University of Pittsburgh, 2011, 2012, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2022, 2023  
Global Studies Center Grant, University of Pittsburgh, 2013  
Faculty Grant, University of Pittsburgh, Summer 2008

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### Courses Taught

#### *Undergraduate*

Introduction to International Relations  
Peacemaking and Peacekeeping  
Civil Wars  
Capstone in International Relations: Conflict Management and Resolution

#### *Graduate*

Civil Wars  
Peacemaking and Peacekeeping



## **Ph.D. Dissertation Committees**

### Chair/Co-Chair

Chair, Perisa Davutoglu (in progress)

Co-Chair, Merve Keskin (in progress)

Chair, Hyunjung Park (in progress)

Co-Chair, Sara Fox (in progress)

Co-Chair, Leonardo Gentil Fernandes (PhD 2023, Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Tennessee, Knoxville)

Chair, Kelly Morrison (PhD 2021, Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Tennessee, Knoxville)

Co-Chair, Dong Ju Lee (PhD 2020, Assistant Professor at Musashi University, Japan)

Co-Chair, Scott Cook (PhD 2014, Associate Professor of Political Science, Texas A&M)

Chair, Dan Tirone (PhD 2012, Associate Professor of Political Science, LSU)

Chair, Brian Phillips (PhD 2012, Reader, University of Essex)

### Member

Jungmin Han (in progress)

Cigdem Unal (in progress)

Huseyin Zengin (PhD 2023, Visiting Lecturer, University of Pittsburgh)

Omer Zarpli (PhD 2021, Assistant Professor, Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey)

Kevin Greene (PhD 2020, Postdoctoral Fellow, Princeton University)

Huseyin Ilgaz (PhD 2020, Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Pittsburgh)

Shawna Metzger (PhD 2013, Assistant Professor, Michigan State University (James Madison College))

Hideaki Ashitate (PhD, 2009, Assistant Professor, Kyoto Sangyo University, Japan)

Kate Floros (PhD, 2007, Clinical Assistant Professor, University of Illinois, Chicago)

### External Member

Tyler Evans (PhD 2019, American University)

Tatjana Stankovic (PhD 2016, University of Oslo)

Nils-Christian Bormann (PhD 2014, ETH Zurich)

Art Maxwell (PhD 2010, GSPIA, University of Pittsburgh)

## **MA Qualifying Paper Committees**

### Chair

Zhejun Qiu (2024)  
Perisa Davutoglu (2022)  
Leonardo Gentil Fernandes (2019)  
Kelly Morrison (2018)  
Omer Zarpli (2016)  
Matthew Jackson (2016)  
Li Chen (2016)  
Joshua Kaasik (2015)  
Anne-Kathrin Kreft (2015)  
Michael Neureiter (2015)  
Dongju Lee (2015)  
Christian Gineste (2014)  
Kevin McQuade (2013)  
Scott Cook (2010)  
Brian Phillips (2008)

#### Member

Merve Keskin (2021)  
Huseyin Zengin (2020)  
Hyunjung Park (2020)  
Cigdem Unal (2019)  
Sara Fox (2018)  
Huseyin Ilgaz (2016)  
Isabel Ranner (2016)

#### **BPhil. Thesis Committees**

Rohan Lambore (2015)  
Michelle Everson (2012)

#### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

##### **1.DISCIPLINE**

##### ***Editorial Activity***

Co-Editor, *International Interactions*, 2019-Present  
Associate Editor, *International Interactions*, 2013-2018

Guest co-editor, *Journal of Peace Research*, 2019  
Editorial Board Member, *American Political Science Review*, 2020-Present  
Editorial Board Member, *American Journal of Political Science*, 2012-2014  
Editorial Board Member, *International Interactions*, 2012-2014

##### ***Reviewer***

NSF, Advisory Panel Member, Security and Preparedness Program  
Cambridge University Press  
Oxford University Press  
American Political Science Review  
American Journal of Political Science  
British Journal of Political Science  
British Journal of Politics and International Relations  
Civil Wars  
Comparative Political Studies  
Conflict Management and Peace Science  
European Political Science Review  
Foreign Policy Analysis  
International Interactions  
International Migration Review  
International Organization  
International Studies Quarterly  
International Studies Review  
Journal of Conflict Resolution  
Journal of Peace Research  
Journal of Politics  
Perspectives on Politics  
Quarterly Journal of Political Science  
Security Studies  
Terrorism and Political Violence  
World Development  
World Politics

***Elected and Appointed Committee Positions at Professional Associations***

Program Co-Chair. Conflict Processes Section. *American Political Science Association*, 2024  
Chair, Scientific Studies of Political Processes Section. *International Studies Association*  
(2023-2025)  
Treasurer, *Peace Science Society (International)*, 2019-Present  
Chair, Lifetime Achievement Award Committee. Conflict Processes Section. *American Political  
Science Association*, 2021  
Member, President and Officers Nominating Council. *International Studies Association*,  
2017-2020  
Council Member, *Peace Science Society (International)*, 2014-2017 (elected)  
Chair, Best Dissertation Award Committee. *Peace Science Society (International)*, 2016  
Program Organizer, International Security Section. *Midwest Political Science Association*,  
2015  
Member, Editor Selection Committee, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, 2014  
Member, Conflict Processes Section Council. *American Political Science Association*, 2012-14  
Member, Best Paper Award Committee. Conflict Processes Section. *American Political  
Science Association*, 2013  
Program Co-Chair. Conflict Processes Section. *American Political Science Association*, 2012

Member, Lifetime Achievement Award Committee. Conflict Processes Section. *American Political Science Association*, 2011.

Member, Councilor and President Nominating Committee. *Peace Science Society (International)*, 2009-2011.

## **2.UNIVERSITY**

GSPIA, International Relations Search Committee Member, 2023-2024

GSPIA, Third Year Review Committee Member, 2023-2024

University Center for Social and Urban Research (UCSUR) Director Search Committee Member, 2021-2022

Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences Tenure and Promotion Council Secretary, 2021-2022

GSPIA, Personnel Committee Member, 2019-2021

GSPIA, Tenure and Promotion Committee Member, 2018-2019

GSPIA, Senior Lecturer in Intelligence Studies Search Committee Member, 2016-2017

Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences Tenure and Promotion Council Member, 2016-2019

Provost Advisory Committee on Undergraduate Programs (PACUP) Member, 2016-2019

Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences Undergraduate Council Member, 2013-2016

University Senate Anti-Discriminatory Policies Committee Member, 2013-2016

University Faculty Assembly Member, 2013-2014

University Senate Council Member, 2013-2014

## **3.DEPARTMENT**

**Director of Graduate Studies, 2023-2024**

**Director of Graduate Studies, 2018-2022**

**Director of Undergraduate Studies, 2012-2015**

Chair, IR Search Committee, 2023-2024

Chair, Graduate Education Committee, 2023-2024

Chair, Graduate Awards Committee, 2023-2024

Chair, Graduate Education Committee, 2018-2022

Chair, Graduate Awards Committee, 2018-2022

Chair, Graduate Admissions Committee, 2018-2021

Chair, Tenure and Promotion Committee, 2021

Chair, IR Search Committee, 2015-2016

Chair, Undergraduate Education Committee, 2012-2015

Chair, Post-Doc Search Committee, 2015

Member, Graduate Admissions Committee, 2022, 2024

Member, Computational Social Science Search Committee, 2019-2020

Member, Third Year Review Committee, 2018

Member, Graduate Admissions Committee, 2017-2018

Member, Dietrich Chair Search Committee, 2016-2017

Member, Dietrich Chair Search Committee, 2015-2016

Member, Tenure and Promotion Committee, 2014

Member, Post-Doc Selection Committee, 2014  
Member, Dietrich Chair Search Committee, 2014-2015  
Member, Environmental Politics Search Committee, 2013-2014  
Member, International Relations Search Committee, 2011-2012  
Member, Graduate Admissions Committee, 2011-2012  
Member, Undergraduate Education Committee, 2011-2012  
Member, Chair Selection Committee, 2011  
Member, European Politics Search Committee, 2010-2011  
Member, International Relations Search Committee, 2009-2010  
Member, Graduate Awards Committee, 2008-2009  
Member, International Relations Search Committee, 2007-2008  
Member, Formal Theory Search Committee, 2006-2007

Speaker Series Organizer

Human Rights and Migration Seminar (HUMS), 2019-2020  
Global Politics Seminar (GPS), 2014-2019, 2023-2024  
Symposium in Political Violence (SPV), 2012-2014  
Research in International Politics Speaker Series, 2007-2012