

# Baris Alan

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## EDUCATION

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**Tulane University** New Orleans, LA  
Ph.D., Political Science Present  
Fulbright Scholarship Recipient (by US Department of State)  
Dissertation Topic: Weaponization of Migration Flows  
Fields: International Political Economy, International Relations, Political Methodology

**Tulane University** New Orleans, LA  
M.A., Political Science June 2022

**University of Kent, Brussels School of International Studies** Brussels, Belgium  
M.A., International Development November 2016  
Jean Monnet Scholarship Recipient (by European Union)  
Thesis: Regional Development Disparities in Turkey

**Middle East Technical University** Ankara, Turkey  
B.S., Political Science June 2015  
Valedictorian Student of the Class (CGPA: 3.90 / 4)

## ACADEMIC RESEARCH & TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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**ICPSR, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI**  
(Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research) July 2024 – July 2024  
*Teaching Assistant for Introduction to Python Course*

- Helped the instructor to organize course content.
- Supervised students on course content.
- Held daily office hours to evaluate students' academic progress.
- Moderated online discussions during the class

**Tulane University, New Orleans, LA**  
The Discrimination, Disparities, and Data Lab (D<sup>3</sup>L) July/2024 - Present  
*Graduate Research Assistant*

- D<sup>3</sup>L's experimental field experiment research is designed to measure whether mortgage lending officers discriminate against same-gender compared to different-gender couples and against African Americans compared to White couples. Duties for the project include, but not limited to:

- Data collection and coding on mortgage lending officer across the US
- Data recoding on response emails by mortgage officers for inquires
- Producing and presenting weekly report for results, which include visualization of responses and running regression analyses, on R softwar.

Taylor Center for Social Innovation and Design Thinking  
*Graduate Research Assistant*

August/2023 - Present

- Tulane’s Taylor Center aims to create a more just and equitable society through various teaching and research activities. Krewe School Project (KS), as one of these projects, is a year-long program that underlies the need for collective capacities to transform unjust systems and aims to equip and improve team-capacities, such as co-creation and shared leadership. Duties include but not limited to:
  - Literature review on social innovation.
  - Assisting the design of research on KS
  - Preparation of survey on Qualtrics to measure feedback of participants
  - Preparation and presentation of outputs of feedback survey on Python
  - Designing and conducting interviews to measure improvements in individual and collective capacities after KS
  - Conducting focus group discussions to understand KS teams’ collective Perspective on team capacities

Department of Political Science

*Graduate Research Assistant for Departmental Speaker Series*

Fall/2023 –Spring/2024

- Assisted organization of departmental speaker series
- Coordinated seamless speech room arrangements
- Elevated faculty attendance

Department of Political Science

*Teaching Assistant: International Relations Course*

Spring/2023

- Developed and delivered presentations at weekly discussion sessions.
- Stimulated inquiry-based group discussions at the weekly discussion sessions
- Graded exams and homeworks.
- Held weekly office hours to evaluate students’ academic progress.

Department of Political Science

*Teaching Assistant: International Development Course*

Fall/2022

- Developed and delivered presentations to a class of 80.
- Supervised students on their writing and research assignments
- Arranged weekly office hours to evaluate students’ academic progress.
- Evaluated and graded homework, quizzes and exams.

**Istanbul Foundation for Research and Education, Istanbul, Turkey**

*Teaching Assistant: Data Analysis Course by Dr. Zubeyir Nisançi*

Fall/2023

- Helped the instructor to organize course content.
- Supervised students on course content.
- Preparation of answer keys for weekly homeworks
- Evaluated and graded homework, and exams.

**Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey**

*Graduate Research Assistant*

Fall/ 2016

*Project: The Relationship between Municipal Service Quality and Local Public Participation: The Case of Burse Nilufer Municipality*

- Conducting literature review on municipal services.
- Data collection: interviews with public on their experience.
- Data analysis: analyzing key SPSS outputs of surveys.

**RESEARCH AND STATISTICAL TRAINING**

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**ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods, University of Michigan** Ann Arbor, MI

(Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research)

July 2024

*Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research*

- Network Analysis II
- Panel Data and Longitudinal Analysis
- Data Science and Text Analysis
- Categorical Data Analysis
- Matrix Algebra, Calculus, and Probability

**Tulane Connolly Alexander Institute for Data Science (CAIDS)**

New Orleans, Louisiana

*Research Statistics Bootcamp*

April 2024

- Common descriptive and inferential statistics in Excel

**KIND Institute**

New Orleans, Louisiana

*Bayesian Inference in the Social Sciences*

January 2024

- Core tenants of Bayesian theory and practice.

**Istanbul Foundation for Research and Education**

Istanbul, Turkey

*Data Analysis Training Course*

Fall/2023

- Core principles of regression analysis.
- Data visualizations on R.
- Regression analysis on Excel, SPSS, and R.

**ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods, University of Michigan** Ann Arbor, MI  
(Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research) July 2022 – August 2022  
*Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research*

- Times Series
- Regression Analysis
- Introduction to the Latex Text Processing System
- Causal Inference the Social Sciences
- Introduction to R Statistical Computing Environment

## **ACADEMIC CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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Alan, B. and Sullivan, Z. (September 2024) “What We Don’t Talk about When We Talk about Climate Change”. Poster presented at the 120<sup>th</sup> APSA Annual Conference, September 5-8, 2024, Philadelphia, PA.

Alan, B. (April 2024) “Exposure to Toxic Elements and Socio-demographic Indicators: Environmental Justice Discussions in Louisiana”. Poster presented at the 2024 Tulane University Research, Innovation, and Creativity Summit, April 24-25, 2024, New Orleans, LA.

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Alan, B. (January 2024) “Weaponization of Migration Flows and the (Reversed) Spiral Model of Human Rights Socialization in Turkey”. Paper presented at the 2024 SPSA Conference, January 10-13, 2024, New Orleans, LA.

Alan, B. and Sullivan, Z. (January 2024) “What We Don’t Talk about When We Talk about Climate Change”. Paper presented at the 2024 SPSA Conference, January 10-13, 2024, New Orleans, LA.

Alan, B. (January 2024) “The Colonial Past of Welfare State Regimes in the MENA Region”. Paper presented at the 2024 SPSA Conference, January 10-13, 2024, New Orleans, LA.

## **HONORS & AWARDS**

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APSA Conference Travel Award (\$200)	September/2024
Tulane University School of Liberal Arts Graduate Student Conference Travel Award (\$500)	September/2024
Tulane University Graduate Studies Student Association Conference Travel Award (\$375)	September/2024
Tulane University Taylor Center Professional Development Award (\$1,100)	September/2024
ICPSR Summer Program Award by University of Michigan (\$2,600)	July/2024
Tulane University Taylor Center Professional Development Award (\$2,500)	July/2024
Tulane University Connolly Alexander Institute for Data Science (CAIDS) Summer Research Award (\$1,500)	May/2024
Tulane University School of Liberal Arts Graduate Student Conference Travel Award (\$500)	April/2024
Tulane University Data Visualization Contest Winner (\$600)	February/2024
Tulane University School of Liberal Arts Graduate Student Conference Travel Award (\$500)	January/2024
ICPSR Summer Program Award by Tulane University (\$2,600)	Summer/2022
Fulbright Program Summer Research Award (\$5,000)	2021
Full Tuition Waiver by Tulane University (\$342,887)	2020 – 2025

Teaching and Graduate Assistantships Award by Tulane University	2020 – 2025
Fulbright Scholarship by the US Department of State (\$100,000) PhD Degree at Tulane University	2020 - 2022
Global Awards Skills Program by University of Kent	2015 – 2016
Jean Monnet Scholarship by the EU (€50,000) MA Degree at University of Kent	2015 – 2016
Valedictorian Student of Class at Middle East Technical University	2015
High Honor Student at Middle East Technical University	2011-2015

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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Southern Political Science Association	2023 – Present
Southwestern Social Science Association	2023 – Present
American Political Science Association	2022 – Present

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

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**Languages:** Turkish (native); English (proficient); French (fair)

**Computer Skills:** Python, R, Stata, SPSS, QGIS, Git, Markdown, LaTeX, Microsoft Office

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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<b>Akbank TAS</b>	Istanbul, Turkey
<i>Internal Auditor, Department of Internal Audit</i>	January 2017 – December 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Branch audits: reconciliation of cash, checks, and liens, auditing deposit, credit transactions, non-performing credits.</li> <li>• Administrative and fraud investigations: Understanding the reasons and results of wrongdoings, irregularities, embezzlements, and all other kinds of fraudulent activities.</li> <li>• Process audit: audited the audit of Corporate Communications Department, revealed and eliminated possible risk factors such as sharing upcoming commercial advertisement of banks at online open public domains.</li> </ul>	

## REFERENCES

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Upon request.