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ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of New Brunswick	**2025-**
Postdoctoral Researcher, Georgetown University	**2024 – 2025**
Banting Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Pennsylvania	2021 – 2024
Postdoctoral Fellow, Identity and Conflict Lab, University of Pennsylvania	2020 – 2021
Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Sociology, University of British Columbia	2018 – 2020
Pre-doctoral Fox Fellow, MacMillan Center, Yale University	2016 – 2017
Visiting Researcher, Department of Political Science, Bilkent University	2010, 2014

EDUCATION

University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC **2018**
Ph.D., Political Science

Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey 2009
MA Equivalent Degree, Political Science

London School of Economics, UK 2007
MSc, Public Policy and Administration

Middle East Technical University (METU), Ankara Turkey 2006
BSc, Political Science and Public Administration, *summa cum laude (ranking 1st)*
Minor Degree in Economic Policy, Department of Economics

RESEARCH AREAS

Comparative Politics, Peace and Conflict, Migration and Displacement, Race and Ethnicity, Mixed Methodology, Participatory Democracy

BOOK MANUSCRIPT

Civil Wars and Trust: The Role of Geography and Identity
- Finalist for the 2018 Vincent Lemieux Best PhD thesis Award
- 2018 APSA Comparative Democratization Best Fieldwork Award (Honorable Mention)
- Funding: Eric Ross Research Funds (2026)

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Articles in Refereed Journals (* Equal authorship)

Yaylacı, Şule*; Mark, Warren* & Edana, Beauvais* (2026) When, Where, and Why Might Elected Political Elites Adopt Democratic Innovations? *British Journal of Political Science*. 56, e55, 1–18.

Yaylacı, Şule; Derek, Robey & Wendy, Roth (2025) Determinants of Genetic Essentialist Beliefs About Race: A Comparison of Canada and the United States. *Ethnic and Racial Studies*. Online first.

Yaylacı, Şule (2025) Trust in Civil Wars: Wartime Transformations of Social Trust. *Security Studies*, 34(3): 527-563.

Sambanis, Nicholas*; Matthew, Simonson* & **Şule, Yaylacı*** (2025) Once We Too Were Strangers: Can a Heritage of Displacement be Leveraged to Build Support for Present-Day Refugees? *Journal of Politics*, 87(3): 1215-1220.

Yaylacı, Şule* & Wendy, Roth* (2024) Genetic Options and Constraints: A Randomized Controlled Trial on How Genetic Ancestry Tests Affect Ethnic and Racial Identities. *American Journal of Sociology*, 129(4): 1172–1215.

Yaylacı, Şule & Onur, Bakiner (2025) Anti-Immigrant Attitudes: The Role of Casual Intergroup Contact in Perceived Group Threat. *Journal of Immigrant and Refugee Studies*, 23(2): 238-253.

Yaylacı, Şule & Chris, Price (2023) Exposure to Violence as Explanatory Variable: On Meaning, Measurement, and Theoretical Implications of Different Indicators. *International Studies Review*, 25(1), viac066.

Yaylacı, Şule* & Chris, Price* (2021) What Exactly are the Social and Political Consequences of Civil War? A Critical Review and Analysis of the Scholarship. *Civil Wars*, 23(2):283-310.

Yaylacı, Şule (2020) Utility of Focus Groups in Retrospective Analysis of Conflict Contexts. *International Journal of Qualitative Methods*. Vol 19. Open Access.

Yaylacı, Şule; Wendy, Roth & Kaitlyn, Jaffe (2021) Measuring Genetic Essentialism in the Genomic Era: The Genetic Essentialism Scale for Race. *Current Psychology*, 40(8), 3794-3808.

Roth, Wendy; **Şule, Yaylacı**; Kaitlyn, Jaffe & Lindsey, Richardson (2020) Do Genetic Ancestry Tests Increase Racial Essentialism? Findings from a Randomized Controlled Trial. *PLOS One* 15(1): e0227399.

Yaylacı, Şule & Onur, Bakiner (2018) Casualties and Support for Violent Conflict in Civil Wars. *Civil Wars,* 20(4), 555-586.

Harris, Leila; Lucy, Rodina; Danika, Kleiber; **Sule, Yaylaci**; Jacqueline, Goldin & Germaine, Owen (2017) Water Materialities and Participatory Governance: Implications of Water Conditions for Participatory Engagement in Ghana and South Africa. *Society and Natural Resources,* 31(1), 89-105.

Yaylacı, Şule* & Edana, Beauvais* (2017) The Role of Social Group Membership on Classroom Participation. *PS: Political Science and Politics,* 50(2), 559-564.

Yaylacı, Şule. (2013) Reclaiming the Public Sphere in Turkey: Arendtian and Habermasian Interpretation of Forums *Research Turkey*, 2(8), 11-18. London.

Book Reviews

Yaylaci, Sule (2017) Understanding Civil Wars: Continuity and Change in Intrastate Conflict. By Edward Newman. *Canadian Journal of Political Science*, 50(2), 660-661.

Invited Book Chapters

Yaylacı, Şule & Chris Price. 2026. Civil Wars and Transformations of Social Capital. In Handbook of Social Capital and Resilience (Eds: Francisco Herreros, Antonio M. Jaime-Castillo, and Gert Tinggaard Svendsen). Edward Elgar Publishers.

Research Reports

Social Cohesion of Syrian Refugees in Türkiye and Conditions for IDPs in Syria after the Earthquake February 6, 2023. With Elizabeth Ferris, Katharine Donato, Murat Erdoğan, Kemal Kirişci, Nihal Eminoğlu, Serhat Erkmen.

Papers Under Review

Price, Chris & **Şule, Yaylacı**. Collective Targeting of Violence and Identity Shift: Evidence From Bosnia.

Working Papers

Reflections of Terrorism on Electoral Landscape: A Longitudinal Analysis.

Exploring the Scope of Perspective Taking to Reduce Anti-Refugee Bias: Evidence from Türkiye. With Nicholas Sambanis and Burcu Kolçak.

Navigating Institutional Belonging: First-Generation Students as Newcomers to Higher Education.

When Solidarity Falters: Economic Crisis, Cultural Cleavages, and the Shifting Boundaries of Belonging in Turkey. With Murat Erdogan.

A Methodological Note on Conducting Surveys on Vulnerable Populations. With Murat Erdoğan.

New Projects

Reducing Anti-Immigrant Sentiments via AI-driven Interventions. With Gordon Pennycook.

Sense of Belonging and Identity in Immigration: Exploring the Differences between Forced and Voluntary Migrants.

Historical Memory and Contemporary Group Boundaries: Identity and Outgroup Attitudes among Acadians.

RESEARCH GRANTS

Eric Ross Fund Grant ($23,250)	2026
Harrison McCain Foundation Young Scholars Award (C$14,900)	2025
University Research Fund ($7,500)	2025
UNB Dean's Office Research Support ($3,000)	2025
Georgetown ISIM Research Grant ($1,500)	2024
American Political Science Association Small Research Grant ($2,500)	2020
SSHRC Partnership Grant (C$2,500,000). Collaborator. PI: Mark Warren	2015-2020
International Development Research Center Doctoral Award for Fieldwork (C$20,000)	2013
UBC Department of Political Science Funding for Field Work (C$4,000)	2013
UBC Arts Research Funding Grant (C$3,000)	2013

Bottom Billion Fieldwork Funds-Liu Institute (C$3,000)	2012
Ibn Battuta Travel Award for Field Work (C$3,000)	2011

SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS AND HONORS

Banting Postdoctoral Fellowship (C$ 210,000)	2021-2024
Finalist, Vincent Lemieux Prize awarded to the best PhD thesis in Political Science submitted in a Canadian Institution in 2017 and 2018	2019
Honorable Mention, APSA Comparative Democratization Best Fieldwork Award	2018
APSA Travel Award ($400)	2018
UBC-Yale Fox Fellowship ($20,000)	2016-2017
Simon Benson Award from Green College (C$500)	2012
Methods Training Award (for ICPSR), UBC Political Science (C$4,000)	2012
Liu Scholar, Liu Institute, University of British Columbia	2011-2016
UBC Graduate Fellowship (C$22,000 per annum)	2011-2014
The Scientific & Tech. Research Council of Turkey Conference Grant ($1,000)	2008
Bilkent University, Full Tuition and Stipend for Graduate Students	2007-2009
Full Tuition and Stipend for Master's Degree in LSE (£20,000) from British Council (Chevening) and Turkish Education Foundation	2006-2007
Turkish Government Scholarship for Undergraduate Education	2004-2006
Dean's Honor List- for 8 semesters at METU (top-ranking student in class of 120)	2002-2006

TEACHING

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Univ. of New Brunswick	
Ethnicity and Political Violence	2026-
Immigration, Displacement, and Conflict (Upper-level Class)	2025-
Politics of the Developing World	2025-
Politics of the Middle East	2025-
Instructor, Department of Political Science, University of British Columbia	
Investigating Politics: An Introduction to Scientific Political Analysis	2019
Politics of the Middle East	2015
Instructor, Department of Sociology, University of British Columbia	
Sociology of Development and Underdevelopment (Upper-level Class)	2018
Instructor, Ageless Pursuits (Continuing Education), University of British	
Turkey at the Crossroads: Between Past and Future	2018
Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, University of British Columbia	
Measurement and Data Analysis for Policy for Masters' Students	2013
Introduction to Politics (2013), Issues in Comparative Politics	2012

US Politics 2011
Quantitative Methods in Political Science 2011-2014

Teaching Assistant, Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Summer Program, University of Michigan
Applied Multilevel Modelling (with Mark Manning) 2014
Regression Analysis II: Linear Models (with Brian Pollins) 2013

ACADEMIC SUPERVISION & RESEARCH MENTORSHIP

Undergraduate Honours Theses Supervision

- Pacey McGinn (2026-27) —*Why don't some neighbours kill? Explaining the Resistance to Partake in Mass Violence*
- Julia Hodgson (2026-27) — *True North Strong and Not So Free: Reproduction of Colonial Governance Structures in the Development of Contemporary Canadian Arctic Security Policies*
- Marlee Hansen (2025-26) — *Asylum Externalization Policies in the Global North: The Case of Italy*
- Zane Kennedy (2025-26) — *South Sudanese Civil Wars: Dynamics and Drivers*

Research Assistant Supervision *(PI: Şule Yaylacı)*

- Olivier Banville (2025-) — RA on project: *Legacies of Acadian Displacement on Political Behavior*
- Samantha Shea (2026-) — RA on project: *Navigating Institutional Belonging: First-Generation Students as Newcomers to Higher Education*
- Peter Hamilton (2025-2026) — RA on project: *Systematic Review of Experimental Interventions Targeting Immigrant Attitudes*

OTHER TRAINING

Natural Language Processing with Python for Machine Learning Training, ICPSR Summer Program 2021
Joining the Data Revolution, ICPSR Summer Program 2021
Applied Multilevel Models, ICPSR Summer Program 2013
Regression Analysis II and Longitudinal Analysis, ICPSR Summer Program 2012

INVITED TALKS (Last five years)

Feasibility of Building Support for Refugees
Johns Hopkins SAIS Eurasia Speaker Series 2025

Collective Targeting of Violence and Identity Shift: Evidence from Bosnia
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA 2024
Violence, Instability, and Peace workshop, University of Maryland, MD 2023

Ethnic Identity Development in Wartime
Identity and the Transnational Reverberations of Conflict Workshop, Oxford, UK 2023
POMEPS (Project on Middle East Political Science) Workshop, Online 2022

Trust in Civil Wars: Wartime Transformations of Social Trust

George Washington University Comparative Politics Workshop, Washington DC 2023

Journeys in World Politics workshop, UW-Madison, WI 2023

Solidarity or Backlash? Attitudes Towards Refugees Among Descendants of Displaced Persons in Turkey

Refugee in Cities: Social Institutions, Political Governance, and Integration Research Conference, Gothenburg, Sweden 2022

Overcoming Prejudice Against Immigrant Minorities: What Works and What Does not? Penn Identity and Conflict Lab, Philadelphia, PA 2022

Elections Shadowed by Political Violence: A Subnational Analysis of the Effects of Armed Clashes and Casualties on Party Choices

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA 2024

Visions in Methodology Conference, St Louis, MO 2024

University of Maryland Comparative Politics Workshop, College Park, MD 2022

Does Perspective-Taking Offset the Negative Effects of "Realistic Threat"? An Analysis of Attitudes Toward Syrian Refugees in Turkey

Penn Identity and Conflict Lab Workshop on Syrian Refugee Resettlement Challenges in Turkey and Beyond 2021

CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE AS A PRESENTER

American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting 2013, 2015, 2016, 2018, 2024

Visions in Methodology (VIM) Conference, 2024

Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting 2012, 2013, 2015, 2017

Association for the Study of Ethnicity and Nationalism Conference 2017

Harvard-Yale-MIT-Tufts Political Violence Conference 2017

Canadian Political Science Association (CPSA) Annual Meeting 2017, 2018, 2026

Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of Nationalities 2017

Middle East Studies Association (MESA) Annual Meeting 2015

SERVICE

Manuscript reviewer*, American Political Science Review, American Journal of Sociology, Political Behavior, Comparative Political Studies, Journal of Peace Research, Civil Wars, PLOS One, European Journal of Cultural and Political Sociology, Current Psychology, Journal of Immigrant & Refugee Studies*

Board Member of the Canadian Society for Political Methodology 2026-

Volunteer for Immigrant and Refugee Outreach Center (IROC) 2022-2025

Member, Best Fieldwork Award Committee of the Comparative Democratization Section of APSA 2018

Co-Coordinator of Green College weekly "Members' Series" (interdisciplinary talks) 2010-2012

Member of Green College Residents' Council (selecting the incoming cohort)	2010-2012
PhD Representative of UBC Political Science Graduate Student Association	2010-2012

SKILLS

Language: Turkish (native speaker), English (bilingual fluency), Spanish (advanced), French (intermediate), German (beginner), Arabic (beginner)

Data Analysis Packages: STATA, SPSS, HLM, NVivo, Atlas.ti, Qualtrics, Tableau

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