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POSITIONS

August 2023 – Present

Assistant Research Professor, Government and Politics Department, University of Maryland, College Park, MD

January 2018 – August 2023

Post-doctoral Scholar, Center for International Development and Conflict Management (CIDCM)
University of Maryland, College Park, MD

January 2018 – December 2018

Statistical Analyst, Adverse Regime Change, Internal Conflict, and State and Non-state Mass Killing, USAID
Alert List

January 2017 – December 2017

Post-doctoral Scholar, Center for International Development and Conflict Management (CIDCM)
University of Maryland, College Park, MD
“Aiding Resilience? The Impact of Foreign Assistance on the Dynamics of Intrastate Armed Conflict” Project

September 2015 – September 2016

Research Fellow, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC
“Intentional Targeting of Cultural Heritage during Armed Conflict” Project

Fall 2012

Visiting Pre-Doctoral Scholar, Department of Peace and Conflict Research
Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden

EDUCATION

University of Maryland, College Park

PhD, in Political Science, Government and Politics

Dissertation: The Implementation of Peace Agreements following Civil Wars and Post-Conflict Outcomes

Committee: Paul Huth (Chair), William Reed, Kathleen Gallagher Cunningham, David Cunningham, Peter Reuter (Department of Criminology)

Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey

MA in Eurasian – Atlantic Security Studies, International Relations Department

Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey

BA in International Relations, International Relations Department

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Dworschak, Christoph, and Deniz Cil. 2022. “Force Structure and Local Peacekeeping Effectiveness: Micro-Level Evidence on UN Troop Composition.” *International Studies Quarterly* 66 (4): sqac072. <https://doi.org/10.1093/isq/sqac072>.
- Prorok, Alyssa K, and Deniz Cil. 2022. “Cheap Talk or Costly Commitment? Leader Statements and the Implementation of Civil War Peace Agreements.” *Journal of Peace Research* 59 (3): 409–24. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00223433211037130>.
- Cil, Deniz, and Alyssa K. Prorok. 2020. “Selling Out or Standing Firm? Explaining the Design of Civil War Peace Agreements.” *International Studies Quarterly* 64 (2): 329–42. <https://doi.org/10.1093/isq/sqaa010>.
- Cil, Deniz, Hanne Fjelde, Lisa Hultman, and Desirée Nilsson. 2020. “Mapping Blue Helmets: Introducing the Geocoded Peacekeeping Operations (Geo-PKO) Dataset.” *Journal of Peace Research* 57 (2): 360–70. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0022343319871978>.

WORKS UNDER REVIEW or IN PROGRESS

- “Spreading the Light or Left in the Dark? UN Peacekeeping and its Economic Effects” with Hanne Fjelde, Lisa Hultman, Nils W. Metternich, and Desirée Nilsson (Revise and Resubmit)
- “Carrot or Stick? Development Aid and Implementation of Peace Agreements by Recipient Governments” with Paul Huth (Under Review)
- “Local Ownership of Aid: Aid in Conflict Zones and Civilian Support” with Jacob Aronson
- “The Implementation of Peace Agreements Following Civil Wars”
- “Who is Keeping the Peace? Local Peacekeeping Unit Composition and Effectiveness”

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Cil, Deniz and Paul Huth. 2019. “Carrot or Stick? Development Aid and Implementation of Peace Agreements by Recipient Governments”, *Owl in the Olive Tree*
- Cil, Deniz and Paul Huth, October 2018. Patterns and Trends in Armed Conflict, Technical Brief, USAID
- Cil, Deniz. 2017. “Multilateral Peacekeeping Operations Active in 2015,” *Peace and Conflict 2017*; edited by David A. Backer, Ravi Bhavnani and Paul K. Huth.
- Cil, Deniz. 2016. “United Nations Peacekeeping Missions Active in 2014,” *Peace and Conflict 2016*; edited by David A. Backer, Ravi Bhavnani and Paul K. Huth.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS and INVITED TALKS

- “Civilian Decision Making, Displacement, and Return: Evidence from Ukraine”, with Jacob Aronson, Michael Kelly, Andrew Marx, and Forrest Pound, American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA, September 2023
- “Mapping the Peace: Using Geospatial Data to Advance Research on Peacekeeping and Displacement” Leipzig University, September 2022
- “Better peacekeepers, but no protection? Ground-level troop quality in United Nations peace operations”, with Christoph Dworschak, International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Convention, Nashville, Tennessee, March 2022.
- “Where to go, when to return? The impact of UN peacekeeping deployments on internal displacement and return” with Jacob Aronson, Paul Huth, and James Walsh,” International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Convention, Nashville, Tennessee, March 2022.

- “Who is Keeping the Peace? Local Peacekeeping Unit Composition and Effectiveness” International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Convention, Toronto, Canada, March 2019.
- “Implementation of Peace Agreements following Civil Wars and Post-Conflict Outcomes”, ViEWS brownbag seminar, Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University, August 2018
- “Aid, Conflict Recurrence, and Durable Peace” with Paul Huth, American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, September 2017
- “Revisiting the Sustainable Settlement of Civil Wars: Leaders and the Implementation of Settlement Agreements,” with Alyssa Prorok, International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Convention, Baltimore, MD, February 2017.
- “Local Ownership of Aid: Aid in Conflict Zones and Civilian Support,” with Jacob Aronson, American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, September 2016.
- “When Deadlock Brings Peace: The Impact of Negotiation Length on Post-Agreement Implementation,” Journeys in World Politics Workshop University of Iowa, March 31-April 2, 2016
- “Effect of Foreign Aid on Implementation of Peace Agreements”, with Paul Huth, American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, September 2015.
- “The Implementation of Peace Agreements and the Duration of Peace,” paper presented in Research Paper Seminar, Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden October 2012.

FELLOWSHIPS/AWARDS/GRANTS

- National Science Foundation (NSF) Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (2014-2015)
- Smith Richardson Foundation World Politics and Strategy Fellowship (2015)
- The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK) Graduate Studies Fellowship for Master’s Students (2008 - 2010)
- Bilkent University Graduate Studies Fellowship (2008 - 2010)
- Bilkent University Undergraduate Scholarship (2003 - 2008)
- International Studies Association Travel Grant (2011, 2015, 2016, 2019)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- GVPT 604 – “Introduction to War and Armed Conflict in World Politics”, Fall 2020 – 2023, University of Maryland
- GVPT 606 – “Introduction to International Institutions and International Law” Spring 2021 – Spring 2023, University of Maryland
- GVPT 803: Seminar in International Political Organizations Fall 2021 – 2023, University of Maryland
- Research Methodologies in IR, UMD Office of International and Executive Programs (OIEP) and Jilin University (JLU) International Summer Workshops, Summer 2019
- GVPT 359 – “Why Fight? Causes, Conduct and Termination of Civil Wars,” Summer 2015, University of Maryland
- GVPT 331 – “Law and Society,” Spring 2011, University of Maryland

DATASET PROJECTS

Implementation of Peace Agreements Dataset (IPAD)

This dataset builds on the UCDP Peace Agreement Dataset and includes all final agreements regardless of their content, i.e., comprehensiveness and/or inclusiveness. It records 80 peace processes between 1989 and 2014. The data is recorded at two levels. Process level data includes information on the level of implementation of each provision as well as the start and end date of a peace process. The event level data includes each

implementation event and the implementer over the course of a given peace process. This data project is funded by National Science Foundation (NSF) and Smith Richardson Foundation (SRF).

Geocoded Peacekeeping Operations (Geo-PKO) with Hanne Fjelde, Lisa Hultman, and Desirée Nilsson, Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University

This dataset includes information on sub-national peacekeeping deployment for all UN missions, 1994–2019. It offers information on several key features of peacekeeping deployment at the local level, such as data on the size of deployments and how these vary over time, as well as information on the location of mission headquarters, the type of peacekeepers deployed, and which troop-contributing countries deploy to each location.

ADDITIONAL METHODOLOGICAL/SOFTWARE TRAINING

- Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR), Syracuse University, Summer 2015 (Accepted through open pool application, 10% acceptance rate)
- University of Maryland Libraries, GIS (Geographic Information Systems) Workshops (Intro to GIS, Data Management and Spatial Analysis) – ArcGIS Desktop 10.1, Spring 2014
- Software/Computer Programming: R, Stata

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND SERVICE

- Managing Editor, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, University of Maryland (2011-2015)
- Women in Conflict Studies Member (since 2013)
- American Political Science Association Member (since 2010)
 - Member of Conflict Processes Section (since 2014)
- International Studies Association Member (since 2010)
 - Member of Scientific Study of International Processes (since 2014)
 - Member of Women’s Caucus (since 2016)
- Peace Science Society Member (since 2014)
- Referee: *Journal of Politics*, *World Politics*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *International Interactions*
- Other work experience: International Relations and EU Department, Union of Turkish Bars Association, Ankara, Turkey (2007-2008), Directorate of National Program, Secretariat General for EU Affairs, Ankara, Turkey (2007)