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Academic Position

University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point *2014 - present*
Assistant Professor of Political Science

Other Academic Affiliation

University of Wisconsin, Madison *2015 - present*
Faculty Affiliate, Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence

Education

University of Wisconsin, Madison *2014*
Ph.D. in Political Science
Fields: International Relations, Comparative Politics, Political Methodology (minor)
Committee: Lisa Martin (chair), Jon Pevehouse, Nils Ringe, Mark Copelovitch, Jessica Weeks

University of Wisconsin, Madison *2008*
M.A. in Political Science

Lund University, Sweden *2006*
M.A. in European Politics, *Summa cum laude*

Istanbul Bilgi University, Turkey *2005*
B.A. International Relations, *Magna cum laude*
B.A. Media and Communication Systems, *Magna cum laude*

Book Manuscript (in progress)

Accounting for the Bad Apples: The European Union's Impact on Good Governance

When states with an authoritarian past signal their willingness to access democratic international organizations (IOs), to what extent do these states actually change their behavior in line with IO requirements? Focusing on the European Union (EU) and its Central and Eastern European members, this project presents the first *systematic* analysis based on longitudinal in the existing literature suggesting not only that these countries have significantly worsened governance performance after accession but also that state performance varies significantly across different indicators of good governance. My findings suggest that the EU's political leverage (i.e., its ability to offer electoral incentives to opposition parties in national legislatures and, hence, mobilize them to pressure governments to deliver EU-induced reforms) is a key determinant of the change in state performance. Other types of EU linkage (membership conditionality, economic leverage, and social leverage) turn out to be mostly insignificant. I also find that government preferences help account for changes in state behavior only when the EU's political leverage substantially weakens and that opposition parties' preferences do not have any substantial impact unless they are in line with EU policies.

Publications

Kartal, Mert. 2014. "Accounting for the Bad Apples: The EU's Impact on National Corruption Before and After Accession." *Journal of European Public Policy* 21 (6): 941-959.

Kartal, Mert. 2010. "Has the Dwarf Grown Up?" *The Journal of European Integration* 32 (3): 329-37.

Papers in Progress

“Costly Signaling about Weapons Development in the Context of Endogenous Power Shifts” (with David Ohls) (revise and resubmit, *International Studies Review*)

“Beyond the EU’s Political Conditionality: Post-accession Tendencies in Central and Eastern Europe” (in progress)

“Preventing Backsliding: The EU’s Impact on Corruption After Accession” (in progress)

“International Institutions and the Rule of Law: The Case of National Corruption” (with Jon Pevehouse) (in progress)

Teaching Experience

University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point (Fall 2014 - Present)

International Relations, International Organizations and Law, International Security, International Simulation, Game Theory for Political Scientists, Research Methods in Political Science, U.S. Foreign Policy, Corruption and Good Governance (Capstone Seminar)

University of Wisconsin, Madison (2007-2014)

European Politics, European Union: Politics and Economy, International Institutions and World Order, Introduction to Comparative Politics, Introduction to International Relations, Introduction to International Studies, Nuclear Weapons and World Politics, Theories of International Security

Boğaziçi University, Turkey (Summer School 2011 - Present)

International Organizations

İstanbul Bilgi University, Turkey (Summer 2010 - Summer 2012)

Global Challenges in World Politics, Governance and Policy-making in the EU

Selected Conference Presentations

International Studies Association Annual Conference, 2015, 2014

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, 2016-2014, 2012-2009

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2014, 2012

European Union Studies Association Biennial Conference, 2013

Awards and Honors

Research

Ernst B. Haas Best Dissertation Award (nominee), Univ. of Wisconsin, Madison, Spring 2015

Best Paper Presented at the 2013 EUSA Conference (second place, honorable mention), European Union Studies Association, Spring 2015

New Faculty Research Grant, College of Letters and Science, Univ. of Wisconsin, Stevens Point, 2014-2015

Dissertation Research Grant, EU Center of Excellence, Univ. of Wisconsin, Madison, Spring 2013

Summer Research Funding, EU Center of Excellence, Univ. of Wisconsin, Madison, 2012, 2010

Summer Research Funding, Dep. of Political Science, Univ. of Wisconsin, Madison, 2012, 2010

Teaching

University Leadership Mentor Award, Univ. of Wisconsin, Stevens Point, 2016

Honored Instructor, Division of University Housing, Univ. of Wisconsin, Madison, 2012, 2010

College of Letters and Science Teaching Fellow (Alternate), Univ. of Wisconsin, Madison, 2011

Excellence in Teaching Assistantship Award, Dep. of Political Science, Univ., Madison, 2009

Other

Distinction on Comparative Politics Preliminary Exam, University of Wisconsin, Madison, 2010

Summa cum laude, Lund University, Sweden, 2006

Magna cum laude, Istanbul Bilgi University, Turkey, 2005

Skills and Training

Formal Modeling

Formal Models of IR, Game Theory and Political Science, Strategic Choice Models

Software

STATA, R, L^AT_EX, Adobe Dreamweaver, MS Office

Statistical

Linear Regression, Maximum Likelihood Estimation, Time Series Analysis

University and Professional Service

Faculty Advisor, Model United Nations Club, Univ. of Wisconsin, Stevens Point, 2015-present

Guest Speaker, "Cultivating Tomorrow's Leaders: The Value of the Model United Nations Experience," COLS Community Lecture Series, Stevens Point, May 2016

Guest Speaker, "Cultivating Tomorrow's Leaders: The Value of the Model United Nations Experience," Portage County Live, WPCN 92.1 FM, Stevens Point, May 2016

Guest Speaker, "Turkey: Decades in the EU's Waiting Room," LIFE (Learning Is ForEver), Stevens Point, April 2015

Guest Speaker, "Europe and Russia in Geopolitical and Historical Context," LIFE (Learning Is ForEver), Stevens Point, October 2014

Co-organizer, International Relations Colloquium, University of Wisconsin, Madison, 2010-2013

Guest Speaker, "Turkey's Economic Integration into the EU: Challenges and Opportunities," Global Market Place: A One-day K-12 Teacher Workshop, Center of European Studies, University of Wisconsin, Madison, April 2012.

Judge, Euro Challenge Midwest Regional Competition, March 2011, Chicago, IL

References

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