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Ph.D.

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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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### *Assistant Professor*

Department of Communication & Design, Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey

2018 - Now

## EDUCATION

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### *Ph.D.*, Communication

The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH

2018

Dissertation Title: "A Norm-Affect-Risk Model of Contentious Online Political Expression"

Committee: Erik C. Nisbet (Chair), R. Kelly Garrett, Robert M. Bond, Emad Khazraee

### *M.A.*, Communication

The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH

2016

*B.A.*, Political Science & International Relations, *magna cum laude*

Bogazici University, Istanbul, Turkey

2012

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Political Communication, Information & Communication Technologies, Online Social Networks, Political Psychology, Digital Privacy, Risk Perceptions, Public Opinion

## PUBLICATIONS IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

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- Dal, A. & Nisbet, E. C. (2020). "To Share or Not to Share? How Emotional Judgments Drive Online Political Expression in High-Risk Contexts". *Communication Research*, doi:10.1177/0093650220950570
- Nisbet, E. C., Kamenchuk, O., & Dal, A. (2017). "A psychological firewall? Risk perceptions and public support for online censorship in Russia". *Social Science Quarterly*, 98, 958-975. doi:10.1111/ssqu.12435
- Behrouzian, G., Nisbet, E. C., Dal, A., & Carkoglu, A. (2016). Resisting censorship: How citizens navigate closed-media environments. *International Journal of Communication*, 10, 4345-4367.
- Garrett, R. K., Gvirsman, S. D., Johnson, B. K., Tsfati, Y., Neo, R., & Dal, A. (2014). Implications of pro- and counterattitudinal information exposure for affective polarization. *Human Communication Research*, 40, 309-332. doi: 10.1111/hcre.12028.

## BOOK CHAPTERS & OTHER PUBLICATIONS

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- Earl, J., Hunt, J., Garrett, R. K., & Dal, A. (2015). New Technologies and Social Movements. In D. della Porta & M. Diani (Eds.), *Oxford Handbook of Social Movements*, Oxford University Press.

- Dal, A., Nisbet, E.C., & Carkoglu, A. (2016) “Patterns of News Media Consumption and Social Media Use in Turkey” in *Rising Soft Powers: Turkey*, USC Center for Public Diplomacy.
- Nisbet, E.C., Dal, A., Behrouzian, G., & Carkoglu, A. (October, 2015). “Benchmarking demand: Turkey’s contested Internet”. Center for Global Communication Studies, The Annenberg School for Communication at University of Pennsylvania.

## GRANTS, AWARDS & HONORS

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- Research Grant, Facebook Research, Co-PI, 2020, (\$100000)
- Above-Threshold Award, Tubitak, 2020, (10000 TL)
- TUBITAK - Marie Curie Pre-Evaluation Support, Principal Investigator, 2020 (3000 Euros)
- Seal of Excellence, European Commission, 2020
- Binghamton University - Harpur College Research Grant, Co-PI, 2019 (\$8000)
- TUBITAK - Marie Curie Pre-Evaluation Support, Principal Investigator, 2019 (3000 Euros)
- Chaffee-McLeod Top Student Paper Award at AEJMC (2017 - Solo research paper)
- Chaffee-McLeod Top Student Paper Award at AEJMC (2016 - Co-authored research paper)
- Travel Grant, International Communication Association (ICA), 2017 (\$200)
- Travel Grant, ICA Political Communication Division, 2017 (\$300)
- Career Development Grant, The Ohio State University Council of Graduate Students, 2017 (\$700)
- Research Grant, Mershon Center for International Security Studies, 2016–2017 (\$5000)
- Travel Grant, Political Networks Conference, 2016 (\$900)
- Travel Grant, American Political Science Association, 2016 (\$170)
- Travel Grant, Political Networks Conference, 2015 (\$700)
- Graduate Student Funding, The Ohio State University, 2012–2017

## METHODS TRAINING

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Communication Research Methods  
 Multivariate Regression  
 Computational Social Network Analysis  
 Survey Methodology  
 Multilevel Modeling

## SOFTWARE SKILLS

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SPSS  
 R  
 HLM  
 Qualtrics  
 L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

## TEACHING INTERESTS

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- Social & Political Implications of New Media
- Political Communication & Public Opinion
- Strategic Communication & Public Relations
- Mass Communication
- Social Networks & Data Analytics
- Public Relations Research Methods
- Survey Research Methods

## RESEARCH & TEACHING EXPERIENCES

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- Independent Instructor
  - Professional Communication, Spring 2021
  - Media and Everyday Life (Graduate level), Spring, 2020 Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey
  - Advanced Issues in Communication Studies, Spring 2019, 2020, 2021, Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey
  - Media and Society, Fall 2018, 2020 Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey
  - Communication Industry Research Methods Lab, Joseph Bayer Fall 2017, Spring 2018, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
  - Strategic Communication Principles (Online), Summer 2017, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
  - Media and Terrorism, Summer 2014, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
  - Persuasive Communication, Fall and Spring 2013, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
- Research/Administrative Assistant
  - Participant Pool Coordinator of Communication Research Experience Program, 2013–2016, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
- Research Assistant
  - Susan Klein, 2016–2017, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
- Teaching Assistant
  - Communication in Society, Brad J. Bushman Fall, Spring 2015, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
  - Communication in Society, Dave Ewoldsen, Fall 2014, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
  - Media and Terrorism, Gerald Kosicki, Spring 2014, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
  - Principles of Strategic Communication, Osei Appiah, Fall 2012, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
  - Introduction to Political Science, Hakan Yilmaz, Fall 2011, Bogazici University, Istanbul, Turkey

## CONFERENCE PAPERS

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- “Censorship Circumvention Tool Use in Iran: An Individual-Level Analysis”. *Presented at the 4th International Journal of Press/Politics, Online presentation*
- “Social-Psychological Dynamics of Online Political Expression in the Face of Risk and Uncertainty: A Survey Experiment in Russia”. *Presented at the 6th Empirical Studies in Political Analysis, Adana, Turkey*
- “Social-Psychological Dynamics of Online Political Contention in High-Risk Contexts”, *Presented at the 9th European Political Science Association, Belfast, Northern Ireland*
- “Online Privacy Concerns, Privacy Behaviors, and Online Political Expression in a Networked Authoritarian Regime: The Case of Russia”, *Presented at the 69th International Studies Association - Privacy Research across Cultural, Political, and Geographic Boundaries (Post-Conference), Washington, DC, USA*
- “Easy to Say, Hard to Dare: Social-Psychological Dynamics of Online Political Expression in the Face of Networked Authoritarianism”, *Presented at the 69th International Communication Association Annual Conference, Washington, DC, USA*

- “A Risk-As-Feelings Approach to Online Political Expression Under Repression” , *Paper presented at the American Political Science Association 2018 Annual Meeting, Boston, MA.*
- “Bypassing vs. complying? Predicting circumvention of online censorship in networked authoritarian regimes” *Paper presented at the 100th AEJMC Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.*
- “Affect-risk model of online political expression in authoritarian contexts” (with Erik C. Nisbet) *To be presented at the 67th Annual Conference of the International Communication Association, San Diego, CA.*
- “A Psychological Firewall? Risk Perceptions and Public Support for Online Censorship in Russia” (with Erik C. Nisbet and Olga Kamenchuk) *Presented at the 67th Annual Conference of the International Communication Association, San Diego, CA.*
- “Universities as pedagogical agents: The role of university communications on parent-student communication and student engagement” (with Susan Kline, Ryan Lowell, Darcy Oaks, and Nick Thompson) *Presented at the 67th Annual Conference of the International Communication Association, San Diego, CA.*
- “Online Political Expression in the Presence of Political and Legal Restraints” (with Erik C. Nisbet and Ali Carkoglu) *Presented at Freedom and Control of Expression in the Digital Aftermath of the 2015 Paris Attacks Conference, Toulouse, France.*
- “Affect, Risk and Online Political Criticism in Restricted Information Environments” *Presented at 2016 AEJMC, Minneapolis, MN.*
- “Defying censorship: A framework for reactance and learning in the face of media controls” (with Golnoosh Behrouzian and Emma Fete) *Presented at 2016 AEJMC, Minneapolis, MN.*
- “Evaluations about and Responses to Risks of Online Political Engagement” *Presented at 2016 American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA.*
- “Networked Reactions to the 2015 Ankara Attack in the Turkish Twittersphere” (with Robert M. Bond, Emad Khazraee and Erik C. Nisbet) *Presented at 9th Annual Political Networks Conference, St. Louis, MO.*
- “Behavioural Outcomes of Perceived Risk in Restricted Information Environments” *Presented at 2016 Empirical Studies in Political Analysis Workshop, Antalya, Turkey.*
- “Navigating non-democratic media environments: Citizen resistance to censorship and online political information-seeking” (with Golnoosh Behrouzian, Erik C. Nisbet and Ali Carkoglu) *Presented at the 8th Annual Political Networks Conference, Portland, OR.*
- “The ‘Persistence’ of Protest Communities on Twitter” (with Robert M. Bond) *Presented at the 2015 Midwest Association for Public Opinion Research, Chicago, IL.*
- “Predicting Perceived Democratic Deficit in Repressive Regimes via Citizen Perceptions of Censorship and Internet Use” *Presented at the 73rd Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL.*
- “Social media’s influence on candidate perceptions” (with Rachel L. Neo and R. Kelly Garrett) *Paper presented at the 99th National Communication Association Conference, Washington D.C.*
- “Implications of pro- and counter-attitudinal information exposure for affective polarization” (with R. Kelly Garrett, Benjamin K. Johnson and Rachel L. Neo) *Presented at the 63rd Annual Conference of the International Communication Association, London, UK.*

## **SERVICE**

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- Reviewer for Journal of Communication, International Journal of Public Opinion Research, New Media and Society
- Conference Paper Reviewer for International Communication Association, Communication Technology Division, 2016, 2017 & Political Communication Division, 2016, 2017, 2018
- Social Media Chair & Graduate Student Liason for Communication Theory and Methodology Division at Association for the Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, 2017-2018
- Graduate Student Representative to the OSU School of Communication Research Committee, 2015-2016
- Conference Paper Reviewer for International Communication Association, Political Communication & Communication Technology Divisions, 2016, 2017, 2018

## **LANGUAGES**

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Turkish (*Native*), English (*Fluent*), French (*Proficient*).

## **REFERENCES**

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Available upon request.