

# AYCAN KATITAS

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## EDUCATION

Department of Politics, University of Virginia  
*PhD Candidate, Foreign Affairs* Charlottesville, VA  
2020 (expected)  
*Dissertation:* “Making Trade Salient: The Media and Campaign Advertising  
as Sources of Popular Opposition to Trade”  
*Committee:* Sonal Pandya, David Leblang, Phil Potter  
*Fields:* International Relations (Major), Political Methodology (Minor)

European Interdisciplinary Studies, College of Europe  
*Master of Arts, Subfield: European Union as a Global Actor* Warsaw, POLAND  
2013  
*Thesis:* “Chinese Outward Direct Investment in Central and Eastern Europe  
and Its Impact on Economic Growth and Innovation: Evidence from Poland”

Department of International Relations and Political Science, Bogazici University Istanbul, TURKEY  
*Bachelor of Arts, Double Major: Political Science & Business Administration* 2012  
Dean’s High Honor

Department of Political Science, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne  
*Study Abroad* Paris, FRANCE  
2010

## ACADEMIC INTERESTS

International Political Economy: determinants of trade and Foreign Direct Investment preferences, causes and consequences of economic nationalism

Political Methodology: multilevel models, causal inference

## WORKING PAPERS

“Making Trade Electorally Salient: An Empirical Analysis of Trade Campaign Ads in the U.S.”. Presented at Minnesota Political Methodology Graduate Student Conference 2018, *Upcoming* presentation at APSA 2018.

“Foreign Direct Investment and Economic Threat Perceptions: Evidence from Chinese Investment in the U.S.” Presented at PolMeth 2017, MPSA 2018.

“Investment is in the Eye of the Beholder: Soft Power as a Determinant of Cross-Border Investment Activity”. Presented at ISA 2017.

“Does Economic Nationalism Drive Opposition to FDI?: Evidence from Consumer Responses to Foreign Acquisitions” (with Sonal Pandya and Raj Venkatesan). Presented at MPSA 2017, *Upcoming* presentation at APSA 2018.

## AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- Institute of Humane Studies Fellowship 2018-2019
- UVA StatLab Fellowship 2018-2019
- Albert Gallatin Graduate Research Fellowship, University of Virginia 2018
- UVA Graduate Student Teaching Award - A Department of Politics Nominee 2018
- APSA Travel Grant 2017
- NSF-PolMeth Travel grant to attend Polmeth XXXIV 2017
- Quantitative Collaborative Bynum Research Award, University of Virginia 2017
- Departmental Fellowship, Politics, University of Virginia 2014-2019
- Turkish Ministry of Education Scholarship, College of Europe 2012-2013

## EMPLOYMENT

### Research

- Research Assistant, Sonal Pandya & Raj Venkatesan (Darden Business School) 2016-Current  
Brands in Politics Project, University of Virginia
- Research Assistant, Sonal Pandya, University of Virginia 2015-Current
- Grader, Political Research with Quantitative Methods (Graduate Level) Fall 2015  
Nick Winter, University of Virginia
- Research Assistant, Triple-Hoos Project, University of Virginia Summer 2015
- Research Assistant, David Leblang, University of Virginia 2014-2015

### Teaching Assistant

- Politics of Latin America, Daniel Gingerich, University of Virginia, Spring 2018
- International Relations, Peter Furia, University of Virginia Fall 2017
- Theories of International Relations, Jeffrey Legro, University of Virginia Spring 2017
- Terrorism and Political Violence, Phil Potter, University of Virginia Fall 2015, 2016
- Domestic Politics of International Relations, Phil Potter, University of Virginia Spring 2016

### Guest Lecturer

- “Is the international system shaped by shared norms or a particular distribution of values?” Theories of International Relations, University of Virginia Spring 2017
- “Decapitation,” Terrorism and Political Violence, University of Virginia Fall 2015

## SELECTED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Summer Transition Program Graduate Student Teaching Assistant, University of Virginia 2018 (*planned*)
- QC Graduate Fellow, Quantitative Collaborative, University of Virginia 2016-2018
- Student Coordinator of the Lansing B. Lee/Bankard Seminar in Global Politics University of Virginia 2016-2018
- Member of the Politics Graduate Student Council, University of Virginia 2015-2016
- Summer Enrollment Specialist, University of Virginia Summer 2015

## ADDITIONAL TRAINING

- Computation as a Research Tool - Python,  
University of Virginia Spring 2018
- Tomorrow's Professor Today, Selected Program Participant,  
University of Virginia 2017-2019
- ARCS Summer Education Series, *High Performance Computing Bootcamp*,  
University of Virginia 2017

## CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

- Minnesota Political Methodology Graduate Student Conference, Minneapolis 2018
- UVA Huskey Research Exhibition, Oral Presentation, Charlottesville 2018
- American Political Science Association, San Francisco, Boston 2017, 2018 (*planned*)
- Conference of the Society for Political Methodology, Madison 2017
- Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago 2017, 2018
- International Studies Association, Baltimore 2017

## LANGUAGE

- Turkish (Native), French (Advanced)

## COMPUTER SKILLS

STATA, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, R, Python, Unix, BUGS, JAGS

## ACADEMIC REFERENCES

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