


# Asli Cansunar

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<b>RESEARCH INTERESTS</b>	Political economy of inequality, Middle East politics, distributive politics, state capacity, nation-making, education politics, historical political economy, formal models, causal inference, survey and laboratory experiments, geospatial methods, and archival research	
<b>ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS</b>	<b>University of Washington</b> Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science	<b>2021-</b>
	<b>University of Oxford</b> Department of Political Science and International Relations, Postdoctoral Research Fellow Nuffield College, Non-Stipendiary Research Fellow	<b>2018-2021</b>
<b>AFFILIATIONS</b>	<b>University of Washington:</b> Middle East Center, Center for Environmental Politics, Political Economy Forum <b>Association for Analytic Learning about Islam and Muslim Societies:</b> Faculty Fellow (2021-), Junior Fellow (2018-2021)	
<b>EDUCATION</b>	<b>Duke University</b> , Durham, NC <i>Ph.D., Political Science</i> Field: Political Economy, Political Methodology Dissertation: <i>Redistribution by the Rich: Information, Perceptions, and Preferences</i> Committee: Pablo Beramendi (co-chair), Timur Kuran (co-chair), David Siegel, Daniel Stegmüller	<b>2013-2018</b>
	<b>Duke University</b> , Durham, NC <i>M.A., Economics</i>	<b>2012-2014</b>
	<b>Koç University</b> , Istanbul, Turkey <i>B.S. in Mathematics and B.A. in Economics</i>	<b>2007-2012</b>
<b>BOOK PROJECTS</b>	<i>The Education Dilemma: the Distributive Politics of Education in Diverse Societies</i> (in progress, with Tugba Bozcaga) <i>Informal Welfare: Charitable Giving, Social Networks, and Democratic Accountability in the Middle East</i> (in progress)	
<b>PUBLICATIONS</b>	Adiguzel, Fatih Serkant, Asli Cansunar, and Gozde Corekcioglu. 2020. "Truth or Dare? Detecting Systematic Manipulation of COVID-19 Statistics." <i>Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy</i> , 1(4): 543–57.  Cansunar, Asli. 2021. "Who Is High Income, Anyway? Social Comparison, Subjective Group Identification, and Preferences over Progressive Taxation." <i>Journal of Politics</i> , 83(4): 1292–1306.  Ansell, Ben, Asli Cansunar, and Mads Andreas Elkjaer. 2021. "Social Distancing, Politics and Wealth." <i>West European Politics</i> , 44(5–6): 1283–1313.  Bozcaga, Tugba and Asli Cansunar. 2021. "The Unintended Consequences of Nation-Making	

Institutions for Civil Society Development." *Journal of Historical Political Economy*, 1(4): 591-613.

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Cansunar, Asli. 2022. "Distributional Consequences of Philanthropic Contributions to Public Goods: Self-Serving Elite in Ottoman Istanbul." *Journal of Politics*, 84(2): 889-907.

Adiguzel, Serkant, Asli Cansunar, and Gozde Corekcioglu. "Out of Sight, Out of Mind? Proximity to Health Care and Electoral Outcomes". *Journal of Politics*, Forthcoming.

#### BOOK CHAPTERS

Bozcaga, Tugba and Asli Cansunar. "Combining Mobile Data and Satellite Imaging for Human Mobility," in *Data Science for Migration and Mobility* (Salah, Korkmaz, Bircan, eds.), Oxford University Press, Forthcoming.

#### WORKING PAPERS

"Distributive Basis of Tax Compliance" with Pablo Beramendi and Raymond Duch, *Revise&Resubmit*, *Journal of Politics*

"Economic Harbingers of Political Modernization: Peaceful Explosion of Rights in Ottoman Istanbul" with Timur Kuran

"Local Economies, Local Wealth, and Economic Perceptions" with Ben Ansell

"The Education Dilemma: Favoring the In-Group or Assimilating the Out-Group?" with Tugba Bozcaga

"Tax Exposure and Political Preferences" with Ben Ansell and Mads Andreas Elkjaer

The Education Backlash: How Assimilative Primary School Education Affects Insurgency in Areas of Ethnic Conflict" with Tugba Bozcaga

"Teachers against Landlords: Landlessness and Compliance with Compulsory Primary Education" with Tugba Bozcaga

#### WORK IN PROGRESS

"How Do Wealth and Income Affect Individuals' Attitudes Towards Redistribution and Taxation?" with Ben Ansell, Laure Bokobza, Mads Andreas Elkjaer, Jonas Markgraf, Jacob Nyrup

"Adio Kerida: Ethno-Religious Engineering through Taxation"

"Progressivity, Information, and Preferences" with Pablo Beramendi and Hyeok Yong Kwon

"Why Is It So Hard to Counteract Rising Wealth Inequality? Evidence from a Survey Experiment in England and Wales" with Ben Ansell, Laure Bokobza, Mads Elkjaer, Matthias Haslberger, Jacob Nyrup

"Social Mobility and Housing" with Ben Ansell, Pablo Beramendi, Laure Bokobza, Mads Elkjaer, Matthias Haslberger, Jacob Nyrup

#### INVITED TALKS & CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2022: Stanford University - Comparative Politics Workshop (scheduled), Columbia University - Political Elites in Comparative and Historical Perspective (scheduled), University of Oxford (scheduled), University of Chicago - History, Geography, and Political Economy Workshop, University of Montreal, PSA Political Economy Series, UW Middle East Center, AALIMS-Princeton Conference on the Political Economy of the Muslim World, University of Konstanz, UCL Departmental Research Seminar.

2021: APSA, Bilkent University, WZB Brown Bag series, LSE Middle East webinar on the politics of health care provision, Humboldt University.

2020: Nuffield College, EPSA, IPERG University of Barcelona, University of Leiden, LSE, Sabanci University, Kadir Has University

2019: Society for Institutional and Organizational Economics Annual Meeting (SIOE), CAGE Research Workshop (University of Warwick), EPSA , MPSA, Association for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Culture Conference, NYUAD - Association for Analytic Study of Muslim Societies Conference , Duke University - State Capacity: Concepts, Causes, Consequences Workshop

2018: APSA, Nuffield College - Tackling Inequality: Experimental Advances on Taxation and Redistribution, Princeton University - Association for Analytic Study of Muslim Societies Graduate Student Conference

2017 : Harvard University - Experimental Political Science Graduate Student Conference, Duke University - Urban Topography and Political Economy in the Middle East Workshop, IRES Graduate Student Workshop

2016: Harvard University - Experimental Political Science Graduate Student Conference

2015: Nuffield College - Conference on Experimental Approaches to the Politics of Inequality and Redistribution

#### PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Referee: *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *American Political Science Review*, *Journal of Politics*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Comparative Economics*, *Journal of Political Economy* and *Political Institutions*, *European Journal of Political Research*.

Dissertation Award Committee, APSA Inequality and Class Section, 2022.

Co-organizer of PEMENA (Political Economy of the Middle East and North Africa) Conference, 2022.

#### FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2019 John Fell Research Grant and Nuffield College Politics Group Grant, £9,600 (with Jonas Markgraf and Andreas Wiedemann)
- 2017 Graduate School Summer Scholarship. Duke University, Department of Political Science.
- 2016 Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models Summer Institute. National Science Foundation.
- 2013-2018 Graduate School Scholarship. Duke University, Department of Political Science.
- 2012-2013 Graduate School Scholarship. Duke University, Department of Economics.
- 2009 Koç University-MIT Freshman Scholars Program Fellowship.
- 2007-2012 Special Merit Scholarship, Koç University.

#### TEACHING

**University of Washington, Instructor:** *Introduction to Comparative Politics* (2022), *Government and Politics in the Middle East and North Africa* (2022), *Political Geography* (2021), *the Politics of Economic Inequality* (2021)

**University of Oxford, Instructor:** *Introduction to Geospatial Analysis* (2020)

**Duke University, Teaching Assistant:** *Introduction to Political Economy*, *Wealth and Poverty of Nations*, *Islam and the State*, *Mathematics for Political and Social Research*

**Koç University, Teaching Assistant:** *Turkish Economy*, *Introduction to Global Political Economy*, *Calculus for Engineers*

#### ADVISING

**PhD Committee Member:** Zhaowen Guo, Inhwan Ko, Yusri Supiyan

**MA Committee Member:** Shwan Ashrafi (Jackson School, Middle East Studies, 2022)

#### SKILLS

**Languages:** English, Turkish (native), French (intermediate), Ottoman Turkish (reading knowledge)

**Programming languages and software:** Matlab, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, R, Stata, ArcGIS

**REFERENCES**

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