GULCAN SAGLAM

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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science — Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA — December 2017
Dissertation: *The Social and Economic Origins of State Responses to Asylum Crises*

M.A., Political Science — Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA — August 2012

B.A., International Relations (Valedictorian) — Ankara University, Ankara, Turkey — June 2007

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Senior Lecturer, Department of International Affairs, University of Georgia — Aug 2019 – Present
Part-Time Instructor, Georgia State University — Fall 2018 – Spring 2019
Part-Time Instructor, Georgia Gwinnett College — Spring 2018 – Spring 2019
Instructor, Georgia State University — Fall 2015 – Fall 2016
Graduate Teaching Assistant (Methods), Georgia State University — Fall 2011 – Spring 2016
Study Abroad Coordinator, Georgia State University — Summer 2013 – Summer 2015

COURSES TAUGHT

- Introduction to International Relations
- Global Issues (Honors and Non-Honors)
- Political Economy of Development (Honors and Non-Honors)
- Population, Immigration, and Politics
- Special Topics in International Relations: *International Migration*
- Research Design and Analysis
- Introduction to Political Research
- Introduction to American Government

PUBLICATIONS

Saglam, Gulcan. (2025). "Politics, Economics, and Trade." In *Introducing Global Issues*, 8th ed., Lynne Rienner Publishers

Saglam, Gulcan and Charles Hankla. (2021). "Politics, Economics, and Trade." In *Introducing Global Issues*, 7th ed., edited by Michael & Neil Snarr. Lynne Rienner Publishers, pp. 201–222.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

- Saglam, Gulcan and Michael Paarlberg. "*Voting Here and There, Differently: Divergence as Strategy in Migrant Political Engagement." Under review in Electoral Studies*
- Gallagher, Maryann and Gulcan Saglam. *Descriptive Representation and Diversifying the IR Syllabus: What Does It Take to See Yourself in the Discipline?*

AWARDS & GRANTS

- CFR Education Ambassador (2026-2027)
- Fulbright Specialist (2025 – 2028) – U.S. Department of State / World Learning
- Morehead Honors College Floyd C. Newton, Jr. Outstanding Honors Faculty Award, 2026 (Awarded)
- UGA Center for Teaching and Learning Active Learning Summer Institute (2024)
- UGA Student Career Success Influencer Award (Awarded 2024)
- UGA President's Fulfilling the Dream Award (Nominated 2024)
- Dawn D. Bennett-Alexander Inclusive Community Award (Nominated 2023)
- SPIA Non-Tenure Track Teaching Excellence Award, University of Georgia (2023)
- OVPI Teaching Enhancement and Innovation Grant, SPIA Curriculum Mapping (2021)
- Provost's Affordable Course Materials Grant, INTL 3200 (2021)
- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Course Redesign Grant, SPIA (2020)
- Teaching Academy Fellow, University of Georgia (2020–2021)
- Provost's Dissertation Fellowship, Georgia State University (2017)
- Department of Political Science Fellowship, Georgia State University (2016)
- APSA Annual Meeting Travel Grant (2016)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & INVITED TALKS

2026

- American Political Science Association (APSA), Boston, September 2026
  Paper Title: How Syllabi Shape Student Success: Belonging, Efficacy, and the Power of Representation
  Panel Title: Curriculum, Assessment, and Democratic Values
  Role: Co-Author/Co-Presenter

- American Political Science Association (APSA), Boston, September 2026
  Panel Title: Curriculum Design and Professionalizing the Field
  Role: Discussant

- UGA Active Learning Summit, February 2026
  Panel Title: Moving From Debate to Dialogue: Active Learning as a Strategy for Discussing Difficult Topics
  Role: Panelist

2025

- American Political Science Association (APSA), Vancouver
  Paper Title: *Voting Here and There, Differently: Divergence as Strategy in Migrant Political Engagement*.
  Panel Title: *Diaspora Politics and Transnational Political Behavior*.
  Role: Author/Presenter

- UGA Active Learning Summit
  Panel Title: *Creating Dynamic Classrooms: Effective Student Engagement Strategies*
  Paper: *Leveraging Technology for Active Learning*
  Role: Panelist

2024

- Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)
  Paper Title: *Descriptive Representation and Diversifying the IR Syllabus: What Does It Take to "See" Yourself in the Discipline?*
  Panel Title: *Improving Student Success Through Pedagogical Innovation at State Schools*
  Role: Author

- ISA-South
  Panel Title: *Active Learning in Political Science Classrooms: Practical Strategies and Insights*
  Role: Coordinator, Chair, Panelist

2023

- APSA Annual Meeting – Paper: *Persistence of Values or Failed Integration: Why Do Turks in the EU (Still) Support Erdoğan?*

- ISA-South – Panelist: *Creating Classroom Conversationalists: Practical Concerns and Ideas for Fostering Discussion*

2022

- UGA Institute for Women's Studies Friday Speaker Series – Invited Talk: *Descriptive Representation and Diversifying the IR Syllabus*

- Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) – Presentation: *Race and Gender in the Classroom: Influence & Inclusion*

Pre-2021 Selected Highlights

- Multiple papers at APSA, MPSA, and SPSA (2013–2018): *Selective Humanity*, *Social and Economic Origins of State Responses to Asylum Crises*, and *Defeating Authoritarian Structures in Semi-Democratic Regimes*.

- Invited Presentation, Damascus University: *Turkish-Syrian Relations from the 1990s to the 2000s* (2008)

DEPARTMENT & UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- School of Public and International Affairs, Senior Lecturer Promotion Committee (2026-2027)
- Department of IA Department Head Search Committee (2025)
- Department of IA Curriculum Committee (2024 -)

- Member, SPIA Inclusive Excellence Committee (2024 -)
- Member, SPIA Curriculum Committee (2024 - 2026)
- Member, Faculty Affairs Committee, Department of International Affairs (2022–2025)
- Faculty Advisor, Schuman Challenge UGA Team (2023–Present)
- Co-Coordinator, SPIA Honor Society Professionalization Series (2022–Present)
- Faculty Advisor, SPIA Honor Society of Diversity, Inclusion & Equity (2021–Present)
- Coordinator, DIA Diversity & Inclusion Working Group (2020–Present)
- Member, Georgia State University Faculty Search Committee (2016)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Chair, APSA Political Science Education Professional Development Committee (2025)
- Lead Judge, Northeast Georgia National History Day Regional Contest (2025)
- Reviewer, USG Teaching and Learning Conference (2023)
- Judge, Georgia 4-H State Congress (2021)
- Vice President, Turkish Student Association

LANGUAGES

- Turkish – Native
- Korean – Intermediate
- Arabic – Elementary

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Political Science Association (APSA)
- International Studies Association (ISA)
- Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)
- Southern Political Science Association (SPSA)
- Fulbright Specialist Roster (2025–2028)