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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Party Politics, Political Polarization, Public Opinion

ACADEMIC POSITION

Post-doctoral researcher

Department of Government, University of Vienna

VISITING POSITION

University of Texas at Austin, Department of Government, Austin, Texas. 2022
Visiting Ph.D student, hosted by Zeynep Somer-Topcu

Sciences Po Paris, Department of Political Science, France, 2022
Visiting Ph.D student, hosted by Romain Lachat

EDUCATION

Université de Montréal, Canada

2018 - 2023

- Ph.D in Political Science

Advisor: [Ruth Dassonneville](#)

Co-advisor: [Zeynep Somer-Topcu](#)

Dissertation: [Is Anybody Following? Elite Polarization and How Masses React to it.](#)

Université de Montréal, Canada

2016 - 2018

- Master's degree (MSc) in Political Science

Advisor: [Patrick Fournier](#)

Co-advisor: [Ruth Dassonneville](#)

Master's thesis: [Polarized Partisanship in Turkey](#)

Bogazici University, Turkey

2009 - 2016

- Honours Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Social Sciences

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

3 Cakir, Semih. "Does Party Ambivalence Decrease Voter Turnout ? A Global Analysis" *Party Politics* doi.org/10.1080/14683849.2019.1678030 [Relève étoile Paul-Gérin-Lajoie Award - Fonds de recherche du Québec]

2 Cakir, Semih. 2020. "Polarized Partisanship, Over-Stability and Partisan Bias in Turkey" *Turkish Studies*. 21(4):497-523. doi.org/10.1080/14683849.2019.1678030

1 Sevi, Semra, Can Serif Mekik, André Blais and Semih Cakir. 2020. "How do Turks Abroad Vote." *Turkish Studies*. 21(2): 208-230. doi.org/10.1080/14683849.2019.1607311

BOOK CHAPTERS

1 Dassonneville, Ruth and Semih Cakir. 2021. "Party System Polarization and Electoral Behavior". In Russell J. Dalton (ed.) *Oxford Research Encyclopedia in Politics*. Oxford University Press. doi.org/10.1093/acrefore/9780190228637.013.1979

UNDER REVISION

WORKING PAPERS

Cakir, Semih. “Does Low Voter Turnout Matter for Policy Representation? Maybe not.” at *British Journal of Political Science*

“The Information Environment and Perceptions of Parties’ Ideological Positions” ¹ (with Oguzhan Alkan, Ruth Dassonneville and Zeynep Somer-Topcu)

Limited Effect of Elite Ideological Polarization on Mass Ideological Polarization. *Full draft*

Do the Masses Become More Affectively Polarized When Elite Ideological Polarization Increases? *Full draft*

Partisans, Nonpartisans, and Perceptions of Corruption (with Ruth Dassonneville). *Full draft*

Elite Polarization in Western Europe *Full draft*

Partisan In(stability) in United Kingdom: 2015 General Elections, Brexit and 2017 Snap Elections. *Full draft*

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- 1 Cakir, Semih. 2018. “[Turkey’s Election: A Step Toward Electoral Authoritarianism](#)” *Inroads* 44 (Winter/Spring 2018): 56-63.

TALKS

Forum on Democratic Citizenship (Canada) 2023

Seminar organized by [Canada Research Chair in Electoral Democracy](#) and [Research Chair in Electoral Studies](#). (Canada) 2018, 2019, 2020(x2), 2021

Montreal-Leuven Winter School on Elections (Belgium) 2019, 2020.

Center for the Study of Democratic Citizenship Conference (Canada) 2018*, 2019

* best student presentation award

CONFERENCES

American Political Science Association 2022, 2023.

European Political Science Association 2020*, 2022, 2023.

Southern Political Science Association 2019

Midwest Political Science Association 2021

Société Québécoise de Science Politique 2019

* cancelled due to COVID-19

SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE

- Manuscript reviewer
 - Public Opinion Quarterly, Electoral Studies, Plos One, IJPOR

¹Previously entitled “Fostering Democratic Citizenship: How Mass Media Influence Election Campaign’s Causal Role on Voter Accuracy of Party Positions”

- Organizer of [Tuesday Seminar Series](#) of Electoral Chairs (Université de Montréal) 2020-2022.
- Panel chair: [SQSP](#) 2019 and [SPSA](#) 2019.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE (SELECTED)

Research assistant to Ruth Dassonneville	2018 - 2022
Research assistant to Christine Rothmayr and Isabelle Engeli - Dataset construction, data analysis (network analysis)	2021 - present
Research assistant to Jane Jenson - Dataset construction, data visualisation, data analysis	2022
Research assistant to Joelle Pelletier - Dataset construction, data visualisation, data analysis	2022
Research assistant to Guillaume Sirois - Survey design, dataset construction, data visualization, data analysis	2021-2022

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Lecturer for POL 2859 - Public Opinion	Fall 2021
Lecturer for POL 2859 - Public Opinion	Winter 2021
TA for POL 2809 - Quantitative Research Methods	2020
TA for POL 1803 - Introduction to Quantitative Analysis in Political Science (x3)	2017 - 2020
TA for POL 1100 - Research Methods in Political Science (x3)	2018 - 2020

METHODS TRAININGS

Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models [EITM](#) Certificate for:

Regression Analysis II: Linear Models

Maximum Likelihood Estimation I: Generalized Linear Models

Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research Summer Program ([ICPSR](#)), University of Michigan.

Maximum Likelihood Estimation I: Generalized Linear Models

Regression Analysis II: Linear Models Introduction

Mathematics for Social Scientists

Introduction to the Latex Text Processing System.

R Statistical Computing Environment

OTHER TRAININGS

Certificate of participation in [6th Montreal-Leuven Winter School on Elections](#) (organized by University of Leuven and University of Montreal).

Certificate of participation in [5th Montreal-Leuven Winter School on Elections](#) (organized by University of Leuven and University of Montreal).

GRANTS AND AWARDS (\approx 176 500 CAN\$)

CERIUM-FMSH Chair on Global Governance (Research Stay Grant) - 5000 CAN\$	2022
Maison Internationale - Université de Montréal (Research Stay Grant) - 2280 CAN\$	2022

Relève étoile Paul-Gérin-Lajoie Award (Fonds de recherche du Québec) - 1000 CAN\$	2021
FRQSC (Fonds de recherche du Québec - société et culture) - 49000 CAN\$ Competitive Doctoral Scholarship	2020
Mitacs Research Grant - 6000 CAN\$	2020
Université de Montréal Travel Grant - 650 CAN\$	2020
The Centre for the Study of Democratic Citizenship Training Grant - 300 CAN\$ 6th Leuven-Montréal Winter School on Elections, Leuven, Belgium, March	2020
Prestage-Cook Travel Award - 300 US\$ Southern Political Science Association	2019
Université de Montréal Travel Grant - 1 000 CAN\$ 5th Leuven-Montréal Winter School on Elections, Leuven, Belgium, March	2019
The Centre for the Study of Democratic Citizenship Training Grant - 250 CAN\$ 5th Leuven-Montréal Winter School on Elections, Leuven, Belgium, March	2019
Exemption from foreign student differential tuition fees - 38 500 CAN\$ Université de Montréal	2019
Ph.D. Scholarship, Université de Montréal (declined since 2021) - 60 000 CAN\$	2019
The Centre for the Study of Democratic Citizenship Training Grant - 650 CAN\$ ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods	2019
CSDC Best Student Presentation Award- 375 CAN\$	2018
Université de Montréal Training Grant - 2 500 CAN\$ ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods	2018
Erasmus - European Union Scholarship - 4 940 EURO Junior year on exchange at INALCO, Paris, France.	2014

COMPUTER SOFTWARES

R, Stata, Python (beginner), L^AT_EX

[CV compiled in August 2023]