

**Tuba UNLU BILGIC**  
**Associate Professor of International Studies**

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**EDUCATION**

Ph.D: Georgetown University, Ph.D. with distinction, Department of Government  
M.A.: Bilkent University, Turkey, Department of International Relations  
B.A.: Bilkent University, Turkey, Department of International Relations

**PREVIOUS POSTS**

**Academic**

Associate Professor of International Studies, UST, 08/2023 -  
Adjunct Professor at Virginia Tech University, 2022-2023  
Visiting Researcher at Georgetown University, 2021-2022  
Department of International Relations, Middle East Technical University, Turkey, 1999-2023

**Non-Academic**

Diplomat, Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 1994-1999

**SERVICE**

Faculty Senate Vice Chair, 05/2026 -  
Grievances Committee Chair, 05/2026 -  
Faculty Delegate in National Model United Nations (NMUN) in New York between March 29 - April 2, 2026  
Search Committee, Assistant Professor in International Studies, Spring 2026  
Faculty member on Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, UST, 04/2025 -  
Faculty member on Faculty Compensation Committee, UST, 04/2024 -  
Model United Nations Faculty Advisor, UST, 02/2024 -  
Pre-Law Society Faculty Advisor, UST, 09/2024-2025

## RESEARCH

### Selected Publications

- “Anti-Americanism in Turkish Social Media Discourse, 2008-2021” (with Zeynep Elif Koç and Yunus Emre Tapan), forthcoming.
- The Post-Imperial Turkish State and Islam, 1923-1950 (with Bestami S. Bilgiç) (New York, NY: Lexington Books, 2026).
- “Turkish Anti-Americanism: Between Europe and the Middle East,” *Middle Eastern Studies* Vol. 61, no. 5, 2025, pp. 659-681.
- “Syria: Why Is Turkey’s Erdoğan Not Ecstatic?” *The Center for European Policy Analysis, Europe’s Edge*, December 13, 2024.  
<https://cepa.org/article/why-is-turkeys-erdogan-not-ecstatic/>
- “US Presidential Elections [in Turkish - Amerikan Seçimleri,]” *Ekonomi Diplomatik*, October 22, 2024.
- “‘Make Turkey Great Again’ Tendency Triumphs,” *The Center for European Policy Analysis, Europe’s Edge*, May 15, 2023.  
<https://cepa.org/article/make-turkey-great-again-tendency-triumphs/>
- “A Second Chance for Turkey’s Anti-Erdoğan Opposition,” *The Center for European Policy Analysis, Europe’s Edge*, March 13, 2023.  
<https://cepa.org/article/a-second-chance-for-turkeys-anti-erdogan-opposition/>
- “Turkish-U.S. Defense Diplomacy in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century,” (with Stallion Yang) in Ambassador Philip S. Kosnett (Ret) (ed.) *Boots and Suits: Historical Cases and Contemporary Lessons in Political-Military Diplomacy* (Quantico, VA: Marine Corps University Press, 2022).
- Turkish-American Relations Since 1783 (co-edited with Bestami S. Bilgiç) (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2022).
- “U.S. – Turkish Relations in the 1990s: In Search of A New Alliance,” in *Turkish-American Relations Since 1783*, pp. 73-99.
- “U.S. – Turkish Relations Between 2002 and 2022: ‘New Turkey’, New Alliance,” in *Turkish-American Relations Since 1783*, pp. 101-136.
- “Turkey and the United States: A Relationship of Cooperation and Discord,” in *Turkish-American Relations Since 1783*, pp. 137-144.
- “Kemalist Turkey and the Palestinian Question, 1945-1948,” (with Bestami S. Bilgiç) *Middle Eastern Studies* Vol. 56, no. 3, 2020, pp. 427-437.
- “Islam in the Maghrib: Between Sufis and Salafis,” in *Handbook of Contemporary Islam and Muslim Lives*, Mark Woodward and Ronald Lukens-Bull (eds.) (Cham: Springer, 2020).

### Selected Conferences, Workshops, Talks

- “Government Responses to Anti-Immigration Protests in Turkey and the U.S.” (with Zeynep Elif Koç) *American Political Science Association 2026 Annual Meeting*, Boston, MA, September 3-6, 2026.

“Constructing the Jewish Image: Narratives during the Establishment of Israel” 19<sup>th</sup> Annual ASMEA Conference, Washington, D.C., November 7-9, 2026.

“Understanding Iran” Social and Behavioral Sciences and Global Studies Division, University of St Thomas, Houston, TX, April 21, 2026.

Middle East Panel Discussion, Center for International Studies, University of St Thomas, Houston, TX, October 17, 2025.

“America in Turkish-Islamist Thinking: The Case of Sebil,” 18<sup>th</sup> Annual ASMEA Conference, Washington, DC, November 1-3, 2025.

“Current Affairs in the United States and the Rest of the World,” UST-UANL 2025 International Symposium, Navigating Today’s Political, Social, and Economic Shifts, University of St Thomas, Houston, TX, May 1-2, 2025.

“Roller-Coaster at Full Speed: The Digital Pulse of Turkish Anti-Americanism on Twitter, 2008-2021,” (with Zeynep Elif Koç and Yunus Emre Tapan) ISA 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Chicago, March 2-5, 2025.

“Turkey,” World Affairs Council, Houston, TX, December 5, 2024.

“U.S. Foreign Policy Under New Trump Administration,” U.S. Mexico Series, University of St Thomas, Houston, TX, November 12, 2024.

“Turkey and the War in Ukraine,” Foreign Policy and Diplomacy Panel, Archeology Now Ukrainian Project, Houston, TX, March 23, 2024.

Gaza Briefing, International Studies Society, University of St Thomas, Houston, TX, October 26, 2023.

“Turkey’s Islamists, Anti-Semitism, and the Palestinian Question, 1908-1950,” Panel of the Finalists of the 2021 Bernard Lewis Prize, 14<sup>th</sup> Annual ASMEA Conference, Washington DC, November 13-15, 2021.

“Turkish Foreign and Security Policy: Seen from Ankara and Vienna” Foreign Policy Institute, Ankara, March 10, 2021.

“International Women’s Movement: The US Case” [“Uluslararası Kadın Hareketi: Amerikan Örneği], Foreign Policy Institute, Ankara, March 8, 2021.

“Turkey’s Islamists and the Palestinian Question, 1946-1950”, Past, Present and Future in the Middle East and Africa, 12<sup>th</sup> Annual ASMEA Conference, Washington DC, October 31 - November 2, 2019.

## **TEACHING**

### **University of St Thomas, Houston TX:**

- INST-1351 Introduction to International Studies

- INST-3352 International Politics
- INST-3363 Regional Study of North Africa and Middle East
- INST-3366 The American Foreign Policy Process
- INST-4363 International Institutions
- INST-4364 International Law
- INST-4366 International Security
- INST-4372 Diplomatic Tradecraft
- MDSA-5301 Introduction to Diplomacy and Strategic Affairs
- MDSA-6374 Seminar in Middle East Studies
- POSCC-2301 Politics and Society

**GRANTS, AWARDS,  
ACADEMIC  
HONORS**

2026 Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa (ASMEA) Travel Grant

University of St. Thomas, 2026 Advisor of the Year Award

2026 UST Faculty Development Grant

2025-2026 St. Thomas Aquinas Excellence in Teaching Award Nomination

2025 Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa (ASMEA) Research Grant

2025 Scholars-in-Residence Scholarship, Annual ISGAP-Oxford Summer Institute for Curriculum Development in Critical Contemporary Antisemitism Studies, St. Catherine's College, University of Oxford, U.K. – not used

2024-2025 St. Thomas Aquinas Excellence in Teaching Award Nomination (multiple nominations) – not eligible

2023-2024 St. Thomas Aquinas Excellence in Teaching Award Nomination (multiple nominations) – not eligible

The Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation Research Travel Grant, 2023

LBJ Foundation: Moody Research Grant, 2023

The Eisenhower Foundation's Abilene Research Travel Grant, 2023

The Harry S. Truman Library Institute Research Grant, 2023

2021 Bernard Lewis Prize awarded by the Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa (ASMEA)