

MERT CAN YILMAZ

Address: Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University Box 514 75120 Uppsala, Sweden
E-mail: mertcan.yilmaz@pcr.uu.se • *ORCID ID:* 0000-0001-5374-3447
GitHub: github.com/mertcanyilmaz03

Experience

Uppsala University
Department of Peace and
Conflict Research (DPCR)
Uppsala, Sweden

Research Engineer at the Uppsala Conflict Data Program
Nov 2023 – Present

Senior Analyst at the Uppsala Conflict Data Program
Jul 2023 – Present

President of the DPCR Alumni Association
Jun 2021 – Present

Previously:

Representative of the TA Staff at the DPCR Board (Oct 2021 – Jun 2023)
Analyst at the Uppsala Conflict Data Program (Jul 2021 – Jun 2023)
Junior Analyst at the Uppsala Conflict Data Program (Jul 2019 – Jun 2021)
Teaching Assistant at the Violence and Impacts Early-Warning System (Feb 2019 - Jun 2019)
Intern at the Violence and Impacts Early-Warning System (Nov 2018 - Jan 2019)
Intern at the Uppsala Conflict Data Program (Sep 2018 - Oct 2018)

Teyit.org
Ankara, Türkiye

Research Consultant
Sep 2021 – Present

Previously:

Editor (Jan 2019 - Aug 2021)
Contributor (Mar 2018 - Dec 2018)

Education

Uppsala University
Uppsala, Sweden

MA in Theology (Aug 2022 – Jun 2023)
Department of Theology | *Master's Programme in Religion in Peace and Conflict*
Master's Thesis: Yilmaz, Mert Can (2023). Divine Alignment: A Survey-Based Study on How Religion Influences Expectations for AI Alignment.

Uppsala University
Uppsala, Sweden

MSSc in Peace and Conflict Studies (Aug 2017 – Jun 2019)
Department of Peace and Conflict Research
Master's Thesis: Yilmaz, Mert Can (2019). Justifying Rebellion: A Study on When Individuals Justify Rebellion-Related Political Actions.

Bogazici University
Istanbul, Türkiye

BA in Political Science and International Relations (Sep 2012 – Jun 2017)
Department of Political Science and International Relations

Skills and Languages

IT Skills

Data Management & Analysis: Python, SQL, R
Data Visualization: Tableau, Power BI
Design and Publishing: Photoshop, InDesign, After Effects
Web Technologies: HTML, CSS, JavaScript (Basic)
Others: Audacity, Clipchamp, Zotero

Languages

Turkish (*Native*), English (*Fluent*), Swedish (*Elementary*)

Certificates (Selection)

[IBM Data Science Professional Certificate](#), IBM, 5 Jul 2022.
[Advanced Big Data & Data Science at Scale Bootcamp](#), VBO, 4 Nov 2021.
[Data Science and Machine Learning Bootcamp](#), VBO, 22 Aug 2021.
[Intelligence Analyst Training](#), MAX Security, 19 Aug 2021.

Publications (Selection)

Yilmaz, Mert Can and Muratcan Zorcu (Eds.) (2023). Cumhuriyet'in Yüzüncü Yılında Türkiye Cumhuriyeti Üzerine Makaleler (*Articles on the Republic of Türkiye in the Centenary of the Republic*). Turkiska Student- och Akademikerföreningen.
Yilmaz, Mert Can (2023). [The State of Information Disorder: 2023 Turkish Presidential and General Elections](#). Teyit.
Yilmaz, Mert Can and Berrak Pinar Uluer (Eds.) (2021). [İkidillilik Çalışmaları ve Avrupalı Türkler](#) (*Bilingualism Studies and European Turks*). Turkiska Student- och Akademikerföreningen.
Cavus, Guln and Mert Can Yilmaz (2021). "Covid-19 Pandemisi Sürecinde Yanlış Bilgi Sorunu: 5G Komplo Teorilerine İlişkin Bir Vaka Çalışması" (*Misinformation in the midst of Covid-19 Pandemic: A Case Study on 5G Conspiracy Theories*) in Pandemi Neoliberalizm Medya (*Pandemic Neoliberalism Media*). Ayrıntı Yayınları.

Media Appearances/Interviews (Selection)

Uppsala University's [Researching Peace](#) podcast, [AI, Peace, and Conflict](#), 13 Oct 2023.
BBC News Türkçe, [İsrail-Filistin: Gazze, Google haritalarında neden bulanık görünüyor?](#) (*Israel-Palestine: Why is Gaza blurry on Google Maps?*), 17 May 2021.
Boğaziçi University, [Koronavirüs günlerinde doğru bilgiye nasıl ulaşmalı?](#) (*How to find reliable information during the coronavirus pandemic*), 23 Mar 2020.
Evrensel, ["Aşı dezenformasyonuna karşı tavrımızı net bir biçimde koymamız gerekiyor"](#) (*"We must act firmly against anti-vax disinformation"*), 14 Oct 2021.

Editorial Works (Selection)

Podcast producer at Uppsala University's [Researching Peace](#) (Feb 2021 – Present)
Producer at Uppsala University's [Department of Peace and Conflict Research YouTube channel](#) (Feb 2023 – Present)
Project coordinator of the [TUF's Allt börjar med en röst](#) (*It all starts with a vote*) project (Aug-Sep 2022), a multilingual campaign to increase voter turnout rates among citizens with an immigrant background in Sweden
Podcaster at the 2nd season of Teyit's [t cetveli](#)
Co-editor of the Teyit's mini documentaries: [Let us burst your bubble](#) (19 May 2020), [R.I.P Turkish mainstream media](#) (5 Aug 2019), [Algorithms: Friends or foe?](#) (8 May 2019), [Syrian refugees: Could they influence Turkey's local elections outcome?](#) (28 Mar 2019), [Why we believe fake news](#) (27 Dec 2018)
Turkish editor of Craig Silverman's "Verification Handbook for Disinformation and Media Manipulation" ([Dezenformasyon ve Medya Manipülasyonu üzerine Doğrulama El Kitabı](#)), Oct 2020.

Conferences, Workshops, and Summer Schools (Selection)

Presenter at the Peace Science Infrastructure (PSI) Workshop, 15-16 Aug 2023, Peace Research Institute Oslo, Norway.
Participant of the Summer Institute in Computational Social Science (SICSS), 16-29 Jun 2019, Kadir Has University, Turkey.

Current Civic Affiliations

Turkiska Student- och Akademikerföreningen
Stockholm, Sweden

President
Oct 2021 - Present