

# Rozelin Vurgun

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## EDUCATION

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- Kadir Has University** 2022 - present  
Istanbul, Turkey  
M.A. in Psychological Science | GPA: 4.00
- Middle East Technical University** 2017 - 2022  
Ankara, Turkey  
B.Sc. in Psychology | GPA: 3.55

## MANUSCRIPTS

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- Vurgun, R., & Yilmaz, O.** (under review). Psychological origins of utilitarianism. *Istanbul University Press*.
- Vurgun, R., Acem, E., Şeker, F., Dogruyol, B., Bahçekapılı, H. G., Zizzo, D. J., Isler, O., & Yilmaz, O.** (Submitted for publication). Cognitive reflection predicts utilitarian behavior after 17 months. <https://osf.io/6r7gn/>
- Şeker, F., Acem, E., **Vurgun, R.**, Dogruyol, B., Isler, O., Bahçekapılı, H., & Yilmaz, O. (in prep). Divine verification: Introducing a CAPTCHA-based religious priming technique.
- Bagcı, E. S., **Vurgun, R.**, & Cingoz-Ulu, B. (in prep). Solidarity-based activism: Exploring moral motivators and risks in collective action.

## ONGOING PROJECTS

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**Political Ideology and Sharing Behavior:** We investigate psychological differences between liberals and conservatives by testing the asymmetry and symmetry views, focusing on in-group favoritism under intuitive and reflective thinking.

**Thinking Styles and Utilitarianism (Lead author):** We examine the impact of reflective and intuitive thinking styles on utilitarian behavior using debiasing training and emotion induction methods. We are currently conducting a follow-up study to replicate our initial findings.

- OSF Link: <https://osf.io/py7jk/>

**Surveillance Effect on Moral Dilemmas (Lead author):** We investigate the effect of watching eyes on moral decision-making and the acceptability of utilitarian choices in sacrificial dilemmas in Study 1. We will also examine how observing others' decisions influences moral judgments in Study 2.

- OSF Link: <https://osf.io/kbgsy/>

**Religion as Universal Moral Compass (Project funded by Templeton Religion Trust):** We experimentally investigated the effectiveness of a new religious and secular authority priming technique and examined its impact on various moral domains, such as generosity and utilitarian decision-making. These moral domains were also studied at the group level and tested in both US and Turkish samples. We are currently preparing the findings for publication, and I am responsible for reporting the results and data visualization.

- OSF Links: <https://osf.io/rzsfj/> <https://osf.io/3pjbd/>  
<https://osf.io/prbna/> <https://osf.io/csfxk/>  
<https://osf.io/m2s7t/> <https://osf.io/f2vp3/>

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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**Graduate Research Assistant** | *MINT Lab, Kadir Has University* 2022 - present  
Advisor: Assoc. Prof. Onurcan Yilmaz

- Contributing to preregistrations, material preparation, data analysis, visualization, and result reporting as a research assistant on a project funded by the Templeton Religion Trust.
- Mentoring an undergraduate research project aiming to examine schadenfreude and moral transgressions.

**Project Coordinator** | *MINT Lab, Kadir Has University* 2024 - 2025

- Supported in the preparation of interim reports for TÜBİTAK funded projects.
- Provided administrative support to MINT Lab leaders on funded projects.
- Coordinated and delegating tasks among undergraduate assistants.

**Erasmus+ Intern** | *Moral & Social Brain Lab, Ghent University* September - November 2024  
Advisors: Prof. Emilie Caspar & Dr. Eva Vives

- Contributed to a project on the impact of social presence on moral decision-making by independently collected EEG data from 35 participants and preprocessed the data using the MNE Python package.

**Erasmus+ Intern** | *The Center for Social and Cultural Psychology, KU Leuven* Summer 2022  
Advisor: Prof. Colette van Laar

- Contributed various tasks, including data analysis, manipulating recorded voices, conducting a literature review, and reaching out to participants in person.

## PRESENTATIONS

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**Vurgun, R., & Vives, E.** (2025, May). *Moral dilemmas under observation: The role of surveillance and social influence*. APS Annual Convention, Washington, DC.

Şeker, F., Acem, E., **Vurgun, R.**, Dogruyol, B., Isler, O., Bahcekapılı, H., & Yilmaz, O. (2025, February). *Divine verification: Introducing a CAPTCHA-based religious priming technique*. SPSP Annual Convention, Denver, CO.

**Vurgun, R.**, Dogruyol, B., Isler, O., & Yilmaz, O. (2024, December). *The role of reflective thinking on utilitarian intention and behavior*. V. Social Psychology Congress, Başkent University, Ankara.

**Vurgun, R., & Yilmaz, O.** (2023, November). *Comparing the Dual Process Model and the Two-Dimensional (2D) Model in explaining utilitarianism*. II. National Symposium on Morality Studies in Social Psychology, Istanbul University, Online.

Bagcı, E. S., **Vurgun, R.**, Coşkun, M. & Cingoz-Ulu, B. (2022, June). *Advantaged group members' moral motivations to participate in collective action on behalf of a disadvantaged group in a high-risk context*. IV. Social Psychology Congress, 9 Eylül University, İzmir, Turkey.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### Teaching Assistant

- PSY603 Advanced Theoretical Discussions in Psychological Sciences (graduate level – Fall 2024)
- PSY502 Advanced Research Methods and Data Analysis in Psychology (graduate level – Spring 2024)
- KHAS1120 Thinking Mathematically (undergraduate level – Spring 2024)

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

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### Programming Languages Software and Tools

R, Python (beginner), JavaScript (beginner)  
SPSS, Jamovi, MPlus, Qualtrics, Prolific, OpenSesame, Biosemi

## **GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

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Erasmus+ Internship Grant (€1,500), Kadir Has University, Fall 2024

Master's Students Scholarship Program (monthly stipend), TÜBİTAK BİDEB, 2023 - 2025

Full Tuition Waiver (M.A.), Kadir Has University, 2022 - 2025

Erasmus+ Internship Grant (€1,500), Middle East Technical University, Summer 2022

Undergraduate Research Assistant (monthly stipend), TUBITAK STAR Program, 2021 - 2022