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Education:

Master's: Psychological Sciences | 2021 Spt – Current

Kadir Has University – İstanbul

- ❖ Current GPA: 3.94/4.00

Bachelor's: Psychology | 2017 Spt – 2021 Jun

Doğuş University – İstanbul

- ❖ GPA: 3.76/4.00. Graduated with high honors.

Experience:

Lab Manager | 2023 June – Current

Moral Intuitions Research Laboratory – İstanbul, Türkiye

Research Assistant | 2019 May – 2023 June

Moral Intuitions Research Laboratory – İstanbul, Türkiye

Erasmus+ Internship (Research Intern) | 2020 Aug – 2020 Oct

Max Planck Institute for Research on Collective Goods – Bonn, Germany

Research Projects & Publications

Preprints:

- ❖ Toribio-Flórez, D., Cypris, N., Brüggemann, M., **Şeker, F.**, & Baumert, A. (2022). A closer look at third-party punishment under the risk of counterpunishment: An effect of additional material (and not social) costs. [<https://doi.org/10.21203/rs.3.rs-2121574/v1>]

Ongoing Projects:

❖ Lead Author:

- ***The Psychological Profiles of Left-wing Authoritarians (Master's Thesis):***
We investigated the relationship between COVID-19 threat perception and left-wing authoritarianism in Study 1, and left-wing authoritarianism's association with moral behaviors using incentivized economic games in Study 2. I am currently writing the first draft for scholarly publication.
 - OSF Links:
 - <https://osf.io/6u3bz/>
 - <https://osf.io/wtaeq/>
- ***Understanding Left-wing Authoritarianism in Turkey:*** With three studies, we adapted two prominent left-wing authoritarianism scales into Turkish and investigated the relationship between left-wing authoritarianism and cognitive style measurements such as cognitive reflection and actively open-minded thinking. We are currently finalizing the manuscript of this project where I am the first author.
 - OSF Links:
 - <https://osf.io/65jb9>
 - <https://osf.io/c79f8>
 - <https://osf.io/cns5w>
- ***Cognitive Reflection and Religiosity: Testing Two Models (Project funded by Templeton Religion Trust):*** I am currently finalizing the first draft of a paper as the first author where we tested the relationship between reflection and religious belief with a matched sample of believers and non-believers using an array of cognitive style measurements.
 - OSF Links:
 - <https://osf.io/5964s/>
- ***An Investigation of Religious Priming Techniques (Project funded by Templeton Religion Trust):*** I am going to be the first author of this project where we experimentally investigated the effectiveness of both new and existing religious priming techniques in the literature.
- ***Art, Empathy, and Justice (Project funded by Templeton Religion Trust):***
We tried to replicate the effect of religious and secular music on generosity (using the dictator game) and its interaction with empathy. I will write the manuscript of this study for scholarly publication.

❖ Co-Authored Projects:

- ***How Can We Promote Cooperation Under Resource Scarcity? Regulatory Role of Intuitive/Reflective Thinking. (Government Funded Research Project - TÜBİTAK):*** In this project we investigate the influences of resource scarcity in prosocial decision-making contexts and its interactions with intuitive and reflective cognitive styles. We are also

currently developing a new priming technique to activate a resource scarcity mindset. I am actively helping progress the project with other lab members.

- OSF Links:

- <https://osf.io/caj3t>

- ***Distinguishing the Psychological Underpinnings of Threat Types:*** In this project, we are investigating how the psychological representations of different types of threat such as death and resource scarcity differ using network and content analysis methods. I am an active research assistant in this project.
- ***Utilitarian Morality and its Relationship with Cognitive Reflection:*** In the first study of this project, we investigate how cognitive reflection scores correlate with different subscales of the Oxford Utilitarianism Scale (OUS). In the second study, we investigate how the cognitive reflection and subscales of OUS predict real utilitarian judgment using an incentivized economic game. I am an active research assistant in this project.

Conference Proceedings:

- ❖ **Şeker F.,** Aşık Y., Ceylan M. E., Yılmaz O., Doğruyol B. & Sarıbay S. A. (October, 2022). Left-wing Authoritarianism in Turkey. *Findings presented at the 21st Annual National Congress of Psychology, Istanbul, Turkey.*
- ❖ Günaydın G., **Şeker F.,** Veliöğlü İ., Bayrak F., Alper S., Doğruyol B., Isler O. & Yılmaz O. (October, 2022). Scarcity, cooperation, and thinking styles: A theoretical test of the Self-control Account. *Findings presented at the 21st Annual National Congress of Psychology, Istanbul, Turkey.*

Teaching Experience:

- ❖ **Teaching Assistant:** PSY603 – Advanced Theoretical Discussions in Psychological Sciences.

Test Scores and Skills

Test Scores:

TOEFL IBT – 111/120 | 2022 March

Skills:

Programming and Analysis: R (intermediate), SQL (beginner), Jamovi, JASP, SPSS, Qualtrics

Languages: Turkish (Native), English (C1)

Awards and Scholarships:

Academic Success Grant (2018, 2019, 2020) – Dođuş University: Awarded at the end of each academic year to the highest GPA student among fee-paying students.

Kadir Has University Graduate Tuition Waiver (2021-2022, 2022-2023): Tuition waiver awarded to graduate students enrolled in Kadir Has University psychology program.

Research Assistant Scholarship, TÜBİTAK 3501 (2021-2023): Monthly stipend given to research assistants in TÜBİTAK funded projects.

Research Assistant Scholarship, Templeton Religion Trust (2023-2024): Monthly stipend given to research assistants.