

# Rozelin Vurgun

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Kadir Has University ◊ Istanbul, Turkey

## EDUCATION

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| <b>Kadir Has University</b><br>Ph.D. in Psychological Science              | 2025 - present |
| <b>Kadir Has University</b><br>M.A. in Psychological Science   GPA: 4.00   | 2022 - 2025    |
| <b>Middle East Technical University</b><br>B.Sc. in Psychology   GPA: 3.55 | 2017 - 2022    |

## MANUSCRIPTS

- Vurgun, R., & Yilmaz, O.** (in press). 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). 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. (under review). Divine verification: Introducing a CAPTCHA-based religious priming technique. <https://osf.io/7m5bn/>
- Vurgun, R., Yilmaz, O., Isler, O., Dogruyol, B., & Maule, J.** (in prep). The effect of reflective and intuitive thinking on behavioral utilitarian decision-making. <https://osf.io/py7jk/>
- Vurgun, R., Isler, O., Ferguson, E., Dogruyol, B., & Yilmaz, O.** (in prep). Intuitive ideological bias among American liberals and conservatives. <https://osf.io/c9ut7/>
- Isler, O., Acem, E., **Vurgun, R.**, Şeker, F., Dogruyol, B., Bahçekapılı, H., Zizzo, D. J., & Yilmaz, O. (in prep). Religion as stabilizer: Shared beliefs promote moral consistency.
- Dogruyol, B., Acem, E., Şeker, F., **Vurgun, R.**, Isler, O., Gächter, S., & Yilmaz, O. (in prep). From attitudes to behavior: Testing Morality as Cooperation and Moral Foundations Theory across time.

## ONGOING PROJECTS

**The impact of surveillance on moral decision-making:** I am leading a project in collaboration with Dr. Eva Vives, where we examined how the presence of watching eyes influences moral decision-making in Study 1. We are currently preparing a follow-up study to investigate how self-preservation motives and social surveillance jointly shape moral judgments. <https://osf.io/75rsn>

**The impact of exogenous shocks on network structure and performance:** I am currently working as a researcher in a TUBITAK funded project investigating how exogenous shocks shape entrepreneurs' social networks, with a focus on how shifts in trust and uncertainty influence new venture formation and managerial decisions.

**How to promote cooperation under resource scarcity?:** We investigate how resource scarcity influences prosocial decision-making and how it interacts with intuitive and reflective cognitive styles. Additionally, we aim to conduct a meta-analysis on the effects of scarcity manipulations on cooperation.

**Moral consistency among religious believers and non-believers:** I lead a project in which we investigate how moral consistency and prosocial behavior are shaped by the interplay of religious identity and contextual factors, examining the effects of religious and secular priming among Christian and Muslim participants.

## PRESENTATIONS

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- Vurgun, R.**, Acem, E., Şeker, F., Dogruyol, B., Isler, O., Bahcekapılı, H., & Yilmaz, O. (2026, February). *The impact of religious and secular authority priming in prosociality*. SPSP Annual Convention, Chicago, IL.
- 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.

## EXPERIENCE

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- Graduate Research Assistant** | *Moral Intuitions Lab, Kadir Has University* 2022 - 2025  
Advisor: Assoc. Prof. Onurcan Yilmaz
- Contributed to preregistrations, material preparation, data analysis and visualization, and result reporting on a project funded by the Templeton Religion Trust.
- Project Coordinator** | *Moral Intuitions Lab, Kadir Has University* 2024 - 2025
- Provided administrative support on funded projects, coordinated undergraduate assistants, and managed the lab's website and social media platforms.
- Erasmus+ Intern** | *Moral & Social Brain Lab, Ghent University* Summer 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
- Erasmus+ Intern** | *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.
- Undergraduate Research Assistant** | *Political Psychology Lab, Middle East Technical University* 2021 - 2022  
Advisor: Assoc. Prof. Banu Cingoz Ulu
- Co-led a correlational study examining moral motivation and emotions in collective action participation.

## 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**

R, JavaScript (beginner)

### **Software and Tools**

SPSS, Jamovi, MPlus, Qualtrics, Prolific, OpenSesame, Biosemi

## GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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Erasmus+ Internship Grant (€1,500), Kadir Has University, Summer 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), TUBİTAK STAR Program, 2021 - 2022