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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Social Psychology 2015–2019
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B.A., Psychology (Magna Cum Laude) 2007–2012
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VISITING RESEARCHER

University of Nottingham (UK), School of Economics, CeDEx — with Prof. Simon Gächter
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Assistant Professor 2019–2021
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Research Assistant 2013–2017
Dogus University, Department of Psychology, Istanbul, Turkey

AWARDS / SCHOLARSHIPS

100th Anniversary TÜBİTAK Incentive Award	2023
The Outstanding Young Scientists Award, TÜBA-GEBİP	2023
The Best Young Scientist Award, BAGEP	2021
Sakıp Sabancı International Research Award	2021
Kadir Has University Outstanding Performance Award	2020–2022, 2024
TÜBİTAK 2211 Graduate Scholarship	2017–2019

European Conference on Personality (ECP) Graduate Student Award	2018
The Best Paper Presentation Award (19 Mayıs University)	2014
Muzaffer Sherif Award for the Best Paper Presentation (Okan University)	2012
Bachelor of Arts, Magna Cum Laude	2012
Yeditepe University BA Full Scholarship	2007–2012

FUNDING — PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR

TÜBİTAK 1001 — Generalized Social Heuristics and Cooperation (PI)	2026-2029
TÜBİTAK 1001 — Analytic Thinking and Motivated Reasoning (PI)	2025–2028
Templeton Religion Trust — Religion and Morality (PI)	2022–2024
TÜBİTAK 1001 — Cooperation and the Threat of Earthquake (PI)	2021–2024
TÜBİTAK 3501 — Cooperation under Resource Scarcity (PI)	2021–2024
TÜBİTAK 1001 — Promoting Compliance with Preventive Measures (PI)	2020–2021

FUNDING — RESEARCHER OR ADVISOR

University of Akureyri (Iceland) — From Inequality to Cooperation (Researcher)	2026-2028
TÜBİTAK 1001 — Diverse Threats and Cooperation (Advisor)	2023–2026
TÜBİTAK 3005 — Intention-behavior Gap in Moral Psychology (Advisor)	2023–2025
TÜBİTAK 1001 — Temporal Changes in Beliefs (Researcher)	2022–2025
TÜBİTAK 3501 — Scientific Reasoning and Beliefs (Researcher)	2022–2025
Templeton Religion Trust — Art, Empathy, and Justice (Researcher)	2022–2023
Think Forward Initiative — Financial Preparedness and Scarcity (Researcher)	2020–2022

PUBLICATIONS IN INTERNATIONAL JOURNALS

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4. **Yılmaz, O.** (2017). Meta-etik ölçekleri [Meta-ethics scales]. In Cesur et al. (Eds.), *Sosyal psikolojide değerler ve ahlak: Kuramlar ve ölçekler* (pp. 163–168). İstanbul: Nobel Yayıncılık.

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1. Saribay, S. A., Olcaysoy, I., & **Yilmaz, O.** (2015). İdeolojik yönelimler ve psikolojik değişkenler [Ideological orientations and psychological variables]. In Ö. Dirilen-Gümüş (Ed.), *Siyaset Psikolojisi* (pp. 2–46). İstanbul: Nobel Yayıncılık.

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9. Varol, M., & **Yılmaz, O.** (2026). A dual inheritance perspective on cultural bias, psychological science, and human diversity. *Istanbul Anthropological Review*. https://doi.org/10.26650/IAR2025.1847261

8. **Yılmaz, O.**, & Bayrak, F. (2022). Ahlak psikolojisine giriş: Temel kavramlar, kuramsal yaklaşımlar ve tartışmalar [An introduction to moral psychology: Basic concepts, theoretical approaches, and debates]. *REFLEKTİF Sosyal Bilimler Dergisi*, 3(1), 27–50.

7. **Yılmaz, O.**, Alper, S., & Nuhrat, Y. (2022). Onurcan Yılmaz ve Sinan Alper'le paradigma ve disiplinler üzerinden bir ahlak söyleşisi. *REFLEKTİF Sosyal Bilimler Dergisi*, 3(1), 147–167. doi: 10.47613/reflektif.2022.61

6. Bayrak, F., Alper, S., & **Yılmaz, O.** (2021). Çözüm önerisinin itici görülüp görülmemesi Kürt sorununu kabul etmeyi etkiliyor mu? [Does perception of solution proposal as aversive affect the acknowledgment of the Kurdish question?]. *Kalem Eğitim ve İnsan Bilimleri Dergisi*, 11(1), 1–20. doi: 10.23863/kalem.2020.145 (ULAKBİM)

5. **Yilmaz, O.**, & Bahçekapili, H. G. (2019). Rethinking the golden age of social psychology. *Studies in Psychology*, 39(1), 195–207. doi: 10.26650/SP2018-0016 (ESCI)

4. **Yılmaz, O.**, Bayrak, F., & Alper, S. (2019). Wittgenstein'ın psikoloji bilimine dair görüşlerine eleştirel bir bakış [A critical look at Wittgenstein's opinions on psychology]. *Current Research in Social Sciences*, 5(2), 130–142. doi: 10.30613/curesosc.556600 (ULAKBİM)

3. **Yılmaz, O.**, Cesur, S., & Bayad, A. (2018). Türklerin ve Kürtlerin birbirlerine karşı olumsuz tutumlarının bazı psikolojik değişkenlerle ilişkisi [Psychological correlates of negative attitudes of Turks and Kurds toward one another]. *Türk Psikoloji Yazıları* [Turkish Psychological Articles], 21, 82–99. (ULAKBİM)

2. Cesur, S., Bayad, A., **Yılmaz, O.**, & Tepe, B. (2018). Bir değerler skalasının geliştirilmesi ve bu skalanın politik ve dini yönelimle ilişkisi [The development of a values scale and its relationship with political and religious orientations]. *Elektronik Sosyal Bilimler Dergisi* [Electronic Journal of Social Sciences], 17(66), 401–420. (ULAKBİM)

1. Saribay, S. A., Olcaysoy, I., & **Yılmaz, O.** (2017). Kişisel ve toplumsal düzeylerde eşitliğe karşıtlık ve değişime direnmenin muhafazakârlıkla ilişkisi [The relationship between conservatism and opposition to equality and resistance to change at the personal and societal levels]. *Türk Psikoloji Yazıları* [Turkish Psychological Articles], 20, 24–41. (ULAKBİM)

SELECTED INVITED TALKS

2026 (April). University of Oxford (UK), SCORE Conference.
A Moral Compass? Behavioral Consistency in Religious and Secular Belief Systems

2026 (March). University of Nottingham (UK), CeDEx, School of Economics.
Is Cooperation Intuitive? A Systematic Preregistered Test of the Social Heuristics Hypothesis

2025 (December). Özyeğin University (Turkey), Psychology Department.
The Validity Crisis in Psychology: Why Methodological Unity, Not New Theory, Drives Scientific Progress

2025 (May). Nottingham Trent University (UK), Psychology Department.

2025 (April). University of Nottingham (UK), CeDEx, School of Economics.
Threat, Context, and Cooperation: Field Evidence on the Behavioral Effects of Terrorism and Earthquakes

2024 (November). Bilkent University (Turkey), Psychology Department.
Assessing the Causal Impact of Collective Threats on Moral Judgment and Behavior

2024 (October). Strategic Management Society (SMS), Annual Conference.
Intention-behavior Gap in Experiments

2024 (July). University of Queensland (Brisbane), Psychology Department.
Differential Impacts of Ecologically Valid Collective Threats on Cooperation in a Non-WEIRD Context

2023 (November). SPAUS, Biennial Moral Psychology Conference (Virtual).
Current Challenges and Proposed Solutions in Psychological Sciences

2021 (April). International Moral Psychology Seminar Series (Virtual).

2020 (November). Koç University (Turkey), Psychology Department.
Reflective Foundations of Human Morality

SELECTED CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS — INTERNATIONAL

14. Vurgun, R., Acem, E., Seker, F., Dogruyol, B., Isler, O., & **Yilmaz, O.** (February, 2026). Beyond religious prosociality: The effects of secular and religious primes on behavioral consistency. *Poster presented at the SPSP Annual Convention*, Chicago, IL.

13. Dogruyol, B., Acem, E., Seker, F., Isler, O., & **Yilmaz, O.** (September, 2025). Does the Morality-as-Cooperation Questionnaire predict diverse moral behaviors? *Paper presented at the EASP Group Meeting on Moral Psychology*, Warszawa, Poland.

12. **Yilmaz, O.**, Velioglu, İ., Varol, M., Dogruyol, B., Isler, O., & Gächter, S. (July, 2024). Differential impacts of ecologically valid collective threats on cooperation in a non-WEIRD context. *Paper presented at the Foundations of Utility and Risk Conference (FUR 2024)*, University of Queensland, Brisbane.

11. Ghasemi, O., **Yilmaz, O.**, Isler, O., Terry, J., & Ross, R. M. (June, 2024). Reflective thinking predicts disbelief in God across 19 countries. *Paper presented at the Atheism Explained Conference*, Oxford University, UK.

10. Acem, E., **Yilmaz, O.**, Dogruyol, B., & Isler, O. (2023). Heroism as moral intuition and its relation to social behavior. *Everyday Heroism Conference 2023*, Tauranga Moana, New Zealand. Virtual.

9. **Yilmaz, O.**, Isler, O., & Ferguson, E. (February, 2021). Liberals and conservatives show equal group bias in sharing behavior. *Poster presented at the 21st Annual Convention of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology: Justice and Morality Preconference*, Virtual.

8. **Yilmaz, O.**, Bahçekapili, H. G., Harma, M., & Sevi, B. (February, 2020). Intergroup tolerance leads to subjective morality, which in turn is associated with (but does not lead to) reduced religiosity. *Poster presented at the 20th Annual Convention of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology: Psychology of Religion & Spirituality Preconference*, New Orleans, USA.

7. **Yilmaz, O.** (July, 2019). How and when analytic cognitive style is related to and causally influences political ideology. *Paper presented at the 16th European Congress of Psychology*, Moscow, Russia.

6. **Yilmaz, O.**, & Saribay, S. A. (July, 2018). Analytic cognitive style and ideology: Recent developments. *Paper presented at the 19th European Conference of Personality*, Zadar, Croatia.

5. **Yilmaz, O.**, Bahçekapili, H. G., Harma, M., & Sevi, B. (March, 2018). Morality shaping religiosity: Intergroup tolerance predicts subjective morality which in turn predicts religiosity. *Poster presented at the 19th Annual Convention of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology: Psychology of Religion & Spirituality Preconference*, Atlanta, USA.

4. **Yilmaz, O.**, & Bahçekapili, H. G. (July, 2017). Meta-ethics and the dual-process model: Mortality salience leads people to adopt less subjectivist meta-ethical beliefs. *Poster presented at the 15th European Congress of Psychology*, Amsterdam, Netherlands.

3. **Yilmaz, O.**, & Saribay, S. A. (July, 2017). Core ideological motives mediate the relationship between political orientation and social and economic conservatism: Evidence from a Turkish sample. *Poster presented at the 18th General Meeting of the European Association of Social Psychology*, Granada, Spain.

2. **Yilmaz, O.**, Bahçekapili, H. G., & Harma, M. (March, 2017). Free will/determinism beliefs in Turkey: Validation and personal correlates of the FAD-Plus scale. *Poster presented at the 2nd Biennial International Convention of Psychological Science*, Vienna, Austria.

1. Küçüktaş, S., Erdem, E., **Yilmaz, O.**, & Bahçekapili, H. (July, 2015). The relationship between religious belief and analytical thinking. *Poster presented at the 14th European Congress of Psychology*, Milan, Italy.

SELECTED CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS — NATIONAL

13. Atik, S., Acem, E., Bayrak, F., Dogruyol, B., Işler, O., & **Yılmaz, O.** (October, 2025). Cognitive reflection, ideology and religious belief. *Findings presented at the 22nd Annual National Congress of Psychology*, Bursa, Turkey.

12. **Yılmaz, O.** (December, 2024). Psychology should prioritize developing theories over testing them. *Paper presented at the 5th biennial meeting of the Social Psychology Congress*, Başkent University, Ankara, Turkey.

11. Acem, E., **Yılmaz, O.**, Isler, O., & Dogruyol, B. (November, 2023). Does cognitive reflection predict the moral behavior of cooperation? *II. National Symposium on Morality Studies in Social Psychology*, Istanbul University, Turkey.

10. Velioğlu, İ., Varol, M., Bayrak, F., Doğulu, C., Alper, S., Doğruyol, B., Isler, O., & **Yılmaz, O.** (October, 2022). Objective and subjective earthquake risk perception and morality as cooperation. *Findings presented at the 21st Annual National Congress of Psychology*, Doğuş University, Istanbul, Turkey.

9. **Yılmaz, O.** (December, 2019). The intention-behavior gap in political psychology. *Paper presented at the 3rd biennial meeting of the Social Psychology Congress*, Kadir Has University, Istanbul.

8. **Yılmaz, O.** (November, 2018). The relationship between analytic/intuitive thinking style and moral decision-making. *Paper presented at the 20th biennial meeting of the Turkish Psychology Society*, Ankara, Turkey.

7. **Yılmaz, O.** (November, 2017). The effect of analytic cognitive style on moral judgment. *Paper presented at the 2nd biennial meeting of the Social Psychology Congress*, Eastern Mediterranean University, Cyprus.

6. **Yılmaz, O.**, Erdoğan, E., & Sarıbay, S. A. (November, 2016). Moral foundations and political ideology in Turkey: A cluster analysis study. *Paper presented at the 1st annual meeting of the Social Psychology Congress*, Ankara, Turkey.

5. **Yılmaz, O.**, & Sarıbay, S. A. (September, 2016). The influence of analytic thinking tendency on political ideology. *Paper presented at the 19th biennial meeting of the Turkish Psychology Society*, İzmir, Turkey.

4. **Yilmaz, O.**, Karadoller, D. Z., & Sofuoglu, G. (April, 2015). Analytic thinking, religion and prejudice: An experimental test of the dual-process model of mind. *Poster presented at the 2nd International Symposium on Brain and Cognitive Science*, Middle East Technical University, Turkey.

3. **Yilmaz, O.**, & Bahçekapili, H. G. (April, 2015). Without God everything is permitted? The reciprocal influence of religious and meta-ethical beliefs. *Poster presented at the 2nd International Symposium on Brain and Cognitive Science*, Middle East Technical University, Turkey.

2. **Yılmaz, O.**, & Bahçekapılı, H. (April, 2014). On the relation between religious belief and metaethics: An experimental study. *Paper presented at the 18th biennial meeting of the Turkish Psychology Society*, Bursa, Turkey.

1. **Yılmaz, O.**, & Bahçekapılı, H. G. (April, 2014). The effect of science priming on moral sensitivity: An experimental study. *Poster presented at the 18th biennial meeting of the Turkish Psychology Society*, Bursa, Turkey.

TEACHING

Undergraduate: Thinking Mathematically, Testing and Measurement, Social Psychology, Moral Psychology, Developmental Psychology, Experimental Psychology, Data Analysis in Psychology, History of Psychology, General Psychology, Introduction to Psychology I, Introduction to Psychology II, Rethinking Psychology.

Graduate: Advanced Theoretical Discussions in Psychological Sciences (PhD); Advanced Selected Topics in Social Psychology (MA).

EDITORIAL BOARD

Judgment and Decision Making (Cambridge University Press, SSCI) — Consulting Editor

Political Psychology (Wiley, SSCI) — Member of the Editorial Board

AD HOC REVIEWER

Analyses of Social Issues and Public Policy; Applied Cognitive Psychology; British Journal of Social Psychology; Cognition; Current Opinion in Behavioral Sciences; Current Psychology; Current Research in Ecological and Social Psychology; Emerging Adulthood; European Journal of Social Psychology; European Review of Social Psychology; Group Processes & Intergroup Relations; Interactive Learning Environments; International Journal for the Psychology of Religion; International Journal of Intercultural Relations; International Review of Economics; Journal for the Cognitive Science of Religion; Journal of Experimental Psychology: General; Journal of Experimental Social Psychology; Journal of Personality; Journal of Social and Political Psychology; Judgment and Decision Making; Nature Human Behaviour; Perspectives on Psychological Science; Personality and Individual Differences; Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin; PLOS One; PLOS Climate; Political Psychology; Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS); PNAS Nexus; Review of Philosophy and Psychology; Royal Society Open Science; Psychology of Religion and Spirituality; Scandinavian Journal of Psychology; Self and Identity; Social Psychological and Personality Science; Social Psychological Bulletin; Social Science & Medicine; Studies in Psychology; Synthese; Turkish Psychological Articles; Turkish Journal of Psychology.

ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES

(2026 - Present). **Chair of the Human Research Ethics Committee**, Kadir Has University

(2023-2024; 2025). **PhD in Psychology, Program Coordinator**, Kadir Has University

(2023-2025). **Erasmus and Exchange Programs Committee – Committee Member** (Representative of the Graduate School Psychology Program)

(2023-2025). **Faculty of Economics, Administrative and Social Sciences – Faculty Council** (Associate Professor Representative)

(2023-2025). **Faculty of Economics, Administrative and Social Sciences – Faculty Executive Board Member** (Associate Professor Representative)

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Media Coverage

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Completed
(2021). **Reflection, free will, and determinism** — Berke Aydaş, MA, KHAS.
(2021). **Moral framing and environmental attitudes** — Dilara Çavdar, MA, KHAS.
(2022). **Threat types and political ideology** — Bengi Aktar, MA, KHAS.
(2022). **COVID-19 threats and conspiracy beliefs** — Bengisu Akkurt, MA, KHAS.
(2022). **Scarcity and economic decisions** — Doğukan Demircioğlu, MSc, METU (co-advisor).
(2023). **Reflection and long-term cooperation** — Ensar Acem, MA, KHAS.
(2023). **Collective threats, cooperation, and morality** — İlayda Velioğlu, MA, KHAS.
(2023). **Meta-ethical beliefs and moral behavior** — Melike Hocaoğlu, MA, KHAS.
(2023). **Reflective interventions and conspiracy beliefs** — Vahdet Sümer, MA, KHAS.
(2023). **Cooperation after the 2023 earthquake** — Melih Varol, MA, KHAS.
(2024). **Reflection and religiosity: Two models** — Fırat Şeker, MA, KHAS.
(2024). **Thinking styles, scarcity, and cooperation** — Gülce Günaydın, MA, KHAS.
(2024). **Thinking styles and utilitarianism** — Halil Almaç, MA, KHAS.
(2025). **Determinants of fake news belief** — Fatih Bayrak, PhD, DEU (co-advisor).
(2025). **Utilitarianism: The intention-behavior gap** — Rozelin Vurgun, MA, KHAS.

Ongoing MA
(2024–Present). **Left- and right-wing authoritarianism** — Enes Kor, MA, KHAS.
(2024–Present). **Religion and anonymous cooperation** — Selenay Keleş, MA, KHAS (co-advisor).
(2026–Present). **Debiasing conspiracy beliefs** — Aysima Nesrin Şahin, MA, KHAS.

Ongoing PhD
(2023–Present). **Threats and issue ownership** — Melih Varol, PhD, KHAS.
(2023–Present). **Social heuristics and moral behavior** — Ensar Acem, PhD, KHAS.
(2024–Present). **Reflection and motivated reasoning** — İlayda Velioğlu, PhD, KHAS.
(2024–Present). **Ideology and cooperation** — Şahin Atik, PhD, KHAS (co-advisor).