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EDUCATION & AFFILIATIONS

The Pennsylvania State University

Social Psychology PhD, minor in Social Data Analytics

State College, PA

Aug. 2023 – Ongoing

Sabancı University

Master of Science in Psychology, Social Psychology Track

Thesis: Locating the Bias in Empathy.

Istanbul, Turkey

Sept. 2021 – Aug. 2023

Bilkent University

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, Summa Cum Laude

Thesis: The Effect of Gender Stereotypes on Moral Agency Attributions.

Ankara, Turkey

Sept. 2017 – June 2021

EXPERIENCE

Graduate Assistantships

- ***Graduate Student in the EMP Lab at Penn State University, PI: Dr. C. Daryl Cameron:***

- * My master's project investigates whether the experience of moral outrage motivates information-seeking in the sense of seeking opposing viewpoints.
- * I am currently designing a project that focuses on an inferential error called anchor neglect, and another on pace of publication in psychology.

- ***Research Assistant in the GrouPsy Lab at Sabancı University, PI: Dr. S. Çiğdem Bağcı.***

- * Recruited undergraduate students for the lab and coordinating them for lab related tasks such as data entry and organization.
- * Was primary assistant for a project on the longitudinal effects of extended contact with outgroups on attitudes, direct contact behaviors and experiences, and well-being. Responsible for data cleaning and statistical analysis.
- * As part of my master's thesis, I experimentally tested whether intergroup empathy bias is an embedded feature of empathy as well as its potential downstream consequences on moral judgments.

- ***Faculty & Teaching Assistant at Sabancı University, Psychology Program:***

- * Between September 2022 and August 2023, I worked as a paid full-time faculty assistant, my responsibilities included:
- * Assisting the graduate student admission process.
- * Helping recently admitted graduate students adapt to the school.
- * Coordinating proctorships during exams, oversee TA responsibilities.
- * Coordinating the introductory psychology courses (both undergraduate and graduate) and provide administrative assistance to professors.
- * I was also a teaching assistant for junior level courses on group psychology and conflict analysis during the 2021-2022 academic year.

Undergraduate Assistantships

- ***CCN Lab, PI: Dr. Burcu A. Ürgen,***

Sept. 2019 – June 2021

- * Conducted literature reviews on the neuroscience of biological motion perception and perceptual load.
- * Wrote and MATLAB scripts to run biological motion stimuli & conduct statistical analysis on the results of the experiments.
- * Worked as an EEG lab assistant for more than 30 trials.

- ***Ideological Conflict Project, PI: Dr. Ç. Esra Çuhadar***

June 2019 – June 2020

- * Assisted a pilot test of a conflict analysis framework called Cognitive Affective Mapping.
- * I reviewed polarization interventions literature, reviewed questionnaire items, collected participants and analyzed the data.

- ***Bilkent University, Dept. of Computer Engineering:***

Feb. 2020 – June 2020

- * I was a TA for an introductory Python course for social science students.
- * I supervised lab sessions and helped students upon their request.

GRANTS & AWARDS

Seed Grant

Apr. 2025 – June 2025

- 900\$ funding provided for the second study of my master's thesis by the Consortium on Moral Decision-Making.

Graduate Scholarship

Sept. 2021 – June 2023

- Tuition fee exemption and housing provided by Sabanci University. I received monthly stipend from TÜBİTAK until September 2022.

Comprehensive Scholarship

Sept. 2017 – June 2021

- I have received full tuition and accommodation fee waiver along with a monthly stipend for 4 years because I ranked in the top 0.025% in the National University Entrance Examination.

STAR Scholarship

Feb. 2021 – June 2021

- This scholarship is granted by TÜBİTAK to promising undergraduate researchers. It included a ~\$100 monthly stipend for 6 months. I have received it when I was working at the CCN Lab on the effect of communicative actions on perceptual load.

MISCELLANEOUS SKILLS

Programming: R, MATLAB, Python

Data Analysis: R, JASP, Jamovi and SPSS.

PUBLICATIONS

- **Yalçın, F. T.** & Cameron, D. (2025, March 24) Outrage is motivated and nuanced. <https://doi.org/10.31234/osf.io/xcmta.v1>.
- Albayrak, S. Aydın, B. Ozen, G., **Yalçın, F. T.**, Balik, M., Yanik, H., Urgan, B. A., & Veldhuizen, M. G. (2025)). Transcutaneous Vagus Nerve Stimulation Effects on Flavor Evoked Electro-encephalogram and Eye Blink Rate. *Brain and Behavior*, 15(3), e70355. <https://doi.org/10.1002/brb3.70355>
- S. C. Bağcı, **Yalçın, F. T.**, Turnuklu, A., Vezzali, L., Tercan, M. & Yilmaz, A. D. (2023). Looking for your cross-group friends after the breakout? Children's intergroup contact behaviours before and after the onset of COVID-19. *British Journal of Social Psychology*, 62(2), 1036-1055

POSTERS AND ABSTRACTS

- **Yalçın, F. T.** & Bağcı, S. Ç. (2023). Is Empathy Biased or Does It Prevent Bias. Presented at the *International Convention of Psychological Science*.
- **Yalçın, F. T.**, Yılmaz, A. D., Bağcı, S. Ç., Türnüklü, A. & Tercan, M. (2022). Kapanma, Türk Öğrencileri Suriyeli Yaşıtlarına Yakınlaştırdı mı? (Did the Lockdowns Bring Turkish Students Closer to Their Syrian Peers?). Presented at the *4th Turkish Social Psychology Congress*.
- Loustau, T. & **Yalçın, F. T.** (2021). We Are All the Same, But Different: Comparing Approaches for Reducing Parochial Empathy for Political Outgroups. Research Proposal Poster presented at the *Center for the Science of Moral Understanding Summer Program Symposium*. Virtual.
- Albayrak, S., Aydın, B., **Yalçın, F. T.**, Balik, M., Urgan, B. A. & Veldhuizen, M. (2021). Neural response to flavor measured during a sip-and-swallow protocol with EEG. Presented at the *European Chemoreception Research Organization Conference XXXI*
- Rezaki, A. D., Tunca, M. B., Nizamoglu, H., Tuğlacı, E., Türe, S., **Yalçın, F. T.** & Urgan, B. A. (2021). Bottom-up perception of biological motion is influenced by perceptual load and eccentricity. Presented at the *43rd European Conference on Visual Perception*
- Tunca, M. B., Nizamoglu, H., Rezaki, A. D., Tuğlacı, E., Türe, S., **Yalçın, F. T.** & Urgan, B. A. (2021). Visual Processing of Biological Motion in the Periphery under Attentional Load. Presented at the *Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society* (Vol. 43, No. 43).

Writing, Translation & Editing

- ***CogIST***: I worked as a translator & editor at CogIST, an independent organization for cognitive science enthusiasts based in Istanbul. I also created a 6-week-long weekly introductory statistics course as part of a CogIST program.
- ***Miscellaneous***: I have written pieces on cross-cultural and moral psychology for popular philosophy and literature blogs such as *Oncul* and *Lakirti*, and translated a popular neuroscience article for a feminist organization called *LiberFE*. I also co-translated an academic political philosophy article for the student journal of the philosophy department of Bilkent University, *Prokopton*, along with a chapter of Peter Singer's *The Life You Can Save* with E. Aslı Tekin.