

# Fırat Şeker

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## Education

University of Massachusetts Amherst, Ph.D., Social Psychology	2024 – Current
Kadir Has University, M.A., Psychological Sciences	2021 – 2024
Dogus University, B.A., Psychology	2017 – 2021

## Publications

Şeker, F., Acem, E., Bayrak, F., Dogruyol, B., Isler, O., Bahçekapili, H. & Yilmaz, O. (2025) Cognitive Reflection and Religiosity: A Test of Two Models. *Judgment and Decision Making*. doi:10.1017/jdm.2024.41

### Under Review:

Şeker, F., Acem, A., Vurgun, R., Dogruyol, B., Isler, O., Bahçekapili H. & Yilmaz, O. (revise and resubmit) Divine Verification: Introducing a CAPTCHA-based Religious Priming Technique.

Şeker, F., Aktar, B., Bulut, E., Dogruyol, B., Soley, G., Clark, K. J. & Yilmaz, O. (under review) Tuning Into Prosociality: Do Religious and Secular Music Boost Prosociality Among Believers and Non-Believers?

Vurgun, R., Acem, E., Şeker, F., Dogruyol, B., Isler, O., Bahçekapili, H., Zizzo, D. & Yilmaz, O. (revise and resubmit) Reflective Thinking Predicts Utilitarian Behavior after 17-months.

Mohammadsadegh, R., Şeker, F., Kwak, Y. & Atari, M. (under review) Thinking AI, Acting AI: How AI Roles and Anthropomorphism Shape Perceptions of Human-AI Collaboration Across Cultures.

Harma, M., Şeker, F., Dogruyol, B. & Yilmaz, O. (revise and resubmit) Language Speaks Louder Than Performance: Distinctive Linguistic Signatures of Threat

Zewail, A., Setia, A., Mohammadsadegh, R., Şeker, F., Hajian, A., Sosa, H.J., Gavireddy, S.R., Morhayim, L. & Atari, M. (revise and resubmit) Introducing the Cultural and Moral Expressions in Language (CAMEL) Corpus.

Hajian, A., Liu, G., Şeker, F., Zewail, A., Mohammedsadegh, R., Graham, J., Haidt, J., & Atari, M. (under review) Developing the Short Version of the Moral Foundations Questionnaire-2 (MFQ-2-S).

### In Preparation:

Şeker, F., Atari, M. (in preparation) Weak Institutions Promote Retaliatory Behavior: A Cross-cultural Investigation of Honor and Trust in Institutions

Dogruyol, B., Acem, E., Şeker, F., Vurgun, R., Isler, O., Gächter, S. & Yilmaz, O. (in preparation) From Attitudes to Behavior: Testing Morality as Cooperation and Moral Foundations Theory Across Time

Şeker, F., Asik, Y., Ceylan, M.E., Dogruyol, B., Saribay, S.A., & Yilmaz, O. (in preparation) Exploring Left-wing Authoritarianism and its Cognitive Underpinnings in Türkiye

Isler, O., Acem, E., Vurgun, R., Şeker, F., Dogruyol, B., Bahçekapili, H.G., Zizzo, D. & Yilmaz, O. (in preparation) Beyond Religious Prosociality: Shared Beliefs Predict Moral Consistency

### Book Chapters:

Atari, M., Şeker, F. & Zewail, A. (in preparation) Is Empathic AI Possible? In Cameron, C. D., & Perry, A. (Eds.). (in press). *Empathy and AI: Challenges, advances, and ethical considerations*. Cambridge University Press.

### 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.

## Research Experience

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<b>Research Assistant</b> Culture and Morality Lab – Amherst, Massachusetts, USA	Spt 2024 – Current
<b>Lab Manager</b> Moral Intuitions Lab – Istanbul, Turkey	Jun 2023 – Aug 2024
<b>Research Assistant</b> Moral Intuitions Lab – Istanbul, Turkey	May 2019 – Aug 2024
<b>Erasmus+ Internship (Research Intern)</b> Max Planck Institute for Research on Collective Goods – Bonn, Germany	Aug 2020 – Oct 2020

## Conference Presentations

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- Şeker F. & Atari, M. (2026, February) Cultural Differences in Metamorality: Resolving Moral Conflict Across Societies. Poster presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention, Chicago, IL.
- Şeker F. & Atari, M. (2026, February) Metamorality Across Cultures. Poster presented at the Moral Psychology Preconference at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention, Chicago, IL.
- Şeker F. & Atari, M. (2026, February) Tighter Kinship Networks Linked to Fewer Serial Killers. Poster presented at the Historical Psychology Preconference at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention, Chicago, IL.
- Şeker F., Acem E., Vurgun R., Isler O., Dogruyol B. & Yilmaz O. (2025, February) Divine Verification: Introducing a CAPTCHA-based Religious Priming Technique. Poster presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention, Denver, CO.
- Harma, M., Şeker F., Dogruyol, B. & Yilmaz, O. (2024, December) Reflections of Reactions to Different Threat Manipulations in Language. Oral presentation at the Annual Social Psychology Congress, Ankara, Turkey.
- Şeker F., Acem E., Bayrak F., Yilmaz O., Dogruyol B., Isler O., & Bahcekapılı H. G. (2023, November). The Relationship between Cognitive Reflection and Religiosity: A Test of Two Models. Oral presentation at the National Symposium on Morality Studies in Social Psychology, Istanbul, Turkey.
- Şeker F., Yilmaz O., Dogruyol B. & Isler O. (2023 November). Psychological Profiles of Left-wing Authoritarians. Oral presentation at the National Symposium on Morality Studies in Social Psychology, Istanbul, Turkey.
- Şeker F., Aşık Y., Ceylan M. E., Yilmaz O., Doğruyol B. & Saribay S. A. (2022, October). Left-wing Authoritarianism in Turkey. Oral presentation at the Annual National Congress of Psychology, Istanbul, Turkey.
- Günaydın G., Şeker F., Velioğlu İ., Bayrak F., Alper S., Doğruyol B., Isler O. & Yilmaz O. (2022, October). Scarcity, cooperation, and thinking styles: A theoretical test of the Self-control Account. Oral presentation at the Annual National Congress of Psychology, Istanbul, Turkey.

## Peer Review Experience

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Current Research in Ecological and Social Psychology, Personality and Individual Differences.

## Teaching Experience

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- Guest Lecturer:** Religion as an Identity in the US. PSYCH 491: Advancing Diversity in Research and Practice. (University of Massachusetts Amherst)
- Guest Lecturer:** Evolution of Religion and Cooperation. PSYCH 491: Advancing Diversity in Research and Practice. (University of Massachusetts Amherst)
- Teaching Associate/Instructor:** PSYCH 337 – Writing in Psychological and Brain Sciences. (University of Massachusetts Amherst)
- Teaching Assistant:** PSYCH 240 – Statistics in Psychology. (University of Massachusetts Amherst)
- Teaching Assistant:** PSYCH 241 – Methods of Inquiry in Psychology. (University of Massachusetts Amherst)
- Teaching Assistant:** PSY 603: Advanced Theoretical Discussions in Psychological Sciences. (Kadir Has University)

## Awards and Honors

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<b>University of Massachusetts Amherst</b> <i>STEM PhD Leadership Fellowship.</i>	2025
<b>The SCORE Project for Advancing Research on Religion and Cooperation (SPARRC)</b> <i>Summer Methodology Workshop Travel Award.</i>	2025
<b>Association for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Culture (ASREC)</b> <i>Graduate Student Workshop Honorarium.</i>	2025