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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., Bahçekapılı, 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., Bahçekapılı 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., Bahçekapılı, H., Zizzo, D. & Yilmaz, O. (under review) 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. (under review) 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. (under review) Introducing the Cultural and Moral Expressions in Language (CAMEL) Corpus.

In Preparation:

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

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., Bahçekapılı, 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

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

Conference Presentations

Şeker F. & Atari, M. (2026, February) Cultural Differences in Metamorality: Resolving Moral Conflict Across Societies. Poster to be presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention, Chicago, IL.

Şeker F. & Atari, M. (2026, February) Metamorality Across Cultures. Poster to be 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 to be 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., & Bahcekapili 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.

Günaydin 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

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

Teaching Experience

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

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