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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, A*, Vurgun, R., Dogruyol, B., Isler, O. & Yilmaz, O. (in press) Divine Verification: Introducing a CAPTCHA-based Religious Priming Technique. *Behavior Research Methods*

Harma, M., Şeker, F., Dogruyol, B. & Yilmaz, O. (2026) Language Speaks Louder Than Performance: Linguistic Indicators of Cognitive Processing Across Common Threat Scenarios. *Applied Cognitive Psychology*, 40(3): e70216. <https://doi.org/10.1002/acp.70216>.

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*, 20, e13. doi:10.1017/jdm.2024.41

* denotes co-first authorship.

Under Review:

Şeker, F., Atari, M. (under review) Honor and Institutions Across Cultures.

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., Mohammadsadegh, R., Graham, J., Haidt, J., & Atari, M. (under review) Measuring Moral Pluralism Efficiently Around the Globe.

Mohammadsadegh, R., Şeker, F., Kwak, Y. & Atari, M. (revise and resubmit) Anthropomorphism and Emotional Reactions to Human-AI Collaboration across Cultures.

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

Vurgun, R., Acem, E., Şeker, F., Dogruyol, B., Isler, O., Bahçekapili, H. & Yilmaz, O. (revise and resubmit) Cognitive Reflection Predicts Utilitarian Behavior in the Monetary Trolley Dilemma After 17 Months.

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

In Preparation:

Şeker, F., Atari, M. (in preparation) Metamorality Across Cultures

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 press) Is Empathic AI Possible? In Cameron, C. D., & Perry, A. (Eds.), *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 Culture and Morality Lab – Amherst, Massachusetts, USA	Spt 2024 – Current
Lab Manager Moral Intuitions Lab – Istanbul, Turkey	Jun 2023 – Aug 2024
Research Assistant Moral Intuitions Lab – Istanbul, Turkey	May 2019 – Aug 2024
Erasmus+ Internship (Research Intern) Max Planck Institute for Research on Collective Goods – Bonn, Germany	Aug 2020 – Oct 2020

Conference Presentations

- Şeker F.** & Atari, M. (2026, September) *Metamorality Across Cultures*. Poster to be presented at the International Society for Moral Psychology Conference, Ithaca, NY, United States.
- 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, United States.
- 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, United States.
- Şeker F.** & Atari, M. (2026, February) *Kinship, Collectivism, and Serial Killers: Cross-National Evidence*. Poster presented at the Historical Psychology Preconference at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention, Chicago, IL, United States.
- 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, United States.
- 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

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

Teaching Experience

- Guest Lecturer:** Religion as an Identity Issue 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

University of Massachusetts Amherst 2025

STEM PhD Leadership Fellowship.

The SCORE Project for Advancing Research on Religion and Cooperation (SPARRC) 2025

Causal Inference Methodology Workshop Travel Award.

Association for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Culture (ASREC) 2025

Graduate Student Workshop Honorarium.