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1. Education

- 1.1 Ph.D., Social Psychology (2025)
Dokuz Eylül University — İzmir, Türkiye
- 1.2 M.S., Social Psychology (2019)
Başkent University — Ankara, Türkiye
- 1.3 B.S., Psychology (2016)
Uludağ University — Bursa, Türkiye

2. Work Experience

- 2.1 Research Assistant (2019 — Present)
Başkent University, Department of Psychology — Ankara, Turkey
- 2.2 Lab Manager (2021 — 2023)
Moral Intuitions Laboratory (MINT Lab) — Istanbul, Turkey
- 2.3 Moderator (2020 — 2021)
PsyArXiv, The Society for the Improvement of Psychological Science — OSF.io

3. Theses

- 3.1 Doctoral Dissertation (2025)
Why We Fall For Fake News? Cognitive, Identity, Social, and Cultural
Foundations of Belief in Fake News
Advisor: Dr. İnci Boyacıođlu Bal & Dr. Onurcan Yılmaz
Dokuz Eylül University — İzmir, Türkiye
- 3.2 Master's Thesis (2019)
Morality as a Moderator of the Relationship Between Ingroup Identification and
Ingroup Favoritism
Advisor: Dr. Leman Korkmaz
Başkent University — Ankara, Türkiye

4. Articles in International Journals

- 4.1** Bayrak, F., Kayatepe, E., Özman, N., Yilmaz, O., Isler, O., & Saribay, S. A. (2025). Can reflection mitigate COVID-19 vaccine conspiracy beliefs and hesitancy? *Psychology & Health*, 1-32.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/08870446.2025.2491598>.
- 4.2** Bayrak, F., Boyacıoğlu, İ., & Yılmaz, O. (2025). Does reflection increase accuracy rather than bias in the assessments of political fake news? *Current Psychology*, 44(7), 5778-5795. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12144-025-07578-5>.
- 4.3** Bayrak, F., Sümer, V., Dogruyol, B., Saribay, S. A., Alper, S., Isler, O., & Yılmaz, O. (2025). Reflection predicts and leads to decreased conspiracy belief. *Cognition*, 258, 106085. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cognition.2025.106085>.
- 4.4** Alper, S., Elcil, T., Karaca, N., Bayrak, F., & Yılmaz, O. (2025). Fictitious conspiracy, paranormal, and pseudoscience beliefs are closely related to their regular counterparts. *Current Psychology*, 44(7), 6376-6395.
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s12144-025-07654-w>.
- 4.5** Şeker, F., Acem, E., Bayrak, F., Dogruyol, B., Isler, O., Bahçekapili, H., Yılmaz, O. (2025). Cognitive reflection and religious belief: A test of two models. *Judgment and Decision Making*, 20, e13. <https://doi.org/10.1017/jdm.2024.41>.
- 4.6** Bayrak, F., Aktar, B., Aydas, B., Yılmaz, O., Alper, S., & Isler, O. (2024). Effective health communication depends on the interaction of message source and content: Two experiments on adherence to COVID-19 measures in Türkiye. *Psychology & Health*, 39(13), 1847-1876.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/08870446.2023.2285445>
- 4.7** Dogruyol, B., Velioglu, İ., Bayrak, F., Acem, E., Isler, O., & Yılmaz, O. (2024). Validation of the moral foundations questionnaire-2 in the Turkish context: Exploring its relationship with moral behavior. *Current Psychology*, 43, 24438-24452. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12144-024-06097-z>.
- 4.8** Akfırat, S., Bayrak, F., Üzümcüker, E., Ergiyen, T., Yurtbakan, T., & Uysal, M. S. (2023). The roles of social norms and leadership in health communication in the context of COVID-19. *Social Science & Medicine*, 323, 115868.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2023.115868>.
- 4.9** Bayrak, F., Dogruyol, B., Alper, S., & Yılmaz, O. (2023). Multidimensional

- intuitive–analytic thinking style and its relation to moral concerns, epistemically suspect beliefs, and ideology. *Judgment and Decision Making*, 18, e42.
<https://doi.org/10.1017/jdm.2023.45>.
- 4.10** Bago, B., Kovacs, M., Protzko, J., Nagy, T., Kekecs, Z., Palfi, B., ... Bayrak, F., ... & Matibag, C. J. (2022). Situational factors shape moral judgements in the trolley dilemma in Eastern, Southern and Western countries in a culturally diverse sample. *Nature Human Behaviour*, 6(6), 880-895.
<https://doi.org/10.1038/s41562-022-01319-5>.
- 4.11** Yılmaz, O., & Bayrak, F. (2022). *Moral Development*. In: Montgomery H. (ed) Oxford Bibliographies. Oxford University Press.
- 4.12** Alper, S., Bayrak, F., & Yılmaz, O. (2021). Inferring political and religious attitudes from composite faces perceived to be related to the Dark Triad personality traits. *Personality and Individual Differences*, 182, 111070.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.paid.2021.111070>.
- 4.13** Alper, S., Bayrak, F., & Yılmaz, O. (2021). Psychological correlates of COVID-19 conspiracy beliefs and preventive measures: Evidence from Turkey. *Current Psychology*, 40(11), 1-10. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12144-020-00903-0>.
- 4.14** Bayrak, F., & Alper, S. (2021). A tale of two hashtags: An examination of moral content of pro- and anti-government tweets in Turkey. *European Journal of Social Psychology*, 51(3), 585-596. <https://doi.org/10.1002/ejsp.2763>.
- 4.15** Akfırat, S., Uysal, M. S., Bayrak, F., Ergiyen, T., Üzümçeker, E., Yurtbakan, T., & Özkan, Ö. S. (2021). Social identification and collective action participation in the internet age: A meta-analysis. *Cyberpsychology-Journal of Psychosocial Research on Cyberspace*, 15(4), Article 10. <https://doi.org/10.5817/CP2021-4-10>.
- 4.16** Alper, S., Bayrak, F., & Yılmaz, O. (2021). All the Dark Triad and some of the Big Five traits are visible in the face. *Personality and Individual Differences*, 168, 110350. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.paid.2020.110350>.
- 4.17** Alper, S., Bayrak, F., Us, E. Ö., & Yılmaz, O. (2020). Do changes in threat salience predict moral content of sermons? The case of Friday Khutbas in Turkey. *European Journal of Social Psychology*, 50(3), 662-672.
<https://doi.org/10.1002/ejsp.2632>.

5. Articles in National Journals

- 5.1** Yılmaz, . O., & Bayrak, F. (2022). Ahlak Psikolojisine Giriş: Temel Kavramlar, Kuramsal Yaklaşımlar ve Tartışmalar. *REFLEKTİF Sosyal Bilimler Dergisi*, 3(1), 27-50. <https://doi.org/10.47613/reflektif.2022.53>.
- 5.2** Bayrak, F., Alper, S., & Yılmaz, O. (2021). Çözüm önerisinin itici görülüp görülmemesi kürt sorununu kabul etmeyi etkiliyor mu? *Kalem Uluslararası Eğitim ve İnsan Bilimleri Dergisi* 11(1), 1-20. <https://doi.org/10.23863/kalem.2020.145>.
- 5.3** Yılmaz, O., Bayrak, F., & Alper, S. (2019). Wittgenstein'in psikoloji bilimine dair görüşlerine eleştirel bir bakış. *Current Research in Social Sciences*, 5(2), 130-142. <https://doi.org/10.30613/uresosc.556600>.

6. Books & Book Chapters

- 6.1** Alper, S., & Bayrak, F. (2023). Ahlak psikolojisi ve siyaset: Farklı ahlak anlayışlarının ideolojiler üzerindeki Etkisi. In O. Yılmaz (Ed.), *Ahlakın "Yeni" Soyağacı: Psikolojik ve Evrimsel bir Bakış* (pp. 83-103). Koç Üniversitesi Yayınları.
- 6.2** Bayrak, F. (2022). Sahte Haberin Sosyal Psikolojisi. In M. B. Bulut (Ed.), *Ben, Diğerleri ve Biz: Sosyal Psikoloji* (pp. 1-25). Nobel Akademik Yayıncılık.

7. Presentations

- 7.1** Bayrak, F., Boyacıoğlu, İ., & Yılmaz, O. (2025). *Futbol Taraftarları Ne Kör Ne de Saf: İçgrup Özdeşiminin ve Derin Düşünmenin Yapay Zeka Tarafından Üretilmiş Sahte Haberlere İnanç Üzerindeki Etkileri*. Oral Presentation, 22nd National Psychology Congress, Bursa.
- 7.2** Varol, M. Velioğlu, İ., Bayrak, F., Alper, S., Doğulu, C., Doğruyol, B., İşler, O., & Yılmaz, O. (2025). *Ahlaki Mesajlar İş Birliğini Teşvik Edebilir mi?*. Oral Presentation, 22nd National Psychology Congress, Bursa.
- 7.3** Varol, M., Velioğlu, İ., Bayrak, F., İşler, O., Doğruyol, B., Gaechter, S., & Yılmaz, O. (2025). *Felaketin Psikolojisi: Türkiye-Suriye Depremlerinin İnsan Tutum ve Davranışları Üzerindeki İzleri*. Oral Presentation, 22nd National Psychology Congress, Bursa.
- 7.4** Atik, Ş., Acem, E., Bayrak, F., Doğruyol, B., İşler, O., & Yılmaz, O. (2025).

- Derin Düşünme, İdeoloji ve Dini İnanç*. Oral Presentation, 22nd National Psychology Congress, Bursa.
- 7.5** Bayrak, F., Boyacıoğlu, İ., & Yılmaz, O. (2024). *Derin düşünme sahte haberlere inancı nasıl etkiler?* Oral Presentation, 5th Social Psychology Congress, Ankara.
- 7.6** Bayrak, F. (2022). *COVID-19 belirginliğinin dindarlık ve koruyucu tedbirlerle ilişkisi: Türkiye ve ABD'deki google aramalarının farklı sosyal psikoloji teorilerine dayalı analizi*. Panel Presentation, 4th Social Psychology Congress, İzmir.
- 7.7** Bayrak, F., Çoksan, S., Akarsu, S. A., Sayılan, G., & Sezer, B. (2020). *The spread of fake news in Turkey: Predictors of fake news questioning and sharing*. Oral Presentation, 2020 Annual Scientific Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP), Berlin.
- 7.8** Bayrak, F. (2019). *Science of a lie: Psychology*. Panel Presentation, Başkent University Social Psychology Internship Program, Ankara.
- 7.9** Bayrak, F., Çoksan, S., Akarsu, S. A., & Sayılan, G. (2019) *Kim bu sahte haberleri paylaşıyorlar? Sahte haber paylaşımının psikolojik yordayıcıları*. Panel Presentation, 3rd Social Psychology Congress, İstanbul.
- 7.10** Bayrak, F., Üzümcüker, E., & Kablanoğlu A. (2019). *Erkeklik tehdidi araştırmaları için geçerli bir manipülasyon yönteminin geliştirilmesi*. Data Blitz, 3rd Social Psychology Congress, İstanbul.
- 7.11** Bayrak, F., & Korkmaz L. (2019). *İç grupla özdeşleşme ve iç grup kayırmacılığı arasındaki ilişkide ahlakın düzenleyici rolü*. Data Blitz, 3rd Social Psychology Congress, İstanbul.
- 7.12** Tümer, M., & Bayrak, F. (2019). *Algılanan sosyal destek ve stresle başa çıkma ilişkisine kültürel bir bakış: Doktorlarda takım çalışması*. Poster Presentation, 3rd Social Psychology Congress, İstanbul.
- 7.13** Bayrak, F., & Alper, S. (2018). *"T A M A M" ve "Devam" diyenler vurguladıkları ahlaki boyutlar açısından birbirlerinden nasıl farklılaşıyorlar?*. Oral Presentation, 20th National Psychology Congress, Ankara.
- 7.14** Alper, S., Bayrak, F., Us, E. Ö., & Yılmaz, O. (2018). *Tehdit belirginliğinin cuma hutbelerinde ahlaki vurgulara etkisi*. Oral Presentation, 20th National Psychology Congress, Ankara.

8. Research Projects

- 8.1** How to Increase Social Cooperation against the Threat of Earthquakes?. (2021 – 2024)

Funding: TÜBİTAK 1001

Role: Research Assistant

Team: Onurcan Yılmaz, Canay Dogulu, & Sinan Alper

- 8.2** How to Promote Cooperation under Resource Scarcity? The Moderating Role of Intuitive/Analytical Thinking. (2021 – 2024)

Funding: TÜBİTAK 3501

Role: Research Assistant

Team: Onurcan Yılmaz, Ozan İşler, & Sinan Alper

- 8.3** Religion as Universal Moral Compass: Does Religious Belief Promote Behavioral Consistency Across Moral Domains?. (2022 – 2023)

Funding: Templeton Religion Trust

Role: Researcher

Team: Onurcan Yılmaz, Ozan Isler, Hasan Bahçekapılı, & Burak Doğruyol

- 8.4** New technologies and participatory approaches for disaster resilience. (2021 – 2022)

Funding: UK Royal Academy of Engineering (RAEng)

Role: Researcher

Team: Irene Manzella & Canay Doğulu

- 8.5** How Can We Increase Compliance with Preventive Measures?. The Effect of Personal and Social Benefit Messages. (2020 – 2021)

Funding: TUBİTAK 1001 COVID-19 Special Call

Role: Research Assistant

Team: Onurcan Yılmaz, Ozan İşler, & Sinan Alper

9. Citations

Web of Science: 275, H-index: 6

Google Scholar: 558, H-index: 9

10. Awards

- 10.1** 2250 - Performance-Based Scholarships Programme for PhD and Post-Doc Scholars (Spring, 2024)

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- 10.2** 2250 - Performance-Based Scholarships Programme for PhD and Post-Doc Scholars (Fall, 2024)

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- 10.3** 2250 - Performance-Based Scholarships Programme for PhD and Post-Doc Scholars (Spring, 2023)

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- 10.4** 2250 - Performance-Based Scholarships Programme for PhD and Post-Doc Scholars (Fall, 2023)

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- 10.5** 2250 - Performance-Based Scholarships Programme for PhD and Post-Doc Scholars (Spring, 2022)

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- 10.6** Academic Staff Performance Award (2023)

Ranked #1 across the university among academic staff

Başkent University

- 10.7** Academic Staff Performance Award (2022)

Ranked #1 across the university among academic staff

Başkent University

- 10.8** Young Social Scientists Award - Master's Thesis Category (2022)

Turkish Social Sciences Association

11. Courses Taught

- 11.1** 2025 – 2026 Spring

PSK109 Psikolojide Akademik Yazım

PSK112 Niceliksel Araştırma Yöntemleri I

PSİ112 Araştırma Yöntemleri I

PSY112 Research Methods I

PSK432 Sosyal Yargı ve Karar Alma

PSC500 Advanced Statistics Applications

- 11.2** 2025 – 2026 Fall
PSİ213 Araştırma Yöntemleri II
PSİ313 Ölçme ve Değerlendirme
PSK108 Psikolojide Akademik Okumalar
PSK213 Niceliksel Araştırma Yöntemleri II
PSK315 Psikolojik Ölçme ve Değerlendirme
PSY213 Research Methods II
- 11.3** 2024 – 2025 Fall
PSK109 Psikolojide Akademik Yazım
- 11.4** 2023 – 2024 Fall
PSK211 İstatistik I: Betimleyici İstatistik
PSİ211 Davranış Bilimlerinde İstatistik I
PSY211 Statistics in Behavioral Sciences I
- 11.5** 2022 – 2023 Fall
PSK211 İstatistik I: Betimleyici İstatistik
PSİ211 Davranış Bilimlerinde İstatistik I
PSY211 Statistics in Behavioral Sciences I
- 11.6** 2021 – 2022 Spring
PSK212 İstatistik II: Çıkarsayıcı İstatistik
- 11.7** 2021 – 2022 Fall
PSK211 İstatistik I: Betimleyici İstatistik
- 11.8** 2020 – 2021 Fall
TBF128 Sosyal Psikoloji

12. Memberships

- 12.1** International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP – www.ispp.org)
- 12.2** Psychological Science Accelerator (PSA – www.psyciacc.org)
- 12.3** Moral Intuitions Laboratory (MINT Lab – www.moralintuitionslab.com)
- 12.4** Turkish Psychological Association (TPD – www.psikolog.org.tr)