

Duygu Merve Uysal

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Current Employment

Lecturer, Institute of Political Science, Leiden University

2025–Present

Research Interests

political psychology, political behaviour, public opinion, anti-immigrant attitudes, experimental research, research methodology

Education

PhD in Political Science (Joint doctorate)

2022–2026 (expected)

University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands

Advisors: Imke Harbers, Evelyn Ersanilli

PhD in Political Science and International Relations (Joint doctorate)

2019–2026 (expected)

Koç University, Turkiye

Advisor: Sedef Turper

Major fields: Comparative Politics and Research Methods, International Relations

GPA: 3.89/4.00

MA in Political Science and International Relations

2016–2019

Yeditepe University, Turkiye

High Honours, GPA: 3.94/4.00

Dissertation: Prejudice toward Syrian refugees in Turkey: The effects of empathy and perceived threat

Defense Committee: Aylin Aydın-Cakir (Advisor), Cengiz Erişen, Zeynep Cemalcılar

BA in Psychology (Double Major)

2013–2016

Yeditepe University, Turkiye

High Honours, GPA: 3.62/4.00

Graduation Project: Personality characteristics: Authoritarianism and openness to experience in shaping political activism

Advisor: Sevda Numanbayraktaroğlu (Comparative Human Development, University of Chicago)

BA in Political Science and International Relations

2011–2015

Yeditepe University, Turkiye

High Honours, GPA: 3.65/4.00

Publications

Peer-reviewed journals

Erişen, C., & Uysal, D. M. (2025). Perceived threat, compassion, and public evaluations toward refugees. *Political Psychology*, 42(6), 321–344. doi:10.1111/pops.13010

Uysal, D. M., & Turper, S. (2024). Cutting in line ahead of us: the role of group relative deprivation in shaping gatekeeping attitudes across different immigrant integration contexts in Europe. *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, 51(5), 1098–1119.

doi:10.1080/1369183X.2024.2401040

Uysal, D. M. & Aydin-Cakir, A. (2020). An experimental study on the variation of attitudes towards Syrian refugees in Turkey. *Marmara Üniversitesi Siyasal Bilimler Dergisi*, 8(2), 274–296. doi:10.14782/marmarasbd.699422

Book chapters

Aydin-Cakir, A. & Uysal, D. M. (2023). Karşılaştırmalı siyaset biliminde araştırma yöntemleri: Comparative political studies dergisinin analizi (1990-2020). In A. Çarkoğlu, E. Erdoğan, M. Moral (Eds.) *Türkiye siyasetinin sınırları: Siyasal davranış, kurumlar ve kültür*. İstanbul Bilgi Üniversitesi Yayınları.

Aydin-Cakir, A. & Uysal, D. M. (2020). Explaining de jure judicial independence: Evidence from two MENA countries. In V. Ipek & E. Ilter-Akarcay (Eds.) *To democratize or not? Trials and tribunals in the postcolonial world* (pp. 81-105). Cambridge Scholars Publishing.

Experience

Graduate Teaching Assistant 2019–2023

Department of Political Science and International Relations, Koç University

Courses: Research Methods (MA), Research Methods in Social Sciences (BA), International Organizations and Non-Governmental Organizations (BA)

Doctoral Researcher 2019–2023

Project: Interactive Social Integration Model for Migration Management in Turkey (funded by TUBITAK 1003)

Migration Research Center at Koç University (MiReKoc)

Junior Researcher 2018

Project: Judicial Independence and Constitution Writing Processes from a Comparative Perspective (funded by Science Academy [BAGEP])

Department of Political Science and International Relations, Yeditepe University

Conference presentations

Migration and Societal Change Conference, Utrecht, the Netherlands 2025

Politologenetmaal , Groningen, the Netherlands	2025
Politologenetmaal , Maastricht, the Netherlands	2024
5th International ESS Conference , Lisbon, Portugal	2024
ECPR General Conference , Prague, Czech Republic	2023
Politologenetmaal , Leuven, Belgium	2023
19th IMISCOE Annual Conference , Oslo, Norway	2023
45th ISPP Annual Meeting , Athens, Greece	2022
44th ISPP Annual Meeting , Virtual	2021
43th ISPP Annual Meeting , Virtual	2020
26th International Conference of Europeanists , Madrid, Spain	2019
International Tricontinental Conference , Istanbul, Turkiye	2016
International Migration in the 21st Century Conference , Istanbul, Turkiye	2016

Extra Trainings

Comparative Social Research with Multi-Group SEM GESIS Spring Seminar, Cologne, Germany <i>Instructors:</i> Daniel Seddig, Eldad Davidov, Peter Schmidt, Yannick Diehl	March 2023
Structural Equation Modelling: An Introduction ECPR Winter School, Virtual <i>Instructor:</i> Bart Meuleman	February 2022
ISPP Summer Academy International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP), Virtual <i>Instructors:</i> George E. Marcus, Stanley Feldman, Leonie Huddy, Felicia Pratto, Nick Valentino, Tereza Capelos, Pedro Magalhães, Fernanda Paula, Martins E. Castro, Kate Reynolds	July 2019
Summer School in Political Psychology: Ideology and Partisanship Central European University, Budapest <i>Instructors:</i> Levente Littvay, Stanley Feldman, Leonie Huddy, Cengiz Erişen, Elif Erişen, Erin Jenne, Zsolt Enyedi, Gabor Simonvits	July 2019
Introduction to R Summer Workshop Koç University, Istanbul	July 2019
Koç University Office of Learning and Teaching Training Program Koç University, Istanbul	2019

Scholarships

TUBITAK (2213B) Overseas Joint PhD Scholarship	March 2023–March 2025
TUBITAK (ARDEB) PhD Researcher Scholarship	2019–2022
Koç University Full Scholarship (PhD) Political Science and International Relations	2019–2026
Yeditepe University Full Scholarship (MA) Political Science and International Relations	2015–2018
Yeditepe University Full Scholarship (BA) Psychology (Double Major)	2013–2016
Yeditepe University Full Scholarship (BA) Political Science and International Relations	2010–2015

Software

R, STATA, SPSS, MPlus, Qualtrics Survey Design