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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Migration and asylum policies · EU–Türkiye relations · Irregular migration · Border management · Human smuggling and trafficking · New technologies and migration governance · Citizenship · External relations of the EU · EU–Morocco relations · Internationalization of higher education · Recognition of prior learning · EU grants, project planning and management (since 2002)

CURRENT POSITIONS

Founding Director NEFES AI Software Technologies Ltd.	2025–present
Professor of International Relations & Vice-Dean for Research <i>Istinye University, Faculty of Economics, Administrative and Social Sciences</i>	2023–present
Affiliated Scholar <i>Migration Research Center at Koç University (MiReKoç)</i>	2023–present
Member, Board of Directors Groningen Declaration Network	2023–2027
Committee Member <i>UNESCO Türkiye – Management of Social Transformations (MOST) Migration Group</i>	2018–present

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

Faculty Member <i>Yaşar University, İzmir, Türkiye</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– UNESCO Chair on International Migration at Yaşar University — Founding Director (2016–2023)– Chair, Department of International Relations (2019–2021)– European Union Research Center — Founding Director (2005–2015)– Erasmus/ECTS Institutional Coordinator (2005–2015)	2007–2023
Research Assistant <i>Middle East Technical University (METU/ODTÜ), Center for European Studies, Ankara</i>	2002–2005
Correspondent (part-time) <i>Turkish Daily News, İzmir</i>	1997–2000

EDUCATION & FELLOWSHIPS

PhD, International Relations <i>Middle East Technical University, Ankara</i> 2012	Senior Visiting Scholar <i>SciencesPo CERI, France</i> July 2023
MSc, European Studies <i>Middle East Technical University</i>	Post-doctoral Research Fellow (Marie Curie Project IRSES) <i>University of Pittsburgh, USA</i> 2015
BSc, International Relations <i>Dokuz Eylül University, İzmir</i>	PhD Research Fellow <i>University of California, Berkeley, USA</i> 2009
Associate degree, Jurisprudence <i>Anadolu University, Faculty of Open Education</i> 2018–2020	Researcher (Ministry of Agriculture, NL Grant) <i>Wageningen University, Netherlands</i> 2004

PUBLICATIONS

Book (Monograph)

Yıldız, A. (2016). *The European Union's Immigration Policy: Managing Migration in Turkey and Morocco*. Palgrave Macmillan: London. [Nominated for the Best Books Prize 2016 by UACES]

Edited Book

Yıldız, A. (ed.) (2019). *Integration of Refugee Students in European Higher Education: Comparative Country Cases*. Izmir: Yaşar University Publications. ISBN: 978-975-6339-71-8.

Book Chapters

- Yıldız, A. and Pavlikha, N. (forthcoming). "Border-Cities from Crossroads to Confluence: Unraveling the Historical Legacies and Political Economy of Displacement in Edirne (Türkiye) and Lutsk (Ukraine)." Liverpool University Press.
- Icduygu, A. and Yıldız, A. (forthcoming). "Stratified Pluralism in Istanbul: Migration, History, and the Reconfiguration of Urban Diversity." Liverpool University Press.
- Yıldız, A. (2025). "[Deprem ve Afet Yönetiminde Üniversitelerin Rolü](#)" [Role of Higher Education Institutions in Earthquake and Disaster Management]. In F. Erenel and B. Buyun (eds.), *Depreme Disiplinlerarası Bakış*. İstinye Üniversitesi Yayınları, 370–383.
- Kirişçi, K. and Yıldız, A. (2024). "[Türkiye'nin Son Yüzyıldaki İltica Politikaları: Süreklilik, Değişim ve Çelişkiler](#)." In D. Ergin and Y. Kader (eds.), *6458 Sayılı Yabancılar ve Uluslararası Koruma Kanunu'nun 10. Yılında Türkiye'de Uluslararası Koruma ve Göç*. Oniki Levha Yayınevi, 15–56.
- Yıldız, A. (2023). "[Access and Integration of Refugees into Higher Education: A Turkish Inclusive Approach](#)." In H. Pinson, N. Bunar and D. Devine (eds.), *Research Handbook on Migration and Education*. Edward Elgar Publishing, 370–383.
- Kirişçi, K. and Yıldız, A. (2023). "[Turkey's Migration Management Regimes](#)." In A. Özerdem and A. E. Ozturk (eds.), *A Companion to Modern Turkey's Centennial*. Edinburgh University Press, 674–693.
- Turhan, E. and Yıldız, A. (2022). "[Turkey's External Differentiated Integration with the EU in the Field of Migration Governance: The Case of Border Management](#)." In B. Leruth, S. Gänzle and J. Trondal (eds.), *The Routledge Handbook of Differentiation in the European Union*. Routledge, 502–518.
- Yıldız, A. (2022). "[Göç/Migration](#)," "[Göçmen/Migrant](#)," "[Sığınmacı/Asylum Seeker](#)," "[Mülteci/Refugee](#)." In Y. Saraç (ed.), *Sosyal Bilimler Ansiklopedisi/Social Sciences Encyclopaedia*. TUBITAK.
- Yıldız, A. and Üstübcü, A. (2020). "[Emek Göçü, Sınırlar ve COVID-19 Pandemisi](#)" / Labour Migration, Borders and COVID-19 Pandemic." In E. Uzgören and A. Acar (eds.), *Küreselleşmenin Krizi, Pandemi ve Uluslararası Siyaset*. Nobel Publications: Ankara, 133–164.
- Yıldız, A. (2020). "[AB–Türkiye İlişkilerinde Geri Kabul Süreçleri: Kurumsal Yaklaşım ve Uygulamalar / Readmission Processes in EU–Türkiye Relations](#)." In S. Sallan Gül, S. Dedeoğlu and Ö. Kahya Nizam (eds.), *Türkiye'de Göç, Göçmenlik ve Sosyal Uyum*. Bağlam Publications, 123–146.
- Yıldız, A. (2019). "[Turkey](#)." In A. Yıldız (ed.), *Integration of Syrian Students into Turkish Higher Education*. Yaşar University Publications, 77–94.
- Yıldız, A. (2018). "[Political Economy of Morocco: Is the EU an Anchor for Neo-Liberal Restructuring?](#)" In Ö. Ü. Eriş and A. S. İkiz (eds.), *Political Economy of Muslim Countries*. Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 80–102.
- Yıldız, A. (2016). "[Activity Planning, Resource Planning and Budget](#)." In H. Toker, Ç. İnceoğlu, A. Yıldız, G. Ozerim and Ö. Koçtaş (eds.), *Project Design: Open Course Book*. Izmir. ISBN: 978-975-6339-52-7.
- Türker, D. and Yıldız, A. (2015). "Göçmenlerde Sosyo-Psikolojik Entegrasyon Analizi" [Socio-Psychological Integration Analysis for Migrants]. In B. D. Şeker, M. Göregenli and İ. Sirkeci (eds.), *Türkiye'de Göç, Kültürleşme ve Uyum*. TPLONDON, 23–34.
- Türker, D., Özerim, G. and Yıldız, A. (2014). "Social Entrepreneurship in Turkey: Challenges and Opportunities." In C. Parra (ed.), *Crisis y Economía Solidaria*. JB Bosch Editor, 163–179.
- Yıldız, A. and Özerim, G. (2013). "Corporate Social Responsibility in the European Context." In D. Turker and H. Toker (eds.), *Contemporary Issues in Corporate Social Responsibility*. Lexington Books, 43–55.
- Yıldız, A. (2013). "Theoretical Analysis of Turkey–EU Relations after the Lisbon Treaty: Alignment through 'Europeanization' or 'Differentiated Integration?'" In S. Hursoy (ed.), *Turkey's Quest for the EU: Membership Towards 2023*. Ege University Publications.
- Yıldız, A. (2013). "European Corporate Governance Institute." In S. O. Idowu, N. Capaldi, A. das Gupta and L. Zu (eds.), *Encyclopedia of Corporate Social Responsibility*. Springer-Verlag Berlin Heidelberg, 1095–1097.
- Yıldız, A. (2013). "European Urban Charter 1992 and 2008." In S. O. Idowu et al. (eds.), *Encyclopedia of Corporate Social Responsibility*. Springer-Verlag Berlin Heidelberg, 1104–1111.
- Oskam, A., Longworth, N. and Yıldız, A. (2005). "[Turkey's Economy and Regional Income Distribution](#)." In A. Oskam and A. Burrell (eds.), *Turkey in the European Union: Implications for Agricultural, Food, and Structural Policy*. CABI Publications.
- Yıldız, A. (2007). "Theoretical Analysis of European Enlargement: Rationalism and Constructivism." In M. Demiray and H. İnanç (eds.), *The Changes and Transformations in the Socio-Economic and Political Structure of Türkiye within the EU Negotiations*. Ekin Basım, Ankara.
- Yıldız, A. (2003). "Demography Challenges Welfare in Italy: Is Immigration a Solution? Case of Pension System." In G. Burgio (ed.), *Researching Europe: The European Integration by the View of Young Researchers*. METU Press, Ankara.

Refereed Journal Articles

- Yıldız, A. and Nargül, S. (2026). "[Lived Citizenship Beyond Legal Status: Afghan Migrants, Memory, and Mobility](#)." *Journal of International Migration and Integration*.
- Yıldız, A. and Acar, A. (2024). "[Artificial Intelligence and Migration Governance: Navigating Cooperation and Complexity in European Union–Türkiye Relations](#)." *Middle East Technical University Studies in Development*, 51(2), 191–209. <https://izlik.org/JA42MY76FF>
- Yıldız, A., Gürel, A. and Gürel, M. (2024). "[Migrants as Agency in Placemaking: A Socio-Spatial Analysis of Basmane Area in İzmir, Türkiye](#)." *Wellbeing, Space and Society*, 7. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.wss.2024.100222>
- Yıldız, A. (2023). "[Inclusive Approach of Türkiye on Access and Integration of Refugees to Higher Education](#)." *BILIG*, 197–222.
- te Lintelo, D., Yıldız, A., Gürel, M., Khan, S., Siviş, S., Cun, P. and Mull, R. (2023). "[Protracted Urban Displacement and Incremental Housing Infrastructures in Torbalı, Turkey](#)." *International Journal of Housing Policy*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/19491247.2023.2245213>
- Siviş, S. and Yıldız, A. (2023). "[Constructions of Multi-layered Deservingness Frames Towards Refugees in İzmir's Everyday Work Life](#)." *Journal of Refugee Studies*. DOI: 10.1093/jrs/fead035.
- Kirişçi, K. and Yıldız, A. (2023). "[Turkey's Asylum Policies over the Last Century: Continuity, Change and Contradictions](#)." *Turkish Studies*, 24(3–4), 522–549. DOI: 10.1080/14683849.2023.2178306.
- Yıldız, A. and Turhan, E. (2022). "[Entegre Sınır Yönetimi ve FRONTEX ile İlişkiler Bağlamında Türkiye'nin AB ile Harici Farklılaştırılmış Entegrasyonu](#) / Türkiye's External Differentiated Integration with the EU in the Context of Integrated Border Management." *İstanbul Ticaret Üniversitesi Sosyal Bilimler Dergisi*, 21, Special Issue, 211–231.
- Yıldız, A. and Izmirlioglu, A. (2022). "[Türkiye'de Yaşayan Uluslararası Koruma ve Geçici Koruma Statüsündeki Yabancıların Çalışma İzni, İş Sözleşmeleri, Diploma Denklik ve Meslek İcrasına İlişkin Durumların Hukuki Açidan Değerlendirilmesi](#) / Legal Assessment of Foreigners under International and Temporary Protection Regarding Work Permits, Job Contracts, Diploma Equivalency and Professional Practice." *Ankara Üniversitesi Hukuk Fakültesi Dergisi*, 71(1), 25–63.
- Yıldız, A. (2021). "[Brexit, Göç ve Avrupa Bütünleşme Süreci](#) / Brexit, Migration and European Integration Process." *Ankara Avrupa Çalışmaları Dergisi*, 20, Special Issue on Brexit, 69–94.
- Yıldız, A. (2021). "[Impact of the EU–Turkey Statement on Smugglers' Operations in the Aegean and Migrants' Decisions to Engage with Smugglers](#)." *International Migration*, 59(4), 141–157. <https://doi.org/10.1111/imig.12767>
- Yıldız, A. and Uzgören, E. (2016). "[Limits to Temporary Protection: Non-camp Syrian Refugees in İzmir, Turkey](#)." *Southeast European and Black Sea Studies*, 16(2), 195–211. <https://doi.org/10.1080/14683857.2016.1165492>
- Yıldız, A. (2017). "[Göç ve Entegrasyon Politikalarında Vatandaşlık](#) / Citizenship in Migration and Integration Policies." *Göç Araştırmaları Dergisi*, 3(1), 36–67.
- Yıldız, A. (2008). "Incorporating Migration to the European Neighbourhood Policy under Demographic Challenges." *Journal of Yaşar University*, 9(3).

Research Reports

- Yıldız, A. (2026, forthcoming). "The Role and Impact of People under International and Temporary Protection in the Labor Market of the Manufacturing Sector in Türkiye."
- Yıldız, A. (2025). "Use of Social Media, Freedom of Press in Afghanistan, Iraq and Iran." UNHCR.
- Mutlu, Y. and Yıldız, A. (2024). "[Gender Mainstreaming in the Context of Migration in Türkiye](#)." Council of Europe.
- Yıldız, A. (2024). "Alternatives to Administrative Detention." IOM Türkiye.
- Toker, H. and Yıldız, A. (2022). "[Gender Equality and Social Cohesion in Iraq](#)." Yaşar University UNESCO Chair on International Migration Report Series 2.
- Yıldız, A. and Genç, C. (2022). "[Women Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons in Iraq](#)." Yaşar University UNESCO Chair on International Migration Report Series 2.
- Yıldız, A. (2021). "[Göçmenlerle Çalışanlar için Kültürlerarası İletişim](#) / Intercultural Communication for Service Providers Working with Migrants and Asylum-seekers." IOM Türkiye: Ankara.
- Yıldız, A. (2020). "Country of Origin Booklet." IOM Türkiye: Ankara.
- Yıldız, A. (2019). "[Suriye Uyruklu Öğrencilerin Yükseköğretime Katılımları](#) / Integration of Syrians in Higher Education in Türkiye." Yaşar University Publications. ISBN: 978-975-6339-76-3.
- Yıldız, A. (2018). "Needs Analysis Report of Readmission Centers." Directorate General Migration Management, Ankara.
- Yıldız, A. and Bartan, A. (2018). "[Tarımda Mevsimlik Göçmen ve Mülteci İşçiler: Çalıştay Raporu](#) / Workshop Report on Seasonal Migrant/Refugee Workers in Agriculture." ISBN: 978-975-6339-73-2.
- Yıldız, A. (2017). "[Perception of Smuggling Business and Decision-Making Processes of Migrants](#)." International Organization for Migration (IOM): Ankara.

Policy Briefs

- Editor, YU UNESCO Chair on International Migration Policy Brief Series, ISSN: 2619-9440 (2018–2023).
- Siviş, S. and Yıldız, A. (2019). "[Syrian Refugees' Engagement in the Local Labour Market in İzmir, Türkiye: Perspectives of Employers and Evidence-Based Policy Recommendations](#)." Policy Brief 2(1). Yaşar University UNESCO Chair on International Migration.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE (SINCE 2006)

- Artificial Intelligence and Migration Governance
- Theories of International Relations
- Sustainability and Development
- International Migration
- EU–Türkiye Relations
- Turkish Economy and the EU
- International Migration and the EU
- Politics of Migration
- EU Grants and Project Management (EU Jean Monnet Module)
- Sustainable Development Goals and Transversal Skills
- Introduction to Political Science
- Economic Integration and the EU
- EU, Türkiye and Customs Union

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (SELECTED)

- "Understanding the Role of History, Collective Memory and Space in Afghan Mobility Decisions: A Decentered Approach." IMISCOE, Paris, July 3, 2025.
- "Access and Integration of Refugees to Higher Education" (with C. Genç). EURIE Summit 2024, Istanbul, February 29, 2024.
- "[Uluslararası Öğrencilerin Kültürleşme Stresi ve Kültürleşme Durumları: Ege ve Güneydoğu Anadolu Bölgelerinden Örnekler](#)" (with H. Gülerce, Ö. Ozan and F. Ünal). Congress on International Migration and Migrants in Higher Education, Mardin Artuklu University, October 25, 2022.
- "[Push Backs in the Aegean and Border Management](#)." Migration and Asylum Symposium, Namık Kemal University, Tekirdağ, June 20, 2022.
- "Protracted Urban Displacement and Incremental Housing Infrastructures in Torbalı, Türkiye" (with D. te Lintelo). Utrecht University, February 18, 2022.
- "[Turkey's External Differentiated Integration with the EU in the Field of Migration Governance: The Case of Border Management](#)" (with E. Turhan). ECPR General Conference, August 31, 2021.
- "[Impacts of COVID-19 Pandemic on Informal Jobs and Housing Conditions among Citizens and Refugees: The Case of İzmir](#)" (with D. te Lintelo). Citizenship in Pandemic Times, University of Edinburgh, June 11, 2021.
- Poster presentation "Developing Integration Policy for Refugees through Mobile Phone Data Analysis" (with İ. Zıncır, T. A. Rana and D. A. Açar). Data for Refugees Challenge, 2019.
- "Migration and Diaspora Policy in EU–Turkey Relations: Latest Trends and Impact." 6th Joint Conference: New Political Challenges for Germany, Türkiye and the EU, Turkish-German University, Istanbul, May 3, 2019.
- "Controversial Impacts of EU's Externalization of Migration Policy towards Turkey: The Case of EU–Turkey Statement." IEMed Interdisciplinary Research Seminar, Barcelona, April 2–3, 2019.
- "Inclusion or Exclusion from Turkish Labour Market: An Ethnographic Analysis of Syrians in Izmir" (with S. Siviş). World Congress for Middle Eastern Studies, Seville, July 19, 2018.
- "[Strengthening the Evidence Base on Migrant Smuggling](#)." Regional Conference on Counter Migrant Smuggling, Government of Türkiye and IOM, Istanbul, July 6, 2018.
- "Policy Implications of Counter-Migrant Smuggling Research." IOM Azerbaijan, Baku, October 31–November 1, 2018.
- "From Regional Crisis to Policy Formulation: Repercussions of the Refugee Crisis on EU–Turkey Relations." Fifth Global International Studies Conference, Taipei, April 1–3, 2017.
- "Internationalisation of Higher Education in Europe: Prospects and Challenges of Forced Migration." Keynote Speaker, EAIE Spotlight Seminar, Amsterdam, June 9–10, 2016.
- "Turkey's Evolving Immigration Policy and its Implications on Turkey–EU Relations." 2nd Turkish-German Frontiers of Social Science Symposium, Gelsenkirchen, November 24–27, 2016.
- "Migration as a Challenge: A New Episode in Turkey–EU Relations." International Migration and Diplomacy, Koç University MiReKoç and Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, May 18, 2016.
- "Rethinking the Asylum Policies in the EU: Lessons from the Syrian Crisis" (with A. Eralp). EUSA Conference, Boston, March 5–7, 2015.
- "Turkey's Changing Foreign Policy in the Middle East and its Implications on the Management of Migration Practices." FLASCO–ISA Joint International Conference, Buenos Aires, July 23–25, 2014.
- "Conceptualization of External Dimension of EU Immigration Policy: Case of Turkey." ISA Annual Conference, San Francisco, April 6, 2013.
- "Analysis of European Integration: Towards a Constructivist Europe?" International Symposium, Dumlupınar University & Zentrum für Türkeistiftung–Uni. Essen Duisburg, Kütahya, March 16–18, 2006.
- "Enlargement and Migration." Second Pan-European Conference on EU Politics, ECPR, Bologna, June 24–26, 2004.
- "Labour Migration and its Implications for the Future of Europe under Demographic Challenges." Third METU Conference on International Relations, Ankara, May 24–26, 2004.
- "Comparative Analysis of European and American Perceptions in the Middle East: Towards a New Transatlantic Relationship." Second METU Conference on International Relations, June 23–25, 2003.

PANEL, WORKSHOP & SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS (SELECTED)

- Workshop: [Evidence-Informed Policymaking](#), by British Academy and National Research Foundation (invited), Pretoria, South Africa, February 3, 2026.
- Workshop: [Türkiye'de Uluslararası ve Geçici Koruma Altındaki Kişilerin İş ve İşgücü Piyasasındaki Rolü ve Etkisi](#) (The Role and Impact of People under International and Temporary Protection in the Labor Market in Türkiye), Isparta, 28-29 April, 2025.
- Panel: "Research and Practice on AI and Migration Governance." University of East London, September 6, 2024.
- Seminar: ["Contested Dynamics of Migrant Integration, Identity Documentation, and Irregular Migration: Case of Afghans in the EU."](#) SciencesPo, Paris, February 5, 2024.
- Workshop: "Protracted Urban Displacement and Incremental Housing Infrastructures in Torbalı, Türkiye." Utrecht University, February 18, 2022.
- Seminar: ["Migration and Izmir: The Urban–Rural Nexus."](#) Yaşar University, WHIT Research Project Findings, November 19, 2021.
- Panel: "Migration Governance in Türkiye: Persistent Policy Themes and Evolving Models." UNESCO MOST Committee, March 25, 2021.
- Panel: "COVID-19 Pandemic and Impact on Migration Governance." UNESCO MOST Committee, December 18, 2020.
- Panel: ["From Temporary Protection to Citizenship: Legislation and Practice."](#) October 22, 2020.
- Workshop: "Integration of Syrian Students in Higher Education." Gaziantep University, November 1–2, 2019.
- Panel: "Working with Translators in Migration Field." Yaşar University Translation Club, March 8, 2019.
- Workshop: "Syrians under Temporary Protection in Torbalı." Torbalı District Governor / Turkish Red Crescent Izmir Community Center, March 5, 2019.
- Workshop: "Global Compact on Migration: Who is In, Who is Out, Why?" Turkish-Japanese Joint Research Workshop, Izmir, February 19, 2019.
- Workshop: "Integrating Refugees into the Turkish Higher Education System." December 5, 2018, Izmir.
- Seminar: "Integration, Citizenship and Conceptual Debates." Turkish Red Crescent İzmir Community Center, December 27, 2018.
- Panel: "The Role of Psychology in Migrant Interviews and the Need for Multi-disciplinary Approach." 3rd Izmir Nuri Bilgin Psychology Days, May 25, 2017.
- Panel: "Migration as a Challenge in EU–Türkiye Relations." Yaşar University, May 9, 2016.
- Seminar: "EU Grants as Means of Supporting Research and Fostering European Networks in Turkeyürkiye." A-NEST, Yaşar University, October 23, 2015.
- Panel: "Challenges for the Enlarged Europe." Austrian Institute for International Affairs, May 8–9, 2008.
- Panel: "Incorporating Migration to the European Neighbourhood Policy under Demographic Challenges." University of Genoa, May 29–June 3, 2007.

INVITED SPEAKER (SELECTED)

- Responsible AI in Migration Governance: Promoting Peace, Security, and Humanitarian Values in Europe, Flemish Peace Institute, Brussels, 7-9 May, 2025.
- Workshop on [Migration Corridors](#), Boston University, October 17–18, 2024.
- [Groningen Declaration Network Annual Meeting](#), UC San Diego, October 7–9, 2024.
- [Building on HIDDEN Network](#), Brussels, June 4, 2024.
- "European Qualifications, Refugees and Recognition: Good Practice and Current Challenges." Norwegian Directorate for Higher Education and Skills, November 22, 2023.
- "External Voices." Global Network Education Youth Conference, GIZ, Istanbul, 2023.
- Keynote: "Utilizing Digital Mobilization to Foster Qualifications Recognition for Displaced Populations." Groningen Declaration Network, Jordan, October 17–19, 2023.
- "Climate Change and the Impact of Food Crisis on Migration." UNHCR, Antalya, September 27, 2022.
- ["Diversity, Peace, and Religious Pluralism in the EU and Globally."](#) EU External Relations, GERIS Network, Brussels, October 27, 2022.
- "Irregular Migration: Security and Migration." UNHCR / Friedrich Naumann Foundation, Human Rights Academy, July 26, 2022.
- "Effects of Food Crisis and Climate Change on Migration." High-Level Roundtable. [BUSINESSatOECD, Peace for Food](#), Paris, July 13, 2022.
- "Xenophobia." Mardin Artuklu University, June 24, 2022.
- Summer School: "Migration, Border Management and Security." Social Sciences University of Ankara / IOM Türkiye, June 14, 2022.
- "Irregular Migration and Mobilities at the Mediterranean Basin." EuroMedMig National Workshop – MiReKoç / Koç University, June 2, 2022.
- "Irregular Migration and Türkiye." FIEP (International Association of Gendarmeries and Police Forces with Military Status), Ankara, May 25, 2022.

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- "War and Displacement: Case of Ukraine." Lesya Ukrainka Volyn National University, May 20, 2022.
 - "Migration Governance in Türkiye." Aegean Region Chamber of Industry, August 23, 2021.
 - "Irregular Migration and Migrant Smuggling in Türkiye." Süleyman Demirel University, Isparta, December 24, 2020.
 - "Irregular Migration Course: Migrant Smuggling." NATO Maritime Security Center of Excellence / National Defense University, October 13–15 and December 16, 2020.
 - "Pandemic, Borders and Labour Migration" (with A. Üstübcü). IGAM Migration Agenda, December 14, 2020.
 - "Migrant Smuggling in Türkiye." IGAM TV Migration Agenda, June 22, 2020.
 - "Migration Policies in Europe and Syria Crisis." Muğla Sıtkı Koçman University, December 19, 2019.
 - "Designing a Community Center for Migrants." Yaşar University, Department of Interior Architecture, September 25, 2019.
 - "Controversial Impacts of EU's Externalization of Migration Policy towards Türkiye: The Case of EU–Türkiye Statement." IEMed, Barcelona, April 2–3, 2019.
 - "Policy Implications of Counter-Migrant Smuggling Research." IOM Azerbaijan, Baku, October 31–November 1, 2018.
 - "Migration Management in Türkiye: Actors and Practices." Anadolu University, Eskişehir, April 30, 2018.
 - Keynote: "Smart Phones: The Friend and Guide of Refugees on Their Perilous Journey." Polytechnic Institute of Setúbal, Portugal, May 15, 2017.
 - "Preparing Project Proposals for International Funding Programmes." Anadolu University, Eskişehir, March 17, 2017.
 - "EU Grant Programmes as an Integration Tool in EU–Türkiye Relations." Aegean Industrialists and Businessmen Association, Izmir, December 22, 2016.
 - "Migration and Integration Policies." Izmir DG Migration Management, December 16, 2016.
 - "Conflicts on NATO's South-eastern Flank: Migration and Violent Extremism." NATO Allied Land Command, Izmir, May 27, 2016.
 - "Challenges for European Asylum Policy: People and Crisis in Limbo." DAAD (Ankara), May 24, 2016.
 - "Not Yet a Common Asylum Policy of the EU but an External One." Middle East Technical University, March 21, 2016.
 - "Refugees in Izmir: In Transit, Stranded or Settling Down? Account from a Key Migration Hub in Türkiye." University of Oxford, March 18, 2016.
 - "Irregular Migration and Border Management." Edirne DG Migration Management, October 27, 2015.
 - "Geography as Destiny: Turkey?" The World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh, March 2015.
 - "How Should Recognition be Reflected in Transcripts and Diploma Supplements?" Turkish National Agency / Ege University, May 7, 2013.
 - "FP7 Programme IRSES: A Real Success Story of EUGLOBAL Project." TUBITAK, November 29, 2012.
 - "Placements/Internships in Developing Higher Education Curricula and New Skills for Students." Yaşar University International Cooperation in Higher Education Seminar, October 19, 2012.
 - "Yaşar University as Good Practice in Using ECTS and Intensive Programme Projects." Turkish National Agency, April 8–9, 2010.

INVITED GUEST LECTURES ABROAD

- Eastern European University (Ukraine): "Regulatory Policy of the EU: Content and Structure" (25 January 2023; 8 March 2023); "PCM, Project Budget, Financial Reporting, Dissemination, Evaluation and Sustainability" (1–2 June 2017; 2 June 2018; 30 May 2019). Jean Monnet Chair / Jean Monnet Module team member.
- University of Peloponnese (Greece): "Migration in the Mediterranean: Lessons from the Syrian Refugee Crisis" (December 2015, 2016, 2017); "Turkish Foreign Policy and Aspirations to be a Regional Power in the Mediterranean" (December 2015, 2016, 2017; February 2019).
- Università di Torino (Italy): "Migration as a Challenge in EU–Turkey Relations: Sharing Field Study Research Findings from Izmir" (MEDMIG Project Results). November 17, 2016.
- University of Pittsburgh (USA), Department of Sociology: "EU's Immigration and Asylum Policy." Invited lecture in the course "Sociology of Immigration," April 16, 2015.
- University of Pittsburgh Global Studies Center and Carnegie Mellon University (USA): "Turkey: A Regional Power within its Everlasting Accession Quest to the EU?" March 2015.
- University of Pittsburgh: "Conceptualization of External Dimension of EU Immigration Policy: Case of Turkey." April 13, 2013.
- University of Rome Tor Vergata (Italy): "The Future of Energy Policies in Europe." June 2008.
- Artevelde Hogeschool (Belgium): "European Enlargement and Turkey." December 6–10, 2010; April 16–20, 2007.
- University of Applied Sciences, Hochschule Bremen (Germany): "Preparing and Monitoring EU Funded Projects." November 2006.
- Zaragoza University (Spain): "EU–Turkey Relations." May 2006.
- University of Rome La Sapienza (Italy): "Prospects for the Accession of Turkey to the EU." June 5, 2003.

TRAINING COURSES DELIVERED

Trainings offered to law enforcement agencies in Türkiye (organized by IOM, UNHCR and ICMPD):

- Migration Policy and Practices in the EU
- AI-driven Migration Practices and Policies
- Use of Artificial Intelligence in Migration Governance
- Irregular Migration and Border Management
- Combating Migrant Smuggling and Human Trafficking
- Working with Vulnerable Groups
- Child Protection in the Context of Migration
- Strengthening the Administrative Capacity of Readmission Centers in Türkiye
- Intercultural Communication
- Country of Origin Information: Morocco
- Rescue Operations in the Mediterranean
- Child-friendly Information for Children in Migration
- Identification of Victims of Human Trafficking in the Context of Migration and Border Management

Trainings offered to Higher Education Institutions:

- Project Planning and Management
- Preparing Project Proposals for Erasmus+ Strategic Partnership Programme and Jean Monnet Actions
- Bologna Process at Higher Education Institutions

RESEARCH PROJECTS & CONSULTANCIES

- Co-PI, "[Co-designing Learning for Evidence-based Climate Policy in Marmara's Municipalities \(CLEMM\)](#)." British Academy, 2025–2026.
- Project Coordinator, "[UNESCO MOST School on AI and Migration Governance](#)." UNESCO, 2024–2025.
- Consultant, Country of Origin Guide / Menşe Ülke Bilgisi. UNHCR, 2024–2025.
- Consultant, "Analysis of Migration Challenges, Needs and Opportunities: Country Report Türkiye." ICMPD, 2023.
- Consultant, "Gender Mainstreaming in the Context of Migration." Council of Europe, 2023.
- Consultant, "Analysis on Alternatives to Administrative Detention." IOM, 2023.
- Working Group Member, EU COST-Action: "[History of Identity Documentation in European Nations: Citizenship, Nationality and Migration](#) (2022–2026)." Coordinated by Maynooth University, Ireland.
- Working Group Member, PEACE, Peace Research Community Europe.
- Consultant, "Social Cohesion and Women Empowerment in Iraq." SPARK Netherlands, 2021–2022.
- Consultant, "Migrant Smuggling and Human Rights Education Module." Council of Europe, 2022.
- Consultant, "Human Trafficking: Developing a Social Cohesion Methodology for Migrants in Türkiye." IOM, 2022.
- Consultant, "Training Module: Intercultural Communication." IOM Türkiye.
- Project Coordinator, "[My Health](#)." Funded by EU Sivil Düşün Programme, 2020.
- Partner Coordinator / Senior Researcher, "[Wellbeing, Housing, and Infrastructure in Türkiye \(WHIT\)](#)." British Academy, coordinated by Institute of Development Studies (UK), 2019–2022.
- Researcher/Trainer, Jean Monnet Chair on "[Sustainable, Inclusive and Smart Development in Terms of Decentralization: EU Experience](#)." Coordinated by Prof. Dr. Nataliia Pavlikha (Ukraine), 2021–2024.
- Project Coordinator, "[Integrating Syrians into Turkish Higher Education through Recognition of Qualifications](#)." HOPES MADAD Programme, 2018–2019.
- Project Coordinator, "Inclusion in or Exclusion from the Turkish Labour Market? An Ethnographic Analysis of Syrian Refugees in Izmir." Yaşar University BAP, August 2017–February 2018.
- Partner Coordinator, "Unravelling the Mediterranean Migration Crisis (MEDMIG)." Economic and Social Research Council (UK), 2015–2016.
- Project Coordinator, Jean Monnet Module: "EU Grants and Project Management," 2014–2017.
- Partner Coordinator, 7th Framework Marie Curie IRSES Programme: "Transatlantic Perspectives in a Changing Global Context: Multilateralism through Regionalism (EU-GLOBAL)," 2012–2015.
- Partner Coordinator, Erasmus Multilateral Programme: "UBIcamp: Integrated Solution to Virtual Mobility Barriers," 2012–2014.
- Partner Coordinator, Leonardo da Vinci Transfer of Innovation: "Developing Case-Based Vocational Training for Innovation Management," 2013–2015.
- Project Consultant, Izmir Development Agency: "[Sarıncık Soap Atelier: From Athena's Olives to Karaburun's Soaps](#)," 2011–2012.
- Project Coordinator, "Erasmus Intensive Turkish Courses," 2011.
- Partner Coordinator, Transversal Programme: "The Impact of LLL Strategies on Professional Higher Education," 2010–2012.
- External Evaluator, Comenius Multilateral Programme: "Project Based School Management."
- Partner Coordinator, Leonardo da Vinci Programme: "Educational Strategies for the Promotion of Natural Heritage."
- Partner Coordinator, Socrates Intensive Programme: "Security in an Information Society," 2007–2008.
- Partner Coordinator, LLP Intensive Programme: "Securing the Digital World," 2008.
- Partner Coordinator, LLP Intensive Programme: "Management Summer School 2008," 2008.

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- Partner Coordinator, Jean Monnet Action: "If the ECSC was Negotiated Today," 2007.
 - Partner Coordinator, LLP Thematic Network: "The Network of European Studies," 2007.
 - Project Coordinator, LLP Intensive Programmes: "Network Security 4 and 6," 2008–2009.
 - Expert Counsellor, YOUTH Programme: "Sosyal Entegrasyon için Üniversite Lise Gençliği El Ele."
 - Researcher, Ministry of Agriculture Netherlands Grant: "Türkiye in the European Union: Implications for Agricultural, Food, and Structural Policy." Wageningen University.
 - Project Assistant, Bridges of Knowledge Programme: "Training Program on the Enlargement Process of the European Union and Türkiye," 2002.
 - Project Assistant, Jean Monnet A3022: "Researching Europe: The European Integration by the View of Young Researchers," 2003.
 - Project Assistant, INTERREG III B MEDOCC: "Network of Mediterranean Universities – Master in Euro-Mediterranean Affairs," 2002–2003.
 - Project Assistant, British Council–ODTÜ: "Next Generation Europeans: Diversity in Action," 2003.
 - Project Assistant, Wageningen University: "Türkiye in the European Union: Exploring the Consequences for Agricultural, Food, Rural Development and Structural Policy," 2004.

LANGUAGES

- Turkish — Native
- English — Advanced
- Italian — Intermediate (Graduation Certificate, Center of Italian Culture)
- German — Beginner

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS & SERVICE

- Member, Board of Directors, [Groningen Declaration Network](#)
- Member, [EuroMed Research Network on Migration](#)
- Member, [GERIS Network](#) — Active Citizenship
- Head of [International Collaborations and Projects](#), Sailing Federation of Türkiye
- Volunteer, GEA Search and Rescue Association