

## EDUCATION

June 2021 – August 2025 (expected) **Syracuse University**, New York, U.S.  
PhD. in Sociology

August. 2019 – June 2021 **Syracuse University**, New York, U.S.  
M.A. in Sociology

Sep. 2017 – June 2019 **Marmara University**, Istanbul, Turkey  
M.A. in Sociology (Language of Instruction: English)

Sep. 2013 – June 2017 **Bogazici University**, Istanbul, Turkey  
B.A. in Sociology (Language of Instruction: English)

## POSITIONS

Jan 2022 – Present  
**Research Officer**  
*Ibn Haldun University, Department of Sociology*

December 2021 – August 2022  
**Research Assistant**  
*Syracuse University, Department of Sociology*

- Working with Prof. Yingyi Ma on racial/ethnic disparities in STEM post-secondary education

August 2019 – December 2021  
**Teaching Assistant**  
*Syracuse University, Department of Sociology*

- SOC 101- Introduction to Sociology
- SOC 102- Social Problems
- SOC 248/WGS248- Racial and Ethnic Inequalities
- SOC 300- Global Capitalism
- SOC 305/WGS 305- Sex and Gender

Sep. 2017 – Jan. 2019

**Teaching Assistant**

**Research Assistant**

*Istanbul Sehir University, Department of Sociology*

- Instructing multivariate statistics and statistical software (Giving lectures, grading and initiating re-cap sessions)
- Research Assistantship- Data collection, cleaning and statistical data analysis for various research projects:
  - Election Pledges and Populism in Turkey, 2000-2018
  - Differing Research Agendas of Population Centers in Europe and US
- Lecturing and grading for various courses:
  - SOC 203- Statistics for Social Sciences
  - HIST 301- Statistics for Social Sciences
  - ISS 313- Sociology of Religion
  - SOC 420- Sociology of Religion
  - UNI 117- Understanding Society and Culture (2 slots, Prof. Ferhat Kental)
  - UNI 117- Understanding Society and Culture (1 slot, Asst. prof. Zubeyir Nisançi)
  - PSY 316- Adolescent Psychology

## **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Migration, Border Studies, Political Sociology, Health Disparities

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

- 2023- **Professor Manfred Stanley Memorial Graduate Scholarship**
- 2023- **Goekjian/Center for European Studies Research Grant**

## **Submissions in Review**

- ***Rise of STEM, but who Benefits? (Manuscript sent to the journal “Educational Researcher”)***

*In collaboration with Prof. Yingyi Ma, this research project aims to investigate the impact of the growing popularity of STEM fields on the racial and ethnic disparities in college education and labor market*

outcomes in the United States. The project uses data from the Department of Education data to compare the growth rates of STEM bachelor's degrees and STEM employment among different racial and ethnic groups from 2011 to 2020. The project also introduces a novel measure of over-performance and under-performance to identify which social groups have benefited or lagged behind from the rise of STEM fields.

- ***Who is Vaccine Hesitant and Why? Social Determinants of Vaccine Hesitancy in the Twittersphere (Manuscript sent to the journal “PLOS ONE”)***

*In this multi-author research, we have explored the links between vaccine hesitancy and non-medical factors that influence attitude towards vaccination. We have used big data and Natural Language Processing (NLP) techniques to explore various vaccine-hesitant discourses on Twitter. This research highlighted two important findings: (1) Since the start of the pandemic, the overall attitude towards vaccines deteriorated as the COVID-19 case numbers grew. Attitude towards vaccination only gained a positive outlook when the first COVID-19 vaccines were introduced in November 2021. (2) State-level socio-economic variables correlate with the themes within vaccine-hesitant discussions on Twitter.*

- ***Territorial Security Walls, Sovereignty, and the Reconstruction of the Nation-State (Manuscript sent to the “Routledge”)***

*In collaboration with Prof. Ramazan Aras, the book chapter aims to fill this gap by analyzing the creation of the Turkish security wall as a re-inscription of the sovereignty and power of the contemporary Turkish nation-state. It argues that the wall is not only a physical and militarized intervention that territorially separates Turkey from Syria and subverts centuries-old kin, tribal and religious networks of ties among people residing in the region; it is also a symbolic device and apparatus that reverberates a new epistemic and ontological paradigm in the region. The wall projects Turkey's political, historical, cultural, and economic interests in the region, along with fears, anxieties, and frustrations towards strengthening regional and cross-border ethnic-nationalist and sectarian mobilizations. In this chapter, we also claim that the newly erected the Turkish security wall(s) should be seen as another layer of security for the European border regime, aggressively filtering the transitions of unwanted mobilization of human subjects from the Turkish-Syrian border into the EU territories.*

## **LANGUAGES**

Turkish (Native), English (Fluent), Arabic (Pre-intermediate)