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Education:

PhD in Social Psychology: 15/09/2017 – 14/09/2021 | Istanbul University, Turkey

M.A. in Applied Developmental Psychology: 01/09/2015 – 10/08/2017 | Ozyegin University, Turkey (Full Scholarship)

B.A. in Psychology: 01/09/2011 – 25/06/2015 | Dogus University, Turkey (Full Scholarship)

Assistant Professor:

Istanbul Medipol University, Department of Psychology, Turkey (since 2022-2023)

Istanbul 29 Mayis University, Department of Psychology, Turkey (2021-2022)

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Istanbul 29 Mayis University, Department of Psychology, Turkey (2019-2021)

Publications (Published, accepted, submitted or under-review)

Harma, M., **Aktaş, B.**, & Sumer, N. (*submitted*). Behavioral but not psychological control predicts self-regulation and adjustment problems among early adolescents. *Current Psychology*.

Aktaş, B., Temel, Z. & Kumova, F. (*submitted*). Misconceptions about psychological concepts among university students in Turkey. *Studies in Psychology*.

Yalcin, E., Demirci, S., Cosar, M., Asaroglu, A., Candan, N., **Aktaş, B.** (*under review*). The relationship between attitudes toward refugees and disgust sensitivity: The moderator role of conservatism and religiosity. *Nesne*.

Aktaş, B., Salter, M. E., Yilmaz, A., Eker, S. (*under review*). Empathy increases warmth toward Syrian and Afghans, but not Ukrainians: Experimental evidence from Türkiye. *International Journal of Intercultural Relations*.

Aktaş, B., Tosyali, F., Tasdelen, M. (*under review*). Is Belief Priming Associated with Prosocial Intentions? Experimental Evidence from Turkey. *Psychology of Religion and Spirituality*.

Şendil, G., Akyüz, D., & **Aktaş, B.** (*accepted*). Adaptation of the psychometric properties of the Parent Attitude Scale for 7-11 year old children. *Studies in Psychology*.

Yalçın, E. & **Aktaş, B.** (2024). Disengagement from moral disengagement: A review of individual differences and interventions programs. *Current Approaches in Psychiatry*, (1), 31-47.

Topal, A., **Aktas, B.**, Basoglu, S., & Harma, M. (2023). The Mediator Role of Willingness to Sacrifice in the Association between Socio-economic Status and Relationship Satisfaction. *Current Psychology*.

Çelikadam, C., Balım, **B.**, **Aktaş, S.**, Aykaç, B., Karasu, M., & Cesur, S. (2023). Conceptualizations of shame in childhood period within the framework of social domain theory. *Nesne*.

Aktaş, B. (2021). Developmental hints of fairness sensitivity: Current investigations on inequity avoidance. *Studies in Psychology*. 41(2), 403–425. <https://doi.org/10.26650/SP2020-816658>

Tosyali, F. & **Aktaş, B.** (2021). Does training analytical thinking decrease superstitious beliefs? Relationship between analytical thinking, intrinsic religiosity, and superstitious beliefs. *Personality and Individual Differences*. 183(2021). <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.paid.2021.111122>

Karasu, M., Aykaç, B., Çelikadam, C., Balım, B., **Aktaş, B.**, & Cesur, S. (2021). Natural conceptualizations of morality by school-age children: An exploratory study. *Nesne*, 9(21), 535-554. <https://doi.org/10.7816/nesne-09-21-04>

Aktas, B., Yilmaz, O., & Bahçekapili, H. G. (2017). Moral pluralism on the trolley tracks: Different normative principles are used for different reasons in justifying moral judgments. *Judgment and Decision Making*. 12(3), 297-307.

Papers and Posters Presented at Conferences

International Conferences

Ekerim-Akbulut, M., Kocyigit, O., **Aktaş, B.** (2023, October). Social mindfulness in intergroup context: associations with age, theory of mind and inhibitory control. *Poster presented at the Joint Cognitive and Developmental Sections Annual Conference, Bristol, UK.*

Aktaş, B., Basoglu, S. & Harma, M. (2023, June). The relationship between utilitarian judgments and the deactivation of the caregiving behavioral system. *Data blitz presented at 19th General Meeting of European Association of Social Psychology Congress, Krakow, Poland.*

Çelikadam, C., Aykaç, B., **Aktaş, B.**, Balım, S., Karasu, M., Cesur, S. (2023, June). An exploratory study on children's experience of moral emotions: Turkey sample. *Paper presented at 19th European Psychology Congress, Brighton, UK.*

Aktaş, B., Arican-Dinç, B. & Harma, M. (2021, July). The role of linguistic style matching and attachment orientations on relationship satisfaction. *Poster presented at 32nd International Congress of Psychology, Virtual scientific meeting.*

Balım, S., Aykaç, B., **Aktaş, B.**, Cesur, S., Çelikadam, C., Karasu, M., Tekdemir, G., Yavuz, E. N., Albayrak, Ş. & Alparslan, B. (2020, July). Comprehensive analysis of political orientations in Turkey: Differences and similarities, *Paper presented at 43rd International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP), Virtual scientific meeting.*

Aktaş B., Balım S., Cesur, S., Karasu M., Aykac, B. (July, 2019). Exploring naturalistic conceptions about morality of children in Turkey. *Paper presented at the 16th meeting of the European Congress of Psychology*, Moscow, Russia.

Aktaş, B., Yılmaz, O., & Bahçekapili, H. G. (July, 2018). Looking deeper into the normative principles used in sacrificial moral dilemmas. *Paper presented at the 19th European Conference of Personality*, Zadar, Croatia.

Aktaş, B., & Kumru, A. (July, 2017). The relationship between parental control and prosocial behavior of children. *Paper presented at the 15th meeting of the European Congress of Psychology*, Amsterdam, Netherlands.

National Conferences

Temel-Yildiz, Z., Kumova, F., **Aktaş, B.** (2022, October). Exploring psychological misconceptions: The Roles of cognitive thinking style, psychology education, and media. *Paper presented at the 21st meeting of the Turkish Psychology Congress*, Istanbul, Turkey.

Aktaş, B., Cesur, S., Harma, M., & Bahçekapili, H. (2022, June). The role of fairness, reciprocity, and empathy in inequity avoidance. *Poster presented at 4th meeting of the Turkish Social Psychology Congress*, İzmir, Turkey.

Aktaş, B. (2021, November). The role of measurement type to display inequity avoidance: Hypothetical vs. behavioral measurements. *Paper presented at the 1st meeting of the Morality in Social Psychology National Symposium*, Van Yuzuncu Yil University, Van, Turkey.

Aktaş, B. & Tosyali, F. (2021, November). Does increased disgust sensitivity lead people to have negative attitudes towards homosexuality. *Paper prestened at the 1st meeting of the morality in social psychology national symposium*, Van Yuzuncu Yil University, Van, Turkey.

Çelikadam C. Aykaç, **B. Aktaş**, B. Karasu M., Balım, S., Cesur, S. (2021, November). Exploring the "shame" conceptualizations of children from the perspective of social domain theory. *Paper prestened at the 1st meeting of the Morality in Social Psychology National Symposium*, Van Yuzuncu Yil University, Van, Turkey.

Asaroglu, A., Demirci, Z., Başbüyük, T., & **Aktaş, B.** (October, 2021). Examining the moderator role of conservatism on the relationship between attitudes towards refugees and disgust sensitivity. *Paper presented at the 25th meeting of the Turkish Psychology Students Congress*, FMV Isik University, Istanbul.

Coşkun, B., Irmak, H., **Aktaş, B.** (November, 2020). Reflections of K-pop movement in social life: An exploratory investigation. *paper presented at the 2nd Psychology Student Congress-Istanbul 29 Mayıs University*, Istanbul, Turkey.

Aktaş, B., Harma, M., Yılmaz, O. (December, 2019). The relationship between caregiving behaviors and normative ethical judgments. *Paper presented at the 3rd meeting of the Turkish Social Psychology Congress*, Istanbul, Turkey.

Harma, M., **Aktaş, B.**, Bayramoğlu, Y., (December, 2019). The relationship of vocal and physiological synchrony with relationship satisfaction in the sharing of memories. *Paper presented at the 3rd meeting of the Turkish Social Psychology Congress*, Istanbul, Turkey.

Sezer, B., **Aktaş, B.**, Akınkoç, I. (December, 2019) perceived partner sensitivity in romantic relationships: conflict resolution styles and the impact of coregulation. *Poster presented at the 3rd meeting of the Turkish Social Psychology Congress*, Istanbul, Turkey.

Aykaç, B., Balim, S., Karasu, M., **Aktaş, B.**, Çelikadam, C. (December, 2019). Investigation of natural concepts of morality in school aged children. *Paper presented at the 3rd meeting of the Turkish Social Psychology Congress*, Istanbul, Turkey.

Şahin, T., Tosyalı, F., Ergüçlü, Z., **Aktaş, B.** (December, 2019). The moderator role of individuals' level of intrinsic religiosity in the context of the relationship between analytical thinking style and tendency to believe in superstitions. *Paper presented at the 3rd meeting of the Turkish Social Psychology Congress*, Istanbul, Turkey.

Aktaş, B., Tosyalı, F., Bayramoğlu, Y., Harma, M. (December, 2018). Proposing a new methodology for relationship studies: investigation of voice as a parameter. *Paper presented at the 20th biennial meeting of the Turkish Psychology Society*, Ankara, Turkey.

Tosyalı, F., **Aktaş, B.**, Bayramoğlu, Y., Harma, M. (December, 2018). The relationship of perceived partner sensitivity, co-regulation and general health. *Paper presented at the 20th biennial meeting of the Turkish Psychology Society*, Ankara, Turkey.

Bayramoğlu, Y., Tosyalı, F., **Aktaş, B.**, Harma, M. (December, 2018). The relationship of heart rhythm variability and synchrony with perceived partner responsiveness, relationship harmony, and relationship satisfaction. *Paper presented at the 20th biennial meeting of the Turkish Psychology Society*, Ankara, Turkey.

Aktaş, B., Yılmaz, O., Bahçekapılı, H. G. (November, 2017). The impact of religiosity on moral judgments: an experimental study. *Poster presented at the 2nd meeting of the Turkish Social Psychology Congress*, Magosa, Cyprus.

Aktaş, B., Yılmaz, O., Bahçekapılı, H. G. (September, 2016). The effect of meta-ethics, religiosity, psychopathy and analytic thinking on utilitarian, deontological and minimalist moral judgments. *Paper presented at the 19th biennial meeting of the Turkish Psychology Society*, İzmir, Turkey.

Aktaş, B., Ozkaya, O. (June, 2014). The relationship between political orientation, religiosity, attachment style and personality traits. *Paper presented at the 19th meeting of the Turkish Psychology Students Congress*, Samsun, Turkey.

Book Chapter

Aktaş, B. E. (2023). *Ahlak Gelişiminde Sosyal, Bilişsel ve Sezgisel Süreçlerin Rolü* [The Role of Social, Cognitive, and Intuitive Processes in Moral Development]. In *Sosyal zihin: Sosyal*

etkileşimin bilişsel gelişimdeki rolü [Social Mind: The role of social interaction in cognitive development] (Eds. Muge Ekerim-Akbulut). Vakıfbank Kültür Yayınları: İstanbul.

Other Publications

Forsythe, A. (2023). Key Thinkers in Individual Differences: Ideas on Personality and Intelligence (Translation to Turkish Ed., **Aktaş, B. E.**, & Basoglu, S.) İstanbul: Bilge Kültür Sanat. (Orig. Published in 2019)

Hewitt, J. & Shulman, D. (2019). Self and Society: Symbolic Interactionist Social Psychology (Translation to Turkish, Ed. **Aktaş, B.**). İstanbul: Bilge Kültür Sanat. (Orig. Published in 1979).

Harna, M., Bayramoğlu, Y., **Aktaş, B.** (2018). Examining the Components of Romantic Attachment. KHAS Panorama, 28, 14-16.

Aktaş, B. (2018) Interpretation of a Technological Dystopia in the Framework of Baudrillard's Simulation Theory. *Onto*, 15-25.

Aktaş, B. (2017) The Relationship of Moral Judgment to Psychopathy and Analytical Thinking Tendency. *Onto*, 48-51.

Undergraduate Level Courses Taught (2019-2023)

Social Psychology (*in Turkish*) - İstanbul 29 Mayıs University, Department of Psychology
University, Department of Psychology

Selected Topics in Social Psychology (*in English*) - İstanbul 29 Mayıs University, İstanbul Medipol University, Department of Psychology

Research Projects in Social Psychology (*in Turkish*) - İstanbul 29 Mayıs University, İstanbul Medipol University, Department of Psychology

Psychology of Morality (*in English*) - İstanbul 29 Mayıs University, İstanbul Medipol University, Department of Psychology

Introduction to Psychology (*in Turkish*) – MEF University, Department of Psychology

Research Methods (*in English*) - İstanbul 29 Mayıs University, Department of Psychology

Statistics (*in English*) – İstanbul 29 Mayıs University, İstanbul Medipol University, Department of Psychology

Group Dynamics (*in English*) – İstanbul Medipol University, Department of Psychology

Cross-cultural Psychology (*in Turkish*) - İstanbul 29 Mayıs University, Department of Psychology

Graduate Level Courses Taught (2021-2023)

Individual Differences (in Turkish) - Istanbul 29 Mayıs University, Department of Psychology

Grants, Scholarships & Awards

Research Grants

Research project grant funded by Turkish Council on Science and Technology (TUBITAK) at Istanbul 29 Mayıs University (2022-present).

The Position of applicant: Principal Investigator

Research project grant funded by Scientific Research Project (BAP) at Istanbul University (2019-2022).

The Position of applicant: Researcher

Awards

Allan McNeill Poster Prize – Ekerim-Akbulut, M., Kocyigit, O., **Aktaş, B.** (2023, October). Social mindfulness in intergroup context: associations with age, theory of mind and inhibitory control. *The Joint Cognitive and Developmental Sections Annual Conference*, Bristol, UK.

Memberships of Scientific Communities

Association for Psychological Science (APS) – 2020-2021

Research Projects and Assistantships (2015-2022)

Year	Position	Funding Institution	Title and Principle Investigator/Instructor
2022-2023	Project Advisor	TUBITAK*	Examining the Moderator Role of Belief in a Just World in the Relationship between Empathy and Volunteering Intentions (BA Student, Aymila Soyoren)
2022-2023	Principle Investigator	TUBITAK	Social Mindfulness in Childhood Period and Its Relationship with Parental Behaviors and Socio- Cognitive Skills (Dr. Busra Aktas)
2019-2022	Researcher	BAP**	An Investigation of Naturalistic Moral Conceptualizations of School Aged Children in Turkey (Prof. Sevim Cesur)
2020-2021	Research Assistant	TUBITAK	A Network Analysis of the Psycho-Social Impacts of COVID-19 Pandemic (Assoc. Prof. Mehmet Harma)
2017-2020	Research Assistant	TUBITAK	Formation of Adult Attachment Bonds: Development of Behavioral and Physiological Synchrony (Assoc. Prof. Mehmet Harma)
2016-2017	Research Assistant	TUBITAK	“Old wolf, old lamb”: An Examination of Work Experiences and Outcomes of Older Workers in Turkey (Assoc. Prof. Justin Marcus)
2015-2016	Teaching Assistant	TA***	Research Methods (Assist. Prof. Emrah Aktunc)/Introduction to Psychology (Prof. Asiye Kumru; Dr. Ozlem Bekar)
<i>Notes.</i> *TUBITAK: Turkish Council on Science and Technology; **BAP: Scientific Research Project Funded by Istanbul University			