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Academic Background

August 2015 Claremont Graduate University, PhD
Applied Social Psychology

2009 New York University, MA
General Psychology

2007 University of Colorado at Boulder, BA
Psychology
Minor in Biology

Relevant Experience

Özyeğin University

Instructor
Faculty of Social Sciences

Istanbul, Turkey
September 2012 – Present

Claremont Graduate University

Research assistant
School of Politics and Economics
School of Behavioral and Organization Sciences, Social Identity Lab

Claremont, CA
September 2010 – present

New York University

Grading assistant
General Psychology

New York, NY
September 2008 – December 2008

Research assistant
Center for Research on Culture, Development, and Education

New York, NY
September 2007 – January 2009

University of Colorado at Boulder

Teaching assistant
Lecturer, Recitation General Psychology

Boulder, CO
August 2006 – December 2006

Research assistant
Judgment, Emotion, Decision, and Intuition Lab

Boulder, CO
January 2006 – May 2007

Current Research Interests

Social activism and identity constructs in Turkey; political protest and its consequences; politicization and social identity; social (ethnic, religious, political) identity, intergroup relations, intergroup conflict.

Publications

Acar, Y. G. & Uluğ, Ö. M. (in press). Exploring prejudice reduction through solidarity and togetherness experiences among Gezi Park activists. *Journal of Social and Political Psychology*.

Acar, Y. G. & Uluğ, Ö. M. (2015). "Becoming us without being one": A social psychological perspective on the Gezi Park protesters and negotiating levels of identity. In G. Koc & H. Aksu (Eds.), *Theoretical and Political Challenges of the Gezi Resistance*. Wiener Verlag für Sozialforschung.

Uluğ, Ö. M. & Acar, Y. G. (2015). We are more than the alliances between groups. In "Everywhere Taksim": *The Gezi Spirit and the New Dynamics in Turkish Politics*. Amsterdam University Press.

Uluğ, Ö. M. & Acar, Y. G. (2014). *Bir olmadan biz olmak: Farklı gruplardan aktivistlerin gözüyle Gezi Direnişi* [Becoming us without being one: The Gezi Resistance from the perspective of different activists]. Ankara: Dipnot Yayınları.

Presentations

Acar, Y. G. (2015, May). Kolektif eyleme dair niyetler: güçlendirme ve kimliğin siyasallaşmasının rolü [Collective action intentions: The role of empowerment and identity politicization]. Paper presented at Society, Identity, and Politics: Social Psychological Approaches, Istanbul, Turkey.

Uluğ, Ö. M. & Acar, Y. G. (2014, September). *Bir olmadan biz olmak: Farklı gruplardan aktivistlerin gözüyle Gezi Direnişi*. Paper presented at the Fourth Annual Critical Psychology Seminar, Ankara, Turkey.

Acar, Y. G. (2014, July). *But what did it all mean? Perceptions of legitimacy and success in the Gezi Park protests*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology, Rome, Italy.

Acar, Y. G., & Hogg, M. A. (2014, July). *Politicization of Identity as a Result of Collective Action in the Gezi Park Protests*. Paper presented as part of the Theories of Collective Action Applied in Current Protests Around the World symposium conducted at the 17th General Meeting of the European Association of Social Psychology, Amsterdam, Kingdom of the Netherlands.

Uluğ, Ö. M. & Acar, Y. G. (2014, February). *We are more than the alliances between groups*. Paper presented at Gezi Protests and Beyond: Contesting AKP Rule, Lisbon, Portugal.

Acar, Y. G. (2012, July). *Ethnic and National Identification in Turkey: Perceived Threat in the Form of Extremism and Separatism and its Consequences for the Ethnic Minority*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology, Chicago, Illinois.

Acar, Y. G. (2012, June). *Turkish Identification: Perceived Threat and Consequences for the Minority*. Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues, Charlotte, North Carolina.

Acar, Y. G. (2012, April). *Türkiye'de Etnik ve Ulusal Kimlik Tehdidi ve Sonuçları*. Poster presented at 17. Ulusal Psikoloji Kongresi (17th Annual National Psychology Congress), Istanbul, Turkey.

Acar, Y. G. (2009, April). *The Perception of Traditional Gender Roles and Feminism Among Muslims*. Poster presented at the annual New York University MA Psychology Research Conference, Honorable Mention.

Professional Development

Rethinking Prefigurative Politics Workshop in conjunction with the Journal of Social and Political Psychology (2015)

Participated in Early Career Scholars Pre-Conference Workshop on Equity, Environment, Education in conjunction with the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI) 2012 Biennial Conference

Participant in the International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP) Summer Academy Workshop on research in political psychology in conjunction with the 2012 ISPP International Conference

Professional Memberships

European Association of Social Psychology	February 2013 – Present
Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues	October 2010 – Present
Society of Personality and Social Psychology	October 2010 – Present
International Society of Political Psychology	October 2010 – Present

Awards and Grants Received

Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI) 2012 Early Career Scholar

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