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Current Position:

- Founding Director, [NEFES AI Software Technologies Ltd.](#) (2025-...)
- Prof.Dr., Istinye University, Dep.of International Relations (2023-...)
Vice-Dean for Research, Faculty of Economics, Administrative and Social Sciences
Director, International Sustainability Research Center
- Affiliated Scholar at Migration Research Center at Koc University (2023-...)
- Member of Board of Directors at Groningen Declaration Network (2023-2027)
- Committee Member, UNESCO Turkey Management of Social Transformations (MOST) Migration Group (2018-...)

Previous Positions:

- Yaşar University, faculty member (2007-2023), Izmir/Turkey
 - UNESCO Chair on International Migration at Yasar University, Founding Director (2016-2023)
 - Chair of International Relations Department, Yasar University (2019-2021)
 - Yaşar University, European Union Research Center, Founding Director, (2005-2015)
 - Erasmus/ECTS Institutional Coordinator (2005-2015)
- Middle East Technical University (METU/ODTÜ), Center for European Studies, Research Assistant (2002-2005), Ankara/Turkey
- Turkish Daily News, Correspondent (part-time), (1997-2000), Izmir/Turkey

Major Areas of Expertise

Migration and asylum policies, EU-Turkey relations, irregular migration, border management, AI and migration governance, human smuggling and trafficking, citizenship, external relations of the EU, EU-Morocco relations, internationalization of higher education, recognition of prior learning.

EU Grants, Project Planning and Management Experience: Since 2002

Education and Fellowships

PhD, International Relations, Middle East Technical University, Ankara, 2012

Senior Visiting Scholar at SciencesPo CERI (France), July 2023.

MSc, European Studies, Middle East Technical University

Post-doc Research Fellow at University of Pittsburgh (USA), Marie Curie IRSES Grant, 2015 (5 months).

BSc, International Relations, Dokuz Eylül University, Izmir

PhD Research Fellow at University of California Berkeley (USA), 2009.

Associate Degree, Anadolu University, Faculty of Open Education, Justice (2018-2020)

Researcher at Wageningen University (Netherlands), Ministry of Agriculture NL Grant, 2004.

Bornova Anatolian High School (Eng.) 1997

Teaching Experience (since 2006)

- Artificial Intelligence and Migration Governance
- Theories of International Relations
- Sustainability and Development
- International Migration
- EU-Turkey 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, Turkey and Customs Union

Publications

Book (Monograph)

Yıldız, A. (2016). ["The European Union's Immigration Policy: Managing Migration in Turkey and Morocco"](#). Palgrave Macmillan. London.

The book is nominated for the "Best Book Price 2016" of UACES by Palgrave.

Book (Edited)

Yıldız, A. (ed.) (2019). ["Integration of Refugee Students in European Higher Education: Comparative Country Cases"](#). Izmir: Yasar University Publications, ISBN: 987-975-6339-71-8.

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)"

Icduygu, A. and Yıldız, A. (*forthcoming*). "Displacement and Urban Transformation: A Historical Perspective on Changing Cosmopolitan Nature of Istanbul"

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- Kirişçi K. and Yıldız A. (2023). [“Turkey’s Migration Management Regimes”](#). In Alpaslan Özerdem and Ahmet, Erdi Ozturk (eds.), *A Companion to Modern Turkey’s Centennial*, Edinburgh: 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 Benjamin Leruth, Stefan Gänzle and Jarle Trondal (eds.), *The Routledge Handbook of Differentiation in the European Union*, New York: Routledge, 502-518.
- Yıldız, A. (2022). [“Göç/Migration”, “Göçmen/Migrant”, “Sığınmacı/Asylum Seeker”, “Mülteci/Refugee”](#). in Yekta Saraç (ed.), *Sosyal Bilimler Ansiklopedisi/Social Sciences Encyclopaedia*, Ankara: TUBITAK, 978-605-312-431-3.
- Yıldız, A. and Üstübcü, A. (2020). [“Emek Göçü, Sınırlar ve COVID-19 Pandemisi/ Labour migration, borders and COVID-19 Pandemic”](#) (Eds. Elif Uzgören ve Arıkan Acar). *Küreselleşmenin Krizi, Pandemi ve Uluslararası Siyaset/Crisis of Globalization, Pandemic and International Politics*. Nobel Publications: Ankara, 133-164.
- Yıldız, A. (2020). [“AB-Türkiye İlişkilerinde Geri Kabul Süreçleri: Kurumsal Yaklaşım ve Uygulamalar/Readmission processes in EU-Turkey relations: Theoretical Approach and Practice”](#). (Ed.Songül Sallan Gül, Saniye Dedeoğlu ve Özlem Kahya Nizam). *Türkiye’de Göç, Göçmenlik ve Sosyal Uyum/Migration, Being Migrant and Integration*. Bağlam Publications, 123-146.
- Yıldız, A. (2019). [“Turkey”](#). (Ed. Ayselin Yıldız). *Integration on Syrian Students to Turkish Higher Education*. İzmir: Yasar University Publications, 77-94.
- Yıldız, A. (2018). [“Political Economy of Morocco: Is the EU Anchor for Neo-Liberal Restructuring”](#). in *Political Economy of Muslim Countries*, Özgür Ünal Eriş and Ahmet Salih İkiz (eds.). UK: Cambridge Scholars Publishing. 80-102.
- Yıldız, A. (2016). [“Activity Planning, Resource Planning and Budget”](#). In Toker, H., İncoğlu Ç., Yıldız, A. Özerim, G., Koçtaş Ö. (Ed.). *Project Design, Open Course Book*, İzmir ISBN:978-975-6339-52-7.
- Türker, D., Yıldız, A. (2015). [“Göçmenlerde Sosyo-Psikolojik Entegrasyon Analizi” \(Socio-Psychological Integration Analysis for Migrants\)](#), Şeker, B.D., Göregenli, M., Sirkeci, İ. (Ed.), *Türkiye’de Göç, Kültürleşme ve Uyum*. UK: TPLONDON, 23-34.
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- Yıldız, A., Özerim, G. (2013) [“Corporate Social Responsibility in the European Context”](#). In Türker, D., Toker, H. (Ed.). *Contemporary Issues in Corporate Social Responsibility*. USA: Lexington Books, 43-55.

- Yıldız, A. (2013). "Theoretical Analysis of Turkey-EU relations after the Lisbon Treaty: Alignment through 'Europeanization' or 'Differentiated Integration'?". In Hursoy, S. *Turkey's Quest for the EU: Membership Towards 2023*. Izmir: Ege University Publications.
- Yıldız, A. (2013). "European Corporate Governance Institute". In Idowu, S.O.; Capaldi, N.; das Gupta, A.; Zu, L. (Eds.). *Encyclopedia of Corporate Social Responsibility*. Verlag Berlin Heidelberg, 1095-1097.
- Yıldız, A. "European Urban Charter 1992 and 2008". In Idowu, S.O.; Capaldi, N.; das Gupta, A.; Zu, L. (Eds.). *Encyclopedia of Corporate Social Responsibility*. Springer-Verlag Berlin Heidelberg, 1104-1111.
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- Yıldız, A., (2007). "Theoretical Analysis of European Enlargement: Rationalism and Constructivism". in Demiray, M., İnanç, H., (ed). *The Changes and Transformations in the Socio-Economic and Political Structure of Turkey within the EU Negotiations*. Ankara: Ekin Basım.
- Yıldız, A. (2003). "Demography Challenges Welfare in Italy: Is Immigration a Solution? Case of Pension System" in Burgio, G., (ed). *Researching Europe: The European Integration by the View of Young Researchers*. Ankara: METU Press.

Journal Articles

- Icduygu, A., Yıldız, A. and Demiryontar, B. (*forthcoming*). Navigating Borders in Higher Education: Visa Challenges and Academic Mobility.
- Yıldız, A. and Nargül, S. (*forthcoming*). Understanding the Role of History, Collective Memory and Space in Afghan Mobility Decisions: A Decentered Approach
- Yıldız, A. and Balkan, M. (*forthcoming*). Role of Universities in Disaster Risk Management.
- Yıldız A. and Acar, A. "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
- Yıldız, A., Gürel, A and Gürel, M. (2024). Migrants as Agency in Placemaking: A Socio-Spatial Analysis of Basmane area in Izmir, Türkiye. *Wellbeing, Space and Society*. v.7, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.wss.2024.100222>
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- 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. (ESCI)
- Yıldız, A. (2020). [“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. (SSCI).
- Yıldız, A., Uzgören, E. (2016). [“Limits to Temporary Protection: Non-camp Syrian refugees in Izmir, Turkey”](#). *Southeast European and Black Sea Studies*, 16 (2), pp.195-211. (SSCI)
- Yıldız, A. (2017). [“Göç ve Entegrasyon Politikalarında Vatandaşlık”](#) / Citizenship, Migration and Integration Policies. *Göç Araştırmaları Dergisi*. 3 (1), pp.36-67.
- Yıldız, A. (2008). [“Incorporating Migration to the European Neighborhood Policy under Demographic Challenges”](#). *Journal of Yasar University*. 9 (3).

Research Reports

- Yıldız, A. (2025). “The Role and Impact of People under International and Temporary Protection in the Labor Market of the Manufacturing Sector in Türkiye”.
- 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, April). [“Gender Equality and Social Cohesion in Iraq”](#), Yasar University UNESCO Chair on International Migration Report Series 2.
- Yıldız, A. and Genc, C. [“Women Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons in Iraq”](#). Yasar University UNESCO Chair on International Migration Report Series 2.
- Yıldız, A. (2021). [“Göçmen ve Sığınmacılarla Çalışanlar için Kültürlerarası İletişim/Intercultural communication for service providers working with migrants and asylum-seekers”](#). Kader, Y. Karma Göç ve Göçmen Hakları Kılavuzu. IOM Turkey: Ankara
- Yıldız, A. (2020). [“Country of Origin Booklet”](#), IOM Turkey: Ankara.
- Yıldız, A. (2019). [“Suriye Uyruklu Öğrencilerin Yükseköğretime Katılımları”](#) / Integration of Syrians in Higher Education in Turkey. Izmir: Yasar University Publications, ISBN: 978-975-6339-76-3.
- Yıldız, A. (2018). [“Needs Analysis Report of Readmission Centers”](#), Directorate General Migration Management, Ankara.
- Yıldız, A. ve 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. [“Perception of Smuggling Business and Decision-Making Processes of Migrants”](#). International Organization for Migration (IOM), July 2017, Ankara.

Policy Brief Series Editor

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Yasar University UNESCO Chair on International Migration (ISSN: 2619-9440).

International Conference Proceedings & Presentations (Selected)

Ayselin Yıldız, "Understanding the Role of History, Collective Memory and Space in Afghan Mobility Decisions: A Decentered Approach", IMISCOE, Paris, July 3, 2025.

Ayselin Yıldız and Ceren Genç, "Access and Integration of Refugees to Higher Education", EURIE Summit 2024, February 29, 2024, Istanbul.

Hakan Gülerce, Ayselin Yıldız, Özlem Ozan, Figen Ünal ["Uluslararası Öğrencilerin Kültürleşme Stresi ve Kültürleşme Durumları: Ege ve Güneydoğu Anadolu Bölgelerinden Örnekler"](#) / Acculturation and Acculturation Stress Level of International Students: Cases from Aegean and Southeastern Anatolian Regions of Türkiye, Congress on International Migration and Migrants in Higher Education, Mardin Artuklu University, October 25, 2022.

Ayselin Yıldız ["Push Backs in the Aegean and Border Management"](#), Migration and Asylum Symposium, Tekirdağ Namık Kemal University, June 20, 2022.

Ayselin Yıldız and Dolf te Lintelo "Protracted urban displacement and incremental housing infrastructures in Torbalı, Turkey", Utrecht University Department of Human Geography & Spatial Planning, February 18, 2022.

Ebru Turhan and Ayselin Yıldız, ["Turkey's External Differentiated Integration with the EU in the Field of Migration Governance: The Case of Border Management"](#), ECPR General Conference, August 31, 2021.

Dolf te Lintelo and Ayselin Yıldız, ["Impacts of COVID-19 pandemic on informal jobs and housing conditions among citizens and refugees: The Case of İzmir"](#), Citizenship in Pandemic Times, University of Edinburgh, June 11, 2021.

İbrahim Zincir, Tohid Ahmed Rana, Ayselin Yıldız, Dilaver Arıkan Açar. (2019) ["Developing Integration Policy for Refugees through Mobile Phone Data Analysis"](#). Data for Refugees Challenge Workshop Proceedings.

Yıldız, A. ["Migration and Diaspora Policy in EU-Turkey Relations: Latest Trends and Impact"](#), 6th Joint Conference: New political challenges for Germany, Turkey and the EU 2019, Turkish-German University, May 3, 2019.

Yıldız, A. ["Controversial impacts of EU's externalization of migration policy towards Turkey: The Case of EU-Turkey Statement"](#), Interdisciplinary Research Seminar, IEMed, April 2-3, 2019, Barcelona.

Yıldız, A., Siviş, S. ["Inclusion or exclusion from Turkish Labour Market: An Ethnographic Analysis of Syrians in Izmir"](#), World Congress for Middle Eastern Studies, Seville, Spain, July 19, 2018.

- Yıldız, A. ["Strengthening the Evidence Base on Migrant Smuggling"](#), Regional Conference on Counter Migrant Smuggling: Innovative Ideas and Supporting New Models of Cooperation, Government of Turkey and IOM, Istanbul, July 6, 2018.
- Yıldız, A. ["Policy implications of counter-migrant smuggling research"](#), IOM Azerbaijan, 31 October-1 November 2018, Baku
- Yıldız, A., ["From regional crisis to policy formulation: Repercussions of refugee crisis on EU-Turkey Relations"](#), Fifth Global International Studies Conference, Taipei Taiwan, 1-3 April 2017.
- Yıldız, A., ["Internationalisation of Higher Education in Europe: Prospects and Challenges of Forced Migration"](#) Keynote Speaker at EAIE Spotlight Seminar on Integrating Refugees into Higher Education. 9-10 June 2016, Amsterdam.
- Yıldız, A., ["Turkey's Evolving Immigration Policy and its Implications on Turkey-EU Relations"](#), 2nd Turkish-German Frontiers of Social Science Symposium 2016 "Forced Migration: Structures, Actors, Processes" November 24 – 27, 2016, Gelsenkirchen, Germany.
- Yıldız, A., ["Migration as a Challenge: A New Episode in Turkey-EU Relations"](#), International Migration and Diplomacy, Koç University MIREKOC and Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs Center for Strategic Research, May 18, 2016.
- Yıldız, A., Eralp, A. ["Rethinking the Asylum Policies in the EU: Lessons from Syrian Crisis"](#). EUSA, 5-7 March 2015, Boston.
- Yıldız, A., ["Turkey's Changing Foreign Policy in the Middle East and its Implications on the Management of Migration Practices in Turkey"](#) FLASCO-ISA Joint International Conference. Buenos Aires, 23-25 July 2014.
- Yıldız, A., ["Conceptualization of External Dimension of EU Immigration Policy: Case of Turkey"](#). ISA Annual Conference, San Francisco, April 6, 2013.
- Yıldız, A., ["Analysis of European Integration: Towards a Constructivist Europe?"](#) International Symposium on the Changes and Transformations in the Socio-Economic and Political Structure of Turkey within the EU Negotiations, Dumlupınar University & Zentrum für Türkeistiftung-Uni.Essen Duisburg, Kütahya, 16-18 March 2006.
- Yıldız, A., ["Enlargement and Migration"](#), Second-Pan European Conference on EU Politics, ECPR. Bologna, Italy, 24-26 June, 2004.
- Yıldız, A., ["Labour Migration and its Implications in the future of Europe under the Demographic Challenges"](#) Third METU Conference on International Relations, Europe in a Changing World, Ankara, 24-26 May, 2004.
- Yıldız, A., ["Comparative Analysis of European and American Perceptions in the Middle East: Towards a New Transatlantic Relationship"](#), Second METU Conference on International Relations, 23-25 June, 2003.

Panel/Workshop/Seminar Presentations (Selected)

- 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, February 5, 2024, Paris.

- Workshop: “Protracted urban displacement and incremental housing infrastructures in Torbali, Turkey”, Utrecht University Department of Human Geography & Spatial Planning, February 18, 2022.
- Seminar: “[Migration and Izmir: The Urban-Rural Nexus](#)”, Yasar University, WHIT Research Project Findings, November 19, 2021.
- Panel: “Migration Governance in Turkey: Persistent Policy Themes and Evolving Models” in “Migration Governance: New Challenges and Sustainable Pathways”, 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 [Torbali](#)”, March 5, 2019, Torbalı District Governor, Turkish Red Crescent Izmir Community Center.
- Workshop: “[Global Compact on Migration: Who is in, who is out, why?](#)”, Turkish-Japanese Joint Research Workshop, February 19, 2019, Izmir.
- Workshop: “[Integrating Refugees into Turkish Higher Education System](#)”, December 5, Izmir.
- Seminar: “[Integration, Citizenship and Conceptual Debates](#)”, December 27, 2018, Turkish Red Crescent Izmir Community Center.
- Panel: “[The role of psychology in migrant interviews and the need for multi-disciplinary approach](#)”. 3. Izmir Nuri Bilgin Psychology Days, May 25, 2017.
- Panel: “[Migration as a Challenge in EU-Turkey Relations](#)”, Yasar University, May 9, 2016.
- Seminar: “[EU Grants as Means of Supporting Research and Fostering European Networks in Turkey](#)”, A-NEST: Academic Network for European Studies, Yasar University, October 23, 2015.
- Panel: “[Challenges for the Enlarged Europe](#)”, Migration Trends and Visa Policy in Turkey, Austrian Institute for International Affairs, 8-9 May 2008.
- Panel: “[Incorporating Migration to the European Neighborhood Policy under Demographic Challenges](#)” Migration Flows, Sustainable Development and Neighbourhood Policy in the New EU Countries, University of Genoa/Italy, 29 May-3 June 2007.

Invited Speaker

- Workshop on Migration Corridors, Boston University 17-18 October 2024.
- Conference: [Groningen Declaration Network Annual Meeting](#), UC San Diego, 7-9 October 2024.
- Policy Roundtable: Accessing Citizenship, June 4, 2024, Brussels.
- “European Qualifications Refugees and Recognition: Good practice and current challenges”, November 22, 2023, Norwegian Directorate for Higher Education and Skills.
- “External Voices” at Global Network Education Youth Conference”, GIZ, 2023, Istanbul
- Key note speaker, “Utilizing Digital Mobilization to Foster Qualifications Recognition for Displaced Populations”, 17-19 October 2023, by GDN, Jordan.
- “Climate Change and the Impact of Food Crisis on Migration”, September 27, 2022, UNHCR, Antalya.

- ["Diversity, peace, and religious pluralism in the EU and globally"](#), EU External Relations, GERIS Network, October 27, 2022.
- ["Irregular Migration: Security and Migration"](#), UNHCR, Friedrich Naumann Foundation, Human Rights Academy International Protection and Refugees, July 26, 2022.
- ["Effects of Food Crisis and Climate Change on Migration"](#), BUSINESSatOECD, Peace for Food, July 13, 2022, Paris.
- ["Xenophobia"](#), Mardin Artuklu University, June 24, 2022, Mardin.
- Summer School Course on ["Migration, Border Management and Security"](#), Social Sciences University of Ankara, IOM Turkey, June 14, 2022.
- ["Irregular migration and mobilities at the Mediterranean Basin"](#), June 2, 2022, EuroMedMig National Workshop – MiReKoc – Koç University.
- ["Irregular Migration and Turkey"](#), International Association of Gendarmeries and Police Forces with Military Status (FIEP), May 25, Ankara.
- ["War and Displacement: Case of Ukraine"](#), May 20, 2022, Lesya Ukrainka Volyn National University, Ukraine.
- ["Migration Governance in Turkey"](#), Aegean Region Chamber of Industry", August 23, 2021.
- ["Irregular Migration and Migrant Smuggling in Turkey"](#), Suleyman Demirel University, Isparta December 24, 2020.
- ["Irregular Migration Course: Migrant Smuggling"](#), NATO Maritime Security Center of Excellence, National Defense University, October 13-15, 2020 and December 16, 2020.
- ["Pandemic, Borders and Labour Migration"](#), (with Aysen Üstübcici) IGAM Migration Agenda, December 14, 2020.
- ["Migrant Smuggling in Turkey"](#), IGAM TV Migration Agenda, June 22, 2020.
- ["Designing a Community Center for Migrants"](#), Yasar University Department of Interior Architecture, September 25, 2019.
- ["Migration Policies in Europe and Syria Crisis"](#), December 19, 2019, Muğla Sıtkı Koçman University.
- ["Migration and Diaspora Policy in EU-Turkey Relations: Latest Trends and Impact"](#), Turkish-German University, May 3, 2019.
- ["Controversial impacts of EU's externalization of migration policy towards Turkey: The Case of EU-Turkey Statement"](#), Interdisciplinary Research Seminar, IEMed, April 2-3, 2019, Barcelona.
- ["Policy implications of counter-migrant smuggling research"](#), IOM Azerbaijan, 31 October-1 November 2018, Baku
- ["Migration Management in Turkey: Actors and Practices"](#), Anadolu University, Eskisehir, April 30, 2018.
- ["Smart Phones: The friend and guide of refugees on their perilous journey"](#), Key note speech at Polytechnic Institute of Setubal, Portugal May 15, 2017.
- ["Preparing project proposals for the international funding programmes"](#), Anadolu University, March 17, 2017, Eskisehir.
- ["EU Grant Programmes as an integration tool in EU-Turkey Relations"](#). Aegean Industrialists and Businessmen Association, December 22, 2016, Izmir.
- ["Migration and Integration Policies"](#), Izmir DG Migration Management, December 16, 2016.
- ["Internationalisation of Higher Education in Europe: Prospects and Challenges of Forced Migration"](#) Keynote Speaker at EAIE Spotlight Seminar on Integrating Refugees into Higher Education. 9-10 June 2016, Amsterdam.
- ["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.
- ["Migration as a Challenge: A New Episode in Turkey-EU Relations"](#), International Migration and Diplomacy, Koç University MIREKOC and Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs Center for Strategic Research, May 18, 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 Turkey"](#), Oxford University, 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 be the recognition in transcripts and diploma supplement?"](#) Turkish National Agency, Ege University, May 7, 2013.
- ["FP 7 Programme IRSES: A Real Success Story of EUGLOBAL Project"](#) TUBITAK, November 29, 2012
- ["Placements/Internships in Developing Higher Education Curriculums and New Skills for Students"](#). Seminar International Cooperation in Higher Education: An Engine for Growth, Yaşar University, October 19, 2012.
- ["Yasar 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 and 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 and Jean Monnet Module team member.
- **University of Peloponnese (Greece)** "Migration in the Mediterranean: Lessons from the Syrian Refugee Crisis", December 2, 2017; December 9, 2016; December 19, 2015; November 28, 2014; "Turkish Foreign Policy and Aspirations to be a Regional Power in the Med.?" December 20, 2015 and December 10, 2016; December 1, 2017, February 1, 2019.
- **Universita 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)** Dep.of Sociology "EU's Immigration and Asylum Policy", Invited lecture; 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", 6-10 December 2010 and 16-20 April 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.

Selected Given Trainings

Following trainings are offered to the law enforcement agencies in Türkiye.

- Migration Policy and the Practices in the EU
- AI-driven Migration Practices and Policies
- Combatting migrant smuggling and human trafficking
- Child Protection in the Context of Migration
- Intercultural communication
- Rescue operations in the Mediterranean
- Identification of Victims of Human Trafficking in the Context of Migration and Border management.
- Use of Artificial Intelligence in Migration Governance
- Irregular Migration and Border Management
- Working with vulnerable groups
- Strengthening the administrative capacity of readmission centers in Turkey
- Country of Origin Information: Morocco
- Child-friendly information for children in migration

Trainings offered to Higher Education Institutions

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

Projects/Consultancy

- ["Co-designing Learning for Evidence-based climate policy in Marmara's Municipalities, Türkiye \(CLEMM\)"](#), Co-PI, British Academy, 2025-2026.
- ["UNESCO MOST School on AI and Migration Governance"](#), Project Coordinator, UNESCO (2024-2025).
- ["AI Technologies in Migration Governance, Prompt Engineering"](#), Trainer, ICMPD, 2025.
- [Country of Origin Guide/Menşe Ülke Bilgisi](#), Senior Consultant, UNHCR, (2024-2025).
- ["Analysis of Migration Challenges, Needs and Opportunities: Country Report Turkey"](#), Senior Consultant, ICMPD, (2023).
- ["Gender mainstreaming in the context of migration"](#), Senior Consultant, Council of Europe (2023).
- ["Analysis on Alternatives to Administrative Detention"](#), Senior Consultant, UN IOM (2023).
- EU COST-Action: ["History of Identity Documentation in European Nations: Citizenship, Nationality and Migration \(2022-2026\)"](#), Coordinated by Maynooth University, Ireland, Working Group Member.
- ["Social Cohesion and Women Empowerment in Iraq"](#), Consultant, SPARK Netherlands (2021-22).
- ["Migrant Smuggling and Human Rights Education Module"](#), Consultant, Council of Europe, 2022.
- ["Human Trafficking: Developing a Social Cohesion Methodology for the Migrants in Turkey"](#), Consultant, IOM, 2022.
- ["Training Module: Intercultural Communication"](#), Consultant, IOM Turkey
- ["My Health"](#), Funded by EU Sivil Düşün Programme, Project Coordinator, 2020.
- ["Wellbeing, Housing, and Infrastructure in Turkey"](#) (WHIT), Funded by British Academy, Partner Coordinator/Senior Researcher, Coordinated by Institute for Development Studies (UK), 2019-2022.
- Jean Monnet Chair on ["Sustainable, inclusive and smart development in terms of decentralization: EU experience"](#), Coordinated by Prof.Dr. Nataliia Pavlikha, Ukraine, Researcher/Trainer, 2021-2024.

- ["Integrating Syrians into Turkish Higher Education through Recognition of Qualifications"](#), Project Coordinator, 2018-2019 (HOPES MADAD Programme).
- ["Inclusion in or Exclusion from Turkish Labour Market? An Ethnographic Analysis on Syrian refugees in Izmir"](#), Project Coordinator, August 2017-February 2018, Yasar University Research Project (BAP).
- ["Unravelling the Mediterranean Migration Crisis"](#), Economic and Research Council of the UK, 2015-2016, Partner Coordinator.
- Jean Monnet Module, ["EU Grants and Project Management"](#), Project Coordinator, 2014-17
- 7th Framework Marie Curie IRSES Programme: ["Transatlantic Perspectives in a Changing Global Context: Multilateralism through Regionalism \(EU-GLOBAL\)"](#) Partner Coordinator, 2012-15.
- Erasmus Multilateral Programme: ["UBIcamp: Integrated Solution to Virtual Mobility Barriers"](#), Partner Coordinator, 2012-14.
- Leonardo da Vinci, Transfer of Innovation Program: ["Developing Case Based Vocational Training for Innovation Management"](#), Partner Coordinator, 2013-15.
- Izmir Development Agency, Economic Diversity in Rural Finacial Aid Programme: ["Sarpinck Soap Atelier: From Athena's Olives to Karaburun's Soaps"](#), Project Consultant, 2011-12.
- ["Erasmus Intensive Turkish Courses"](#), Project Coordinator, 2011.
- Transversal Programme: ["The Impact of LLL Strategies on Professional Higher Education"](#), Partner Coordinator, 2010-12.
- Comenius/ Multilateral Programme, ["Project Based School Management"](#)- External Evaluator.
- Leonardo da Vinci Programme, ["Educational Strategies for the Promotion of Natural Heritage"](#), Partner Coordinator.
- Socrates/ Intensive Programmes- ["Security in an Information Society"](#), Partner Coordinator, 2007-08.
- LLP/Intensive Programmes-["Securing the Digital World"](#), Partner Coordinator, 2008.
- LLP/Intensive Programmes- ["Management Summer School 2008"](#), Partner Coordinator, 2008.
- Jean Monnet Action, ["If the ECSC was Negotiated Today"](#), Partner Coordinator, 2007.
- LLP/Thematic Networks- ["The Network of European Studies"](#), Partner Coordinator, 2007.
- LLP/ Intensive Programmes, ["Network Security 4 and 6"](#) Project Coordinator, 2008-09.
- YOUTH, ["Sosyal Entegrasyon için Üniversite Lise Gençliği El Ele"](#), Expert Counselling.
- Ministry of Agriculture, The Netherlands Grant, Research Project, "Turkey in the European Union: Implications for Agricultural, Food, and Structural Policy", Wageningen University, Researcher
- Bridges of Knowledge Programme: ["Training Program on the Enlargement Process of the European Union and Turkey"](#), Project Assistant, 2002.
- Jean Monnet A3022, ["Researching Europe: The European Integration by the View of Young Researchers"](#), Project Assistant, 2003.
- INTERREG III B MEDOCC Programme ["Network of Mediterranean Universities and other Academic Institutions- Master in Euro-Mediterranean Affairs"](#), Project Assistant, 2002-2003.
- British Council-ODTÜ ["Next Generation Europeans: Diversity in Action"](#), Project Assistant, 2003.
- Wageningen University (Netherlands), ["Turkey in the European Union: Exploring the Consequences for Agricultural, Food, Rural Development and Structural Policy"](#), Project Assistant, 2004.

Languages

- Turkish (native)
- English (advanced)
- Italian (intermediate) Graduation Certificate from Center of Italian Culture
- German (beginner)

Other

- Member of 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 Turkey](#)
- Volunteer, GEA, Search and Rescue Association