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EDUCATION

PhD in Sociology - Ankara Yıldırım Beyazıt University (2023)

- Dissertation: *Construction of Salafi Religious Identity and New Media: The Case of Digital Preachers*
- Advisor: Prof. Dr. Özcan Güngör

Master's in Sociology - Ankara Yıldırım Beyazıt University (2017)

- Dissertation: *Navigation Practices of Religious Students in a Secular University Environment: The Case of METU*
- Advisor: Prof. Dr. Cevat Özyurt

Bachelor's in Sociology (English as a Medium of Instruction) - Middle East Technical University (2014)

PROJECTS

1. **A Research of the Phenomenon of Divorce in Nevşehir: Causes and Consequences**
 - Institution: Nevşehir Hacı Bektaş Veli University, Research Project
 - Role: Researcher
 - Dates: 01/03/2018 – 29/03/2019 (National)
2. **Nevşehir Hacı Bektaş Veli University Distance Education Experience**
 - Institution: Nevşehir Hacı Bektaş Veli University, Research Project
 - Role: Researcher
 - Dates: 10/01/2022 – 10/01/2023 (National)
3. **Turkey's Struggle Against Terrorism: Youth Perspective**
 - Institutions: TOBB ETÜ TEPAV & U.S. Embassy in Ankara
 - Role: Advisor
 - Dates: 04/01/2020 – 02/03/2020 (National)
4. **Countering Violent Extremism: Online Visual Content Competition**
 - Institutions: TOBB ETÜ TEPAV & U.S. Embassy in Ankara
 - Role: Advisor
 - Dates: 14/12/2020 – 14/12/2020 (International)
5. **Capacity Building of Ankara Provincial Directorate and Social Service Centers for Refugees**
 - Institutions: Ministry of Family and Social Services & UNHCR
 - Role: Researcher
 - Dates: 01/12/2016 – 27/10/2017 (International)
6. **Risk Factors for Domestic Violence and Women's Experiences in Mehmet Akif Ersoy District, Nevşehir**
 - Institution: Nevşehir Governorship
 - Role: Researcher
 - Dates: 10/06/2021 – 26/01/2022 (National)
7. **Investigating Issues Arising from the Regulation of Employer-Employee Relations in Journalism**
 - Institutions: ADAMOR Center for Social Research & General Directorate of Press and Information
 - Role: Researcher
 - Dates: 01/08/2014 – 01/11/2014 (National)
8. **Food Literacy**

- Institutions: European Union & METU MEBIVA
- Role: Researcher
- Dates: 01/06/2024 – Ongoing (International)

CONGRESS PRESENTATIONS

1. Uğurlu, Mevlüt (2017). Conservatism as a Typology Against Islamic Renewal in Aliya's Thought. *International Aliya Symposium*.
2. Uğurlu, Mevlüt (2018). Education and Migration: School Administrators' Challenges with Syrian Students. *Migration Movements and Changing Dynamics in the Middle East Congress*.
3. Uğurlu, Mevlüt (2018). Islam as a Game in the Context of Religious Anthropology. *1st International Sports, Anthropology, Nutrition, Anatomy, and Radiology Congress (SANAR 2018)*.
4. Uğurlu, Mevlüt (2020). Center-Periphery Dialectics as a Theory Explaining the Transformation of Turkish Social Structure. *II. International Cappadocia Social Sciences Student Congress*.
5. Uğurlu, Mevlüt (2020). Nurettin Topçu and the Idea of Anatolian Socialism. *II. International Cappadocia Social Sciences Student Congress*.
6. Uğurlu, Mevlüt (2021). Reproduction of Space: Life Fits Into Home. *4th International Social and Economic Research Student Congress*.
7. Uğurlu, Mevlüt (2022). Centralization in Religious Services and Its Contribution to Religious Participation: The Example of Mosques. *ISLARA International Islamic Studies Congress*.
8. Uğurlu, Mevlüt (2023). Visibility of Religious Communities on Social Media. *I. International Student Congress'23*.
9. Uğurlu, Mevlüt (2025). Religion on Global Screens: Representation of Religious Identities in Netflix Series. *2nd International Media, Digital Culture and Religion Congress*.
10. Uğurlu, Mevlüt (2025). Religiosity in the Digital Age: Visualized Religious Identity and Spiritual Practices. *International Communication, Digitalization and Society Symposium: ICDS*.
11. Uğurlu, Mevlüt (2025). The Digitalization of Religious Authority: The Example of Traditional and New Religious Authorities. *Humanity's Journey of Change and Religion Symposium*.
12. Uğurlu, Mevlüt (2025). Weber Between East and West: Economic and Political Reflections of Islam. *International Conference on Social and Educational Sciences*.

PUBLICATIONS

Articles

1. Uğurlu, M. (2023). Definitions and Roles Attributed to Muslim Identity by Digital Salafi Preachers. *Journal of Media and Religion Studies*, 6(2), 77-94.
2. Uğurlu, M. (2024). Understanding Religious Experiences Through Symbolic Interactionism. *Abant Social Sciences Journal*, 24(1), 264-279.
3. Uğurlu, M. (2023). Experiences of Religious Students in Secular Public Spaces: The Case of METU. *Şirnak University Faculty of Theology Journal*, 33, 66-95.
4. Cansız, M., Yazgan, Ç. Ü., Karanfil, N., Uğurlu, M. (2024). University Youth's Evaluation of Distance Learning After COVID-19. *Journal of Youth Research*, 12(33), 1-19.

5. Uğurlu, M. (2025). A Research on Salafism's Discourses on YouTube in Terms of Political Participation, Democracy and Social Cohesion. *Journal of Media and Religion Studies*, 8(2), 401-430.

Book Chapter

- Uğurlu, M. (2018). *Conservatism as a Typology Against Islamic Renewal in Aliya's Thought*. In Mahmut Hakkı Akın (Ed.), *Aliya Izzetbegović: Wisdom, Freedom, and Islam*. Pınar Publishing.

Other Publications

1. Uğurlu, M. (2018). Understanding the Perspective of METU Students Through Graduation Banners. *Umran* (288), 22-25.
2. Uğurlu, M. (2022). The Prelude to Sociology in Mukaddime. *Mukaddime*, 13(1), 255-259.

LANGUAGES

- Kurdish: Advanced (Mother-tongue)
- Turkish: Advanced
- English: Advanced
- Arabic: Elementary

TECHNICAL SKILLS (DATA ANALYSIS TOOLS)

- **MAXQDA** (Software for Qualitative and Mixed Methods Research)
- **SPSS** (Statistical Package for the Social Sciences)

CERTIFICATIONS AND TRAINING PROGRAMS SL SKILLS

1. Management of Social Services

This program aimed to provide participants with knowledge about social service organizations, expertise in social service legislation, and specialization in managing social services.

Institution: Anadolu University

Type: Certificate

Date: 01.01.2021 – 10.05.2021 (*National*)

2. Preventive Awareness Training

Developed by the UK Government, this training serves as an introduction to the risks of radicalization and the roles professionals and practitioners can play in supporting those at risk.

Institution: United Kingdom

Type: Certificate

Date: 01.12.2019 (*International*)

3. Rock and Water Training

The Rock and Water program provides a pathway for youth and adults to improve self-awareness, self-confidence, and social functioning. It is designed for primary and secondary school students, youth workers, mental health professionals, and children with autism spectrum disorders. Participants who complete this training are certified to deliver Rock and Water training.

Institution: Nevşehir Hacı Bektaş Veli University

Type: Certificate

Date: 28.06.2019 – 30.06.2019 (*International*)

4. Applied Entrepreneurship Certificate

The Traditional Entrepreneurship Training aims to equip entrepreneurs with knowledge about establishing and running a business, understanding their roles and responsibilities in the process, and gaining the skills to develop a business model for their ideas. This training is targeted at entrepreneurs intending to open businesses in traditional sectors or pursue Advanced Entrepreneurship Training.

Institution: Ankara Yıldırım Beyazıt University

Type: Certificate

Date: 21.05.2017 – 24.05.2017 (National)

5. Future Academics Training Program

This program aimed to enhance the personal and social skills of university students, strengthen their initiative and decision-making abilities in production and implementation processes, and provide insights into potential challenges through experienced academics. The program also focused on fostering a positive outlook for students' future careers.

Institution: Strategic Thinking Institute

Type: Certificate

Date: 01.10.2013 – 01.05.2014 (National)

6. Strategic Thinking Institute Internship Program

Participants worked with an expert academic in a specific field to conduct research on a designated topic.

Institution: Strategic Thinking Institute

Type: Certificate

Date: 18.07.2011 – 12.08.2011 (National)

INTERNSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

1. SETA Washington D.C. Training Program

This program aimed to contribute to Turkey's future vision through training at SETA Washington D.C. Participants benefited from visits and discussion programs organized by the office. They gained insights into national and international think tanks, met journalists, bureaucrats, authors, and intellectuals, and prepared reports evaluating the programs and publications they engaged with.

Institution: SETA Washington D.C.

Type: Training Program

Date: 19.07.2015 – 30.08.2015 (International)

2. SETA (Foundation for Political, Economic and Social Research) Summer Course

Participants engaged in reading activities, attended seminars, and regularly prepared reports on various topics during the course.

Institution: SETA (Foundation for Political, Economic and Social Research)

Type: Course

Date: 24.06.2014 – 25.07.2014 (National)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1. Visiting Researcher

Institution: The Economic Policy Research Foundation of Turkey (TEPAV) / TOBB University of Economics and Technology (TOBB ETÜ)

Dates: 16.01.2023 – 07.04.2023

- Conducted research and analysis on a doctoral topic under the supervision of an expert.

2. Social Worker

Institution: Ministry of Family and Social Services, Ankara Kahramankazan Social Service Center (SHM)

Dates: 2016 – 2017

- Coordinated and implemented UN and Ministry-supported programs for refugees.
- Facilitated the delivery of support services to refugee populations.

3. Research Specialist

Institution: ADAMOR Social Research Center

Dates: 2014

- Conducted social research projects and prepared detailed reports.

4. Intern

Institution: SETA Washington D.C.

Dates: 19.07.2015 – 30.08.2015

- Completed an internship focusing on U.S. Foreign Policy.
- Participated in workshops and contributed to discussions on international relations and think tank operations.

EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

1. Assistant Editor

Journal: *Maarif Mektepleri International Journal of Social and Humanities Sciences* (Indexed in EBSCO)

2. Assistant Editor

Journal: *Nevşehir Hacı Bektaş Veli University Journal of Social Sciences Institute*

3. Editor

Journal: *Sosyolojik Nazar* (Sociology Department Journal)

TRANSLATION

Book Chapter

Original Author: Prof. Dr. hab. Marcin Brocki

Translated Chapter: Factors Behind the Change in Attitudes Toward Refugees and Migrants in Contemporary Poland

Book: Legal (In)Security in Europe within the Framework of New Theories and Perspectives on Bird Migration: Contemporary Views on Migration in Poland and Cyprus

Series: World Migration Movements Series, Vol. 7

Role: Translation from English into Turkish

Publisher: Nobel Publishing

Year: 2025

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

1. Doctoral Scholarship (2017–2021):

Awarded by TÜBİTAK (The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey), which operates under the Ministry of Industry and Technology, to support successful doctoral students in their academic and research endeavors.

2. Master's Scholarship (2014–2016):

Awarded by TÜBİTAK (The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey), which operates under the Ministry of Industry and Technology, to support successful master's students in their academic and research pursuits.

3. Undergraduate Scholarship (2007–2012):

Awarded by TÜBİTAK (The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey), which operates under the Ministry of Industry and Technology, to support successful undergraduate students in their academic and research endeavors.