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Education

Ph.D. Sociology, Koç University, Istanbul, Turkey Sep 2020 – now
Graduate Research and Teaching Assistant
Supervisor: Assist. Prof. Dr. Ayşen Üstübcü

M.A. Sociology, Istanbul Şehir University, Istanbul, Turkey Feb 2019 – Aug 2020

Teaching and Research Assistant

Dissertation Title: “A qualitative inquiry into contemporary issues and barriers to socio-economic integration of Iranian immigrants and asylum seekers in Turkey”

CGPA: 3.88/4.00

Supervisor: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mehmet Fatih Aysan

B.S. Clinical Psychology, University of Tabriz, Tabriz, Iran 2009 – 2014

CGPA: 3.06/4.00. 6th out of 55 students

Advisor: Prof. Dr. Hamid Poursharifi

High School. National Organization for Developmental Exceptional Talents 2005 – 2009

CGPA: 3.67/4.00

Research Interests

International migration

Social integration of immigrants

Forced migration (Asylum seekers and refugees)

Gender and migration

Technology adoption of migrants

Applied statistics

Under Review Papers

Ekhtiari, M., Shahmanzari, M. (2020) “Adoption of smart city applications among migrants: A case study of migrants in Turkey”, *Journal of Urban Technology*.

Working Papers

Ekhtiari, M., Aysan, M. F. “Barriers to socio-economic adaptation of Iranian immigrants in Turkey”, **Turkish Red Crescent Society**.

Ekhtiari, M., Aysan, M. F. “Socio-cultural adaptation of Iranian migrants in Turkey”.

Research Experiences

Research Assistant at Koç University

Sep 2020 – now

Principal Investigator: Assist. Prof. Dr. Ayşen Üstübcü

Project: **Horizon 2020**. Advancing Migration Governance (ADMIGOV)

Tasks & duties: Fieldwork, Data Collection, Literature review, Qualitative Research

Research Assistant at Trauma Psychology Lab, İstanbul Şehir University

March 2019 – Aug 2020

Principal Investigator: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ceren Acartürk

Lab projects: **Horizon 2020**. Refugee Emergency: DEFining and Implementing Novel Evidence-based psychosocial interventions (RE-DEFINE).

Scaling up psychological interventions with Syrian refugees (STRENGTHS)

Tasks & duties: Fieldwork in Refugee Population Association, Data Collection, Literature review, Data entry with Excel and SPSS.

Research Assistant at Tubitak 1003 Project, İstanbul Şehir University

March 2020 – now

Principal Investigator: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Eda Ünlü Yücesoy

Project name: The Relationship of Living Environments with Health Indicators and Quality of Life.

Tasks & duties: Quantitative Analysis with IBM SPSS v26, Data Collection, Database development, Preparing Research Proposals.

Research Assistant at Turkish Red Crescent Society

Dec 2019 – Apr 2020

Principal Investigator: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mehmr Fatih Aysan

Project name: Iranian migrants' expectations from NGOs

Tasks and duties: Data collection, qualitative data analysis, preparing Report

Assistant at Center for Urban Studies, İstanbul Şehir University

Feb 2019 – Aug 2020

Tasks & duties: Performing interviews, transcribing, and updating webpage of the center (SAMBlog.org), Literature review on Migration and Urbanization, Event organization (SAM Talk Series), Assisting undergraduate students.

Research Assistant at Social Science Research Center, University of Tabriz

Sep 2014 – Jul 2018

Tasks & duties: Data analysis with Excel, Persian – English and English – Persian translation, Literature review.

Internship at RAZI Mental Hospital, Tabriz

Dec 2013 – Jan 2014

Tasks & duties: Rotation between various units, test administration and scoring, attendance to weekly visits.

Teaching Assistantship Experiences

Teaching Assistant in Globalization and Migration, Koç University

Sep 2020 – now

Teaching Assistant in Research Methods for Business 2, İstanbul Şehir University

Feb 2020 – June 2020

Tasks & duties: Teaching data analysis with IBM SPSS in weekly lab sessions. Preparation of practical data and agenda for each lab session. Analyzing real-life questionnaires by employing various methods including descriptive statistics, t-test, ANOVA, Bivariate Correlation, Reliability analysis, and Regression. Grading homework assignments. Proctoring quizzes and the midterm exam.

Academic Presentations

2020, March. “Somewhere between too far and too close: Migration experience of Iranians in Turkey”. Netherlands Institute of Turkey (NIT), Istanbul, Turkey

2020, March. “Challenges of Iranian migrants in Turkey: A qualitative study”. Sosyoloji Dükkanı, İstanbul Şehir University, Istanbul, Turkey

2016, July. “effects of group based cognitive-behavioral therapy of Afghan migrant’s in Iran “. 3rd National conference on achievements in educational sciences, psychology and social sciences. Tehran, Iran

Honors, Awards and Scholarships

- Koç University Scholarship, Full tuition waiver and monthly stipend, 2020
- Türkiye Bursları Scholarship, 2020
- İstanbul Şehir University Scholarship, Full tuition waiver and monthly stipend.
- Among top 0.02% of Iran's nationwide University Entrance Exam.
- Best B.Sc. final research project award with 4.00/4.00 grade.
- Director of T.U. Psychology Club.
- 7 years of education in NODET (National organization for development of exceptional talents)

Memberships and Voluntary Works

- Reporter at Marmara Urban Forum (MARUF), Istanbul, Turkey
- Member of Red Crescent Youth Population, Tabriz, Iran
- Center of sociological studies, Tabriz, Iran

Languages

- English : Fluent
- Turkish : Fluent
- Azeri : Native
- Persian : Native
- Afghani : Advanced
- Arabic : Fair

Professional Skills

- IBM SPSS 26, Minitab 17.3.1, MAXQDA 20.0.7
- Office pack consist of Word, Excel, Access, Power Point and Visio
- Latex (Texmaker and WinEdit editors)

Referencess

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