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## WORK & EDUCATION

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Associate Professor of Psychology, March 2017

Assistant Professor of Psychology  
MEF University, Turkey, March 2015

Assistant Professor of Psychology  
Işık University, Turkey, September 2011 – March 2015

Course Convenor and Lecturer of Social Psychology  
Boğaziçi University, Turkey, September 2010- July 2011

Visiting Researcher to John T. Jost's Lab, New York University, USA, March 2009

Postdoctoral Research Assistant at University of Kent, United Kingdom, September 2008- March 2010

PhD. Social Psychology  
University of Kent, United Kingdom, December, 2009

Thesis: *Cognitive, Motivational and Ideological Determinants of Ingroup Projection.*

Supervisor: Professor Richard J. Crisp

Funded by the Leverhulme Trust held by Professor Richard J. Crisp (Aston University, UK) & Professor Michael A. Hogg (Claremont Graduate University, USA)

MA. Psychological Sciences, Social Psychology, September 2005  
Boğaziçi University, Turkey

BA. Psychology, June 2003  
Boğaziçi University, Turkey  
(Also Film Studies Certificate from Department of Western Languages and Literatures)

## PUBLICATIONS

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**Peker, M.,** Atar, H. Ö., & Ataseven, N. (2017). A review on interpersonal distance: Culture, gender, power, and directions for future research. *British Psychological Society North East Branch Bulletin*. Article in press.

**Peker, M.** & Booth, R. W. (2017). Biyoloji, biliş ve siyaset psikolojisi. In Ö. Gümüş (ed.), *Siyaset Psikolojisi, Vol II*, 1- 50, Nobel Yayınları.

Rubin, M., Badea, C., Condie, J., Mahfud, Y., Morrison, T., & **Peker, M.** (2017). Individual differences in collectivism predict city identification and city evaluation in Australian, French, and Turkish cities. *Journal of Environmental Psychology*, 50, 9- 16. (SSCI, IF: 2.88)

- Peker, M.**, Booth, R. W. & Dikçe, U. (2017). *Muhafazakarlık, kaygı ve tehdit edici uyarıcılara karşı dikkat yanlılığı. Türk Psikoloji Yazıları, Special Issue on Toplum, Kimlik ve Siyaset: Sosyal Psikolojik Yaklaşımlar*, 20, 62- 74.
- Booth, R. W., & **Peker, M.** (2017). State anxiety impairs attentional control when other sources of control are minimal. *Cognition and Emotion*, 31, 1004- 1011. (SSCI, IF: 2.4)
- Golec de Zavala, A., **Peker, M.**, Guerra, R., & Baran, T. (2016). Collective narcissism predicts hypersensitivity to in-group insult and direct and indirect retaliatory intergroup hostility. *European Journal of Personality*, 30, 532- 551. (SSCI, IF: 3.99)
- Booth, R. W., **Peker, M.**, & Öztıp, P. (2016). Turkish adaptation of the fear of spiders questionnaire: Reliability and validity in non-clinical samples. *Cogent Psychology*, 3, 1144250.
- Alabak, M., **Peker, M.** & Booth, R. W. (2015). Looking good or doing good? Motivations for organisational citizenship behaviour in Turkish and South Korean collectivists. *International Journal of Psychology*, 51, 238- 242. (SSCI, IF: 1.3)
- Peker, M.**, Gündođdu, N., & Booth, R. W. (2015). Perceived self-society moral discrepancies predict depression, but not anxiety. *Asian Journal of Social Psychology*, 18, 337- 342. (SSCI, IF: 1.26)
- Peker, M.**, & Booth, R. W. (2013). Relationships among uncertainty, anxiety, and behavioural inhibition and activation. In K. A. Moore, K. Kaniasty, P. Buchwald, & A. Sesé (eds.), *Stress and anxiety: Applications to health and well-being, work stressors, and assessment* (pp. 201-208). Berlin: Logos-Verlag.
- Crisp, R. J. & **Peker, M.** (2010). Dogmatism. In J. M. Levine and M. A. Hogg (Eds.). *Encyclopedia of Group Processes and Intergroup Relations*. Thousand Oakes: Sage.
- Peker, M.**, Crisp, R. J., & Hogg, M. A. (2010). Predictors of ingroup projection: The roles of superordinate category coherence and complexity. *Group Processes and Intergroup Relations*, 13, 525- 542. (SSCI, IF: 1.33)
- Peker, M.** & Tekcan, A. I. (2009). The role of familiarity among group members in collaborative inhibition and social contagion [*Special issue: Social Influence on Memory*]. *Social Psychology*, 40, 111- 118. (SSCI, IF: 1.98)

#### ONGOING PROJECTS

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"Testing the effects of threat and uncertainty on ingroup bias and intergroup emotions" since September 2013 with Rob Booth (Sabancı University)

"Cross-cultural differences on interpersonal distance" since September 2014 with Aylin Eke

"Gender, power and interpersonal distance" since March 2017 with Hande Özlem Atar & Nursena Ataseven

"Political ideology, threat sensitivity and risk taking behaviour" since September 2013 with Dr Rob Booth (Sabancı University)

“*Moral discrepancies and their effects on psychological well-being*”, since September 2015 with Onuray Güney (MEF University)

#### INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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- Peker, M. & Eke, A. (2017, May). *The relationship among self-construal, social dominance orientation and interpersonal distance*. Poster presented for the British Psychological Society Annual Conference, Brighton, UK.
- Peker, M., Gündoğdu, N. & Booth, R. W. (2015, July). *Perceived self-society moral discrepancies predict depression, but not anxiety*. Poster presented at the International Society for Research on Emotion, Geneva, Switzerland.
- Peker, M. & Golec de Zavala, A. (2014, July). *Collective narcissism and hostile retaliation to perceived insult in groups of different status*. Poster presented at the European Association of Social Psychology, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.
- Peker, M. & Golec de Zavala (2013, August). *The relationship between collective narcissism, humiliation and intergroup hostility sentiments*. Paper presented at the British Psychological Society Social Section Annual Conference, Exeter, UK.
- Booth, R. & Peker, M. (2013, August). *Challenge/threat appraisal, anxiety and risk taking in the Iowa gambling task*. Poster to be presented at the British Psychological Society Social Section Annual Conference, Exeter, UK.
- Peker, M. & Booth, R. (2013, July). *Challenge/threat appraisal, anxiety and risk taking in the Iowa gambling task*. Poster presented at the 34<sup>th</sup> Stress and Anxiety Research Society International Conference, Faro, Portugal.
- Peker, M. & Booth, R. (2013, April). *Challenge/threat appraisals modulate behavioural inhibition by affecting state anxiety*. Paper presented at the British Psychological Society (BPS) Annual Conference, Harrogate, UK.
- Peker, M. & Booth, R. (2012, July). *Relationship between uncertainty, anxiety, and behavioural inhibition and activation*. Poster presented at the Stress and Anxiety Research Society Conference (STAR), Palma de Majorca, Spain.
- Peker, M., Crisp, R. J., & Sutton, R. M. (2011, July). *Effect of uncertainty on rigid thinking: Moderating role of multicultural experience*. Poster presented at the European Association for Social Psychology (EASP), Stockholm, Sweden.
- Peker, M., Crisp, R. J., & Sutton, R. M. (2011, July). *Effect of uncertainty on rigid thinking: Moderating role of multicultural experience*. Paper presented at the Annual Scientific Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP), Istanbul, Turkey.

- Günsoy, C. & Peker, M. (2011, July). *Linguistic gender bias as a result of uncertainty: Moderating roles of perceived legitimacy and gender identification*. Poster presented at the Annual Scientific Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP), Istanbul, Turkey.
- Peker, M., Crisp, R. J., & Sutton, R. M. (2011, June). *Effect of uncertainty on rigid thinking: Moderating role of multicultural experience*. Poster presented at the European Congress of Psychology (ECP), Istanbul, Turkey.
- Günsoy, C. & Peker, M. (2011, June-July). *Linguistic gender bias as a result of uncertainty: Moderating roles of perceived legitimacy and gender identification*. Poster presented at the International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology (IACCP) Regional Conference, Istanbul, Turkey.
- Peker, M., Crisp, R. J., & Sutton, R. M. (2011, May). *Effect of uncertainty on rigid thinking: Moderating role of multicultural experience*. Poster presented at the British Psychological Society (BPS) Annual Conference, Glasgow, UK.
- Crisp, R. J. & Peker, M. (2010, October). *Multicultural frame switching promotes greater cognitive complexity and less rigid political attitudes*. Poster presented at the Society of Experimental Social Psychology (SESP), Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA.
- Peker, M. (2010, February). *The role of familiarity among group members in collaborative inhibition and social contagion*. Paper presented at the European Science Foundation (ESF) Exploratory Workshop: *Toward a social psychology of intercultural communication: Processes, barriers, interventions*, University of Kent, UK.
- Peker, M. & Crisp, R. J. (2010, January). *Multicultural frame switching promotes greater cognitive complexity and less rigid political attitudes*. Poster presented at the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP), Las Vegas, Nevada, USA.
- Peker, M., Crisp, R. J., & Hogg, M. A. (2009, February). *Ingroup projection as system justification*. Poster presented at the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP), Tampa, Florida, USA.
- Peker, M., Crisp, R. J., Rubin, M. & Hogg, M. A. (2008, June). *Cognitive, motivational and ideological determinants of ingroup projection*. Paper presented at the European Association for Experimental Social Psychology (EAESP), Opatija, Croatia.
- Peker, M., Crisp, R. J., Rubin, M., & Hogg, M. A. (2008, April). *Project to protect? Ingroup projection tendencies among high-status groups*. Paper presented at the 55<sup>th</sup> British Psychological Society (BPS) Social Psychology Section Conference, Dublin, Ireland.
- Peker, M., Crisp, R. J., Rubin, M., & Hogg, M. A. (2008, February). *System justifying tendencies of high and low-status groups: Intergroup status differences as a predictor of ingroup projection*. Paper presented at the International Graduate College (IGC) Compact Colloquium, Jena, Germany.

- Peker, M., Crisp, R. J., Rubin, M., & Hogg, M. A. (2007, September). *Passive reflection or active legitimization? Intergroup status differences as a predictor of ingroup projection*. Poster presented at the 54th British Psychological Society (BPS) Social Psychology Section Conference, Kent, UK.
- Peker, M., Crisp, R. J., & Hogg, M. A. (2007, January). *Predictors of ingroup projection: The roles of superordinate category coherence and complexity*. Poster presented at the 8th Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP), Memphis, Tennessee, USA.
- Peker, M., Crisp, R. J., & Hogg, M. A. (2006, September). *Coherence and systematicity as predictors of ingroup projection*. Poster presented at the 53rd British Psychological Society (BPS) Social Psychology Section Conference, Birmingham, UK.

#### NATIONAL CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

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- Peker, M., Booth, R. W., & Güney, O. (2016, September). *Perceived differences between personal and societal morality predict depression and paranoid thinking*. Poster accepted for the 19<sup>th</sup> National Psychology Congress, İzmir, Turkey.
- Peker, M., Dikçe, U. & Booth, R. (2015, May). *Political ideology, anxiety and sensitivity to threat*. Paper presented at the Society, Identity, and Politics: Social Psychological Approaches workshop, İstanbul Şehir University, Turkey.
- Tümer, Ç. & Peker, M. (2014, June). *Social dominance orientation and tolerance to mobbing behaviour in organisations*. Paper presented at the 19<sup>th</sup> National Psychology Students Congress, Samsun, Turkey.
- Aker, M., Peker, M. & Booth, R. W. (2013, July). *Stereotype threat and chess performance*. Paper presented at the 18<sup>th</sup> National Psychology Students Congress, İzmir, Turkey.
- Gundogdu, N., Booth, R. W. & Peker, M. (2013, July). *Discrepancies in morality values and their relation to depression and anxiety*. Paper presented at the 18<sup>th</sup> National Psychology Students Congress, Izmir, Turkey.
- Kanlı, O & Peker, M. (2013, July). *The effect of mortality salience and self-construals on suicidal tendencies*. Paper presented at the 18<sup>th</sup> National Psychology Students Congress, Izmir, Turkey.
- Topcu, A. & Peker, M. (2013, July). *The relationship between social dominance orientation and attitudes towards transgender individuals*. Paper presented at the 18<sup>th</sup> National Psychology Students Congress, Izmir, Turkey.

#### COURSES TAUGHT

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Introduction to Psychology I  
 Social Psychology  
 Research Methods and SPSS  
 Intergroup Relations  
 Industrial and Organisational Psychology  
 Experimental Psychology

Readings and Research in Power  
 Communication  
 Advanced Research Methods and Data Analyses (MA course, Turkish)  
 Cognitive Processes (Turkish)

#### OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

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Associate Editor of Journal of Social and Political Psychology, August 2017 -.

Consulting Editor:

Hogg, M. A. & Vaughan, G. M. (2013, 2014, 2017). *Social psychology* (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> editions). Essex UK: Prentice Hall.

External Examiner for Ms Nevin Solak's PhD Thesis titled "The Role of Emotions and Emotion Regulation in the System Justification Process" supervised by Professor Nebi Sümer (Middle East Technical University, Turkey) & John T. Jost (New York University, USA)

Invitation and hosting of international guest speakers: Dr Mark Rubin and Dr Stefania Paolini (University of Newcastle, Australia) and Dr Sylvie Graf (Academy of the Sciences of the Czech Republic)

ISRE (International Society for Research on Emotion) Membership  
 Turkish Psychologists Association (Türk Psikologlar Derneği) Membership

Ad Hoc Reviewer: European Journal of Social Psychology  
 Journal of Experimental Social Psychology  
 Journal of Social and Political Psychology  
 Journal of Community and Applied Social Psychology  
 Social Science Research  
 Cogent Psychology  
 Türk Psikoloji Yazıları

#### CORE ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES

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MEF University, Psychology Department, Founding Chair March 2015- October 2016  
 MEF University Ethics Committee Member September 2015- current  
 MEF University Department of Psychology Transfer Coordinator March 2015- current  
 MEF University Department of Psychology Minor and Major Coordinator November 2016- current  
 Işık University Paid Undergraduate Assistants' Coordinator 2011- 2015  
 Işık University Double Major and Minors Commission Member 2014- 2015

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