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WORK & EDUCATION

Professor of Psychology
MEF University, Turkey, December 2022

Associate Professor of Psychology
MEF University, Turkey, March 2017 – December 2022

Assistant Professor of Psychology
MEF University, Turkey, March 2015 – March 2017

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
(with Film Studies Certificate from Department of Western Languages and Literatures)

PUBLICATIONS

Kirkland, K., van Lange, P. A. M., van Doesum, N. J.... **Peker, M....** & Bastian, B. (2023). Social mindfulness predicts concern for nature and immigrants across 36 nations. Manuscript accepted for *Scientific Reports*. (SSCI, IF: 5.52).

Tanjitpiyanond, P., Jetten, J., Peters, K.... **Peker, M....** & Yeung, V. W-L. (2022). A 32-society investigation of how perceived economic inequality shapes social class stereotyping. Manuscript accepted for *European Journal of Social Psychology*. (SSCI, IF: 3.93).

- Hornsey, M., Pearson, S...., **Peker, M.**.... (2022). Multinational data show that conspiracy beliefs are associated with the perception (and reality) of poor national economic performance. Manuscript accepted for *European Journal of Social Psychology*. (SSCI, IF: 3.93).
- Kirkland, K., Crimston, C., Jetten J.... **Peker, M.**...& Bastian, B. (2022). Moral expansiveness around the world. The role of societal factors across 36 countries. Manuscript accepted for *Social Psychological and Personality Science*. (SSCI, IF: 3.61).
- Booth, R., **Peker, M.**, Aksu, A. & Yavuz, B. B. (2022). Estimated probabilities of positive, vs. negative, events show separable correlations with COVID-19 preventive behaviours. Manuscript accepted for *Personality and Individual Differences*. (SSCI, IF: 3.01).
- Dejonckheere, E., Rhee, J. J., Baguma, P. K.... **Peker, M.**... & Kuppens, P. & Bastian, B. (2022). Perceiving societal pressure to be happy is linked to poor well-being, especially in happy nations. *Scientific Reports*, 12. (SSCI, IF: 5.13).
- Peker, M.**, Booth, R. W. & Güney, O. (2021). Perceived self-society moral discrepancies concerning fairness predict depression and paranoid ideation. *Current Psychology*, 40, 1152 – 1158. (SSCI, IF: 1.28).
- Brandt, M. J., Kuppens, T., Spears, R., Andrighetto, L., Autin, F., Babincak ... **Peker, M.** ...& Zimmerman, J. L. (2020). Subjective status and perceived legitimacy across countries. *European Journal of Social Psychology*, 50, 921- 942. (SSCI, IF: 2.22).
- Rudnev, M., Vauclair, C.-M., Aminihaibashi, S., Becker, M., Bilewicz, M., Castellanos Guevara, J. L.... **Peker, M.**,...Bastian B. (2020). Measurement invariance of the moral vitalism scale across 28 cultural groups. *PLOS ONE*, 15: e0233989. (SSCI, IF: 2.78).
- Bastian, B., Vauclair, M., Loughnan, S....**Peker, M.** (2019). Explaining illness with evil: Pathogen prevalence fosters moral vitalism. *Proceedings of the Royal Society B*, 286, 1914. (SSCI, IF: 4.3)
- Aksay, D., Aksu, E., Bora, G., Gümrükçü, Ş., İkan, R., Özel, H. D., & **Peker, M.** (2019). A brief review of biological, developmental, cognitive and social determinants of risk taking. *British Psychological Society North East Branch Bulletin*.
- Peker, M.**, Booth, R. W., & Eke, A. (2018). Relationships among self-construal, gender, social dominance orientation and interpersonal distance. *Journal of Applied Social Psychology*, 48, 494- 505. (SSCI, IF: 1.23).
- Hussein, G., Kurtuluş, A., Yurtsever, T., & **Peker, M.** (2018). Dual identities: Language, cognitive flexibility, and creativity. How acculturation strategies affect cognitive functions. *British Psychological Society North East Branch Bulletin*.
- Ustaoglu, B., **Peker, M.**, & Aydın Z. (2018). Understanding the undervaluation of introversion. *British Psychological Society North East Branch Bulletin*, 7, 3- 10.
- 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, 6, 8- 17.

- 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.**, & Öztop, 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.**, Gündoğdu, 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)

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Peker, M. (2018, May). *Gender, social dominance, and the appropriateness of powerful nonverbal behaviours for females*. Poster presented for the British Psychological Society Annual Conference, Nottingham, UK.
- 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 34th 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 11th 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 10th 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 55th 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

Ustaoglu, B. & Peker, M. (2019, December). *Understanding the introvert's lower subjective well-being: The moderating role of social dominance orientation*. Poster presented at the 3rd Social Psychology Congress, Istanbul, Turkey.

Başar, D., Peker, M. & Avuloğlu, Y. (2019, December). *Procedural fairness judgments towards outgroups: Effects of intolerance of uncertainty, ingroup identification and social dominance orientation*. Poster presented at the 3rd Social Psychology Congress, Istanbul, Turkey.

Peker, M. & Başar, D. (2018, April). *Procedural fairness judgments in the face of mortality salience and uncertainty: The effect of ingroup identification*. Paper presented at the 1st Neuroscience, Law and Beyond Conference, Istanbul, Turkey.

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 19th 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 19th National Psychology Students Congress, Samsun, Turkey.

Aker, M., Peker, M. & Booth, R. W. (2013, July). *Stereotype threat and chess performance*. Paper presented at the 18th 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 18th 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 18th 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 18th National Psychology Students Congress, Izmir, Turkey.

COURSES TAUGHT

Introduction to Psychology I
 Social Psychology
 Research Methods & SPSS I
 Research Methods & SPSS II
 Readings & Research in Power
 Intergroup Relations
 Experimental Psychology
 Communication
 Industrial and Organisational Psychology
 Advanced Research Methods & Data Analyses (MA course)
 Cognitive Processes

OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

TÜBİTAK 1002 Grant with Dr. Robert William Booth (project coordinator) on metaanalysis of depression among Turkish university students, November 2022 – current.

Associate Editor of *Journal of Social and Political Psychology*, August 2017 – current.

Consulting Editor:

Hogg, M. A. & Vaughan, G. M. (2013, 2014, 2017, 2022). *Social psychology* (6th, 7th, 8th & 9th editions). Essex UK: Prentice Hall.

Conference Organising Committee Member and Panel Coordinator for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Neuroscience, Law and Psychology International Conference, MEF University, Istanbul. 19th-20th April 2018; 9th - 10th October 2020; 31st Oct- 1st Nov 2022.

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)

External Examiner for Ms Ayşe Büşra Topal's MA Thesis titled "Effect of Social Identity on Decision Making of Negotiation Outcome" supervised by Dr Çağla Aydın (Sabancı University, Turkey)

External Examiner for Mr Batuhan Ustaoglu's MA Thesis titled "The Relationship Between Cognitive Style, Pattern Perception and Conspiracy Beliefs" supervised by Dr Zeynep Cemalcilar and Dr Lemi Baruh (Koç University, Turkey) May, 2022.

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)

Invitation and co-hosting of guest speakers with Ms İrem Özhamaratlı: Prof. Kemal Sayar and Prof. Kenan Gürsoy at MEF University on behalf of Existentialism and Philosophy Talk May, 2022.

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
Group Processes and Intergroup Relations
Journal of Theoretical Social Psychology
Journal of Social and Political Psychology
Journal of Community and Applied Social Psychology
Journal of Social and Political Psychology
Social Science Research
Cogent Psychology
Türk Psikoloji Yazıları

CORE ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES

MEF University, Psychology Department, Founding Chair March 2015- October 2016
MEF University Department of Psychology, Master's Programme Organiser
MEF University Ethics Committee Member September 2015- current
MEF University FEASS Faculty Board Member September 2017- current
MEF University Psychology Club Academic Advisor June 2018- current
MEF University Department of Psychology 3 + 2 Coordinator September 2017- September 2022
MEF University Department of Psychology Transfer Coordinator March 2015- Sept. 2017
MEF University Department of Psychology Minor and Major Coordinator November 2016- Sept. 2017
Işık University Paid Undergraduate Assistants' Coordinator 2011- 2015
Işık University Double Major and Minors Commission Member 2014- 2015
