

Curriculum Vitae

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Professional Appointments

Fall 2016 Assistant Professor, MEF University, Department of Psychology, Istanbul
Spring 2016 Part-Time Instructor, MEF University, Department of Psychology, Istanbul

Education

2011-2015 **Koç University**, Turkey
Ph.D. in Developmental Psychology, with high distinction
Dissertation: “Parent and child characteristics in developmental psychopathology”
Supervisor: Assoc. Prof. Bilge Selçuk

2012-2013 **Leiden University**, The Netherlands (1 year visiting researcher)

2009- 2011 **Koç University**, Turkey
M.A. in Developmental Psychology, with high distinction
Thesis: “Internalizing Behaviors in Turkish Preschoolers: Role of Temperament, Maternal Positive Parenting and Stress”
Supervisor: Assoc. Prof. Bilge Selçuk

2004- 2009 **Koç University**, Turkey
B.Sc. in Psychology, with high distinction

Fall 2007 **Simon Fraser University**, Canada (1 semester exchange student)

Work History

2015- 2016 Post-doctorate research assistant at Koç University, Department of Psychology

2013- 2016 Senior graduate coordinator at the Child and Family Studies Laboratory, Koç University, Department of Psychology

2012-2013 Visiting Researcher, Leiden University, Centre for Child and Family Studies, the Netherlands

2009- 2015 Research & Teaching Assistant, Koç University, Department of Psychology

Publications

1- Journals covered by ISI (SSCI, SCI, ASCI):

1. **Yavuz**, H. M., Selçuk, B., & Korkmaz, B. (2017). Social competence in children with autism. *International Journal of Developmental Disabilities*. doi: 10.1080/20473869.2017.1346224
2. Selçuk, B., **Yavuz**, H. M., Harma, M, Etel, E., & Ruffman, T. (2017). Executive function and theory of mind as predictors of socially withdrawn behavior in institutionalized children. *Social Development*.
3. Seçinti, E., **Yavuz**, H. M., Selçuk, B. (2017). Feelings of burden among family caregivers of people with spinal cord injury. *Spinal Cord*. doi:10.1038/sc.2017.6
4. **Yavuz**, H. M., Yağmurlu, B., Aksan, N., & Çorapçı, F. (2016). Stress, maternal warmth and temperament are significant predictors of internalizing behaviors in Turkish preschoolers. *Social Development*. doi: 10.1111/sode.12192
5. **Yavuz**, H. M., van IJzendoorn, M. H., Mesman, J, & van der Veek, S. (2015). Interventions aimed at reducing obesity in early childhood: A meta-analysis of programs that involve parents. *Journal of Child Psychology and Psychiatry*, 56, 677-692. doi: 10.1111/jcpp.12330
6. Ekmekçi, H., **Yavuz**, M., Emmen, R., Mesman, J., Van IJzendoorn, M., Yağmurlu, B., & Malda, M. (2015). Professionals' and mothers' beliefs about maternal sensitivity across cultures: Toward effective interventions in the multicultural society. *Journal of Child and Family Studies*, 24, 1295-1306. doi: 10.1007/s10826-014-9937-0
7. Mesman, J., van IJzendoorn, M., Carcamo, R., Carbonell, O. A., Cohen-Paraira, I., de la Harpe, C., Ekmekci, H., Emmen, R., Mels, C., Mooya, H., Noblega, M., Ortiz, J., Sagi-Schwartz, A., Sichimca, F., Soares, I., Steele, H., Steele, M., van der Leeden, M., van der Veer, R., Wang, L., Yağmurlu, B., **Yavuz**, H. M., & Zreik, G. (2015). Is the ideal mother a sensitive mother? Beliefs about early childhood parenting in mothers across the globe. *International Journal of Behavioral Development*. Doi: 10.1177/0165025415594030
8. Yağmurlu, B., & **Yavuz**, H. M. (2015). Social competence and temperament in children with chronic orthopedic disability. *International Journal of Disability, Development and Education*, 62, 83-98. doi: 10.1080/1034912X.2014.984590
9. Yağmurlu, B., **Yavuz**, H. M., & Şen, H. (2015). Well-being of mothers of children with orthopedic disabilities in a disadvantaged context: Findings from Turkey. *Journal of Child and Family Studies*, 24, 948-956. doi: 10.1007/s10826-014-9905-8
10. Altan-Aytun, Ö., Yağmurlu, B. & **Yavuz**, M. (2013). Turkish mothers' coping with children's negative emotions: A brief report. *Journal of Child and Family Studies*, 22, 437-443. doi:10.1007/s10826-012-9597-x

2-Manuscripts under review:

1. **Yavuz**, H. M., & Selçuk, B. (under review). Predictors of obesity and overweight in preschoolers: The role of parenting styles and feeding practices. *Appetite*.

2. Doenyas, C., **Yavuz**, H. M. & Selçuk, B. (under review). Executive function predicts theory of mind and relates mainly to knowledge access and false belief understanding in Turkish preschool children. *Journal of Experimental Child Psychology*.

3- Book chapters:

1. Yağmurlu, B., & **Yavuz**, H. M. (2012). Ana-babalığın görünmeyen yönü: Bilişler [Parental cognitions: Values, ideas, and goals]. In M. Sayıl & B. Yağmurlu (Eds.), *Ana-babalık: Kuram ve araştırma [Parenting: Theory and research]* (pp. 149-168). Istanbul: Koç University Press.
2. Şen, H., **Yavuz**, H. M., & Yağmurlu, B. (2013). Parenting: The Turkish context. In. H. Selin (Ed.), *Parenting across cultures: Childrearing, motherhood and fatherhood in non-western cultures*. Netherlands: Springer Publishers.

Conference Presentations

1. Ekerim, M., **Yavuz**, H. M., Güney, O., Selçuk, B. (2017, April). Differential role of parenting for the externalizing and internalizing behaviors of male and female Turkish preschoolers. Symposium paper to be presented at the *Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD)*, Austin, USA.
2. Nihues, W., **Yavuz**, H. M., Güney, O., Selçuk, B. (2017, April). The unique role of fathers besides mothers on child outcomes in Turkey. Poster to be presented at the *2017 Society for Research in Child Development Biennial Meeting (SRCD)*, Austin, Texas, USA.
3. Vu, K., Balkaya, M, Seo, Y. J., Zhou, N., Selçuk, B., **Yavuz**, H. M., Şen, H., & Cheah, C., S., L. (2017, April). When and where European-American, Chinese-American, and Turkish mothers express control. Poster to be presented at the *Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD)*, Austin, USA.
4. Franko, I., Gönültaş, S., Sumer, O., **Yavuz**, H. M., Güney, O., & Selçuk, B. (2017, April). The role of father involvement in physical and relational victimization: Evidence from Turkish preschool boys. Poster to be presented at the *2017 Society for Research in Child Development Biennial Meeting (SRCD)*, Austin, Texas, USA.
5. **Yavuz**, H. M., Dalbayrak, N., & Selçuk, B. (2016, September). Ketleme becerisinin sosyal çekiniklikteki rolü [Role of inhibitory control on social withdrawal] Poster presented at the *19th National Congress of Psychology*, İzmir, Turkey.
6. Doenyas, C., **Yavuz**, H. M., & Selçuk, B. (2016, September). Yönetici işlevler zihin kuramının öncülü mü? [Do executive functions precede Theory of Mind?] Poster presented at the *19th National Congress of Psychology*, İzmir, Turkey.
7. Gönültaş, S., **Yavuz**, H. M., Sumer, Ö., & Selçuk, B., (2016, September). Zihin Kuramı ve Dil Becerisi Duygu Anlama ile İlişkili mi? [Are Theory of Mind and language skills related to emotion understanding?]. Poster presented at the *19th National Congress of Psychology*, İzmir, Turkey.
8. Sumer, Ö., **Yavuz**, H. M., Gönültaş, S., & Selçuk, B. (2016, September). Babanın çocuk yetiştirmeye dahil olmasının çocuğun saldırganlık seviyesi ile ilişkisi [The role of father involvement in child rearing on child aggression]. Poster presented at the *19th National Congress of Psychology*, İzmir, Turkey.

9. Gönültaş, S., Sumer, Ö., **Yavuz**, H. M., & Selçuk, B. (2016, September). Aile ve kurumda yetiştirilen çocukların bilişsel ve sosyal gelişimi farklılık gösterir mi? [Does cognitive development of children reared by their parents and in institutions differ?]. Poster presented at the 19th *National Congress of Psychology*, İzmir, Turkey.
10. **Yavuz**, H. M. & Selçuk, B. (2016, July). Parenting and childhood obesity: Evidence from Turkey. Symposium paper presented at the 24th *Biennial Meeting of the International Society for the Study of Behavioural Development (ISSBD)*, Vilnius, Lithuania.
11. Cheah, C., Zhou, N., Leung, C., Selçuk, B., **Yavuz**, H. M., Yeon, P. S., & Ha, S. J. (2016, July). Perceptions and expression of maternal warmth across four cultures. Symposium paper presented at the 24th *Biennial Meeting of the International Society for the Study of Behavioural Development (ISSBD)*, Vilnius, Lithuania.
12. Sumer, Ö., Gönültaş, S., Selçuk, B., & **Yavuz**, H., M. (2016, July). Development of executive function, theory of mind and social competence in institution-reared and parent-reared children. Poster presented at the 24th *Biennial Meeting of the International Society for the Study of Behavioural Development (ISSBD)*, Vilnius, Lithuania.
13. **Yavuz**, H. M., Dalbayrak, N., Selçuk, B. (2016, May). Parenting styles and child social withdrawal: The mediating role of inhibitory control. Poster presented at the 28th *Association for Psychological Science (APS)*, Chicago, USA.
14. Sumer, Ö., **Yavuz**, H. M., Gönültaş, S., & Selçuk, B. (2016, May). The role of marital conflict and father involvement on Turkish preschool children's physical aggression. Poster presented at the 28th *Association for Psychological Science (APS)*, Chicago, USA.
15. Gönültaş, S., **Yavuz**, H. M., Sumer, Ö., & Selçuk, B. (2016, May). Role of language and false belief understanding in emotion understanding in Turkish preschool children. Poster presented at the 28th *Association for Psychological Science (APS)*, Chicago, USA.
16. Seçinti, E., **Yavuz**, H. M., & Selçuk, B. (2016, May). Feelings of burden among family caregivers of people with spinal cord injury. Poster presented at the 28th *Association for Psychological Science (APS)*, Chicago, USA.
17. Doenyas, C., **Yavuz**, H. M., & Selçuk (2016, May). Beyond false belief understanding: Executive function predicts theory of mind in early childhood. Poster presented at the 28th *Association for Psychological Science (APS)*, Chicago, USA.
18. Yağmurlu, B. & **Yavuz**, H. M. (2015, July). Religiosity in Muslim Turkish mothers and its links to authoritarian parenting. Poster presented at the 19th *Conference of the Australasian Human Development Association (ADHA)*, Wellington, New Zealand.
19. **Yavuz**, M. H., & Yağmurlu, B. (2015, May). Childhood obesity is not only related with maternal feeding behaviors, but also parenting styles. Poster presented at the 27th *Annual Convention of the Association for Psychological Science (APS)*, NY, USA.
20. Yağmurlu, B., **Yavuz**, M. H., & Soysal, S., (2015, May). Are religiosity and collectivism linked with authoritarian parenting? Evidence from Turkish mothers. Poster presented at the 27th *Annual Convention of the Association for Psychological Science (APS)*, NY, USA.
21. **Yavuz**, H. M., Şen, H., & Yağmurlu, B. (2014, July). Positive and negative control behaviors of Turkish mothers: Links with well-being and children's social-emotional outcomes.

Symposium paper presented at the 23rd *Biennial Meeting of International Society for the Study of Behavioural Development* (ISSBD), Shanghai, China.

22. **Yavuz**, H. M., Şen, H., & Yağmurlu, B. (2014, April). Olumlu ve olumsuz kontrol davranışları: Annenin esenliği ve çocuğun sosyo-duygusal gelişimi ile ilişkisi. Poster presented at the *National Congress of Psychology*, Bursa, Turkey.
23. **Yavuz**, M. H., Ekmekçi, H., Emmen, R., Mesman, J., Yağmurlu, B., & IJzendoorn, M. (2013, April). Sensitivity beliefs of mothers and professionals across cultures. Poster presented at the *Society for Research in Child Development* (SRCD), Seattle, USA.
24. Şen, H., Zhou, N., Leung, C. **Yavuz**, M. H., Yağmurlu, B., & Cheah, C. L. (2013, April). Similarities and differences in Turkish and Chinese immigrant mothers' expression of warmth. Poster presented at the *Society for Research in Child Development* (SRCD), Seattle, USA.
25. Şen, H., Yağmurlu, B., **Yavuz**, M., Eröz, B. N., & Harma, M. (2013, September). The role of religiosity in maternal beliefs about expressing warmth and strictness toward children. Symposium paper presented at *16th European Congress of Developmental Psychology* (ECDP), Lausanne, Switzerland.
26. Mesman, J., van IJzendoorn, M., Carcamo, R., Carbonel, O., Cohen-Paraira, I., De la Harpe, C., Ekmekci, H., Emmen, R., Mels, C., Mooya, H., Noblega, M., Munoz, J., Sagi-Schwartz, A., Sichimba, F., Soares, I., Steele, H., Steele, M., Van der Leeden, M., Van der Veer, R., Wang, L., Yağmurlu, B., **Yavuz**, M., & Zreik, G. (2013, April). Across cultures the ideal mother is a sensitive one: Maternal beliefs about sensitive parenting across the globe. Symposium paper presented at the *Society for Research in Child Development*, (SRCD), Seattle, USA.
27. **Yavuz**, H. M., Yağmurlu, B., Aksan, N., & Çorapçı, F. (2012, July). The role of maternal sensitivity, child temperament, and stress in preschoolers' internalizing behaviors in Turkey. Symposium paper presented at the *International Society for the Study of Behavioural Development* (ISSBD), Edmonton, Canada.
28. Bilgin, A., Yağmurlu, B., **Yavuz**, H. M., Korkmaz, B., & Seren, I. (2012, July). Understanding that 'knowledge is followed by seeing' is critical for social competence in children with autism. Poster presented at the *International Society for the Study of Behavioural Development* (ISSBD), Edmonton, Canada.
29. Yağmurlu, B., & **Yavuz**, H. M. (2012, July). Social-emotional wellbeing in low SES Turkish children with chronic orthopedic disability. Poster presented at the *International Society for the Study of Behavioural Development* (ISSBD), Edmonton, Canada.
30. Yağmurlu, B., Korkmaz, B., Seren, I., & **Yavuz**, H. M. (2012, July). See-know ability and social competence in children with autism. Poster presented at *International Association for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Allied Professions*, (IACAPAP), Paris, France.
31. **Yavuz**, H. M., Yağmurlu, B., Çorapçı, F., & Aksan, N. (2012, April). Okul öncesi dönemde içselleştirme davranışları: Çocuğun mizacının, annenin hassasiyetinin ve stresinin etkileri [Internalizing behaviors of preschool children: The effect of child temperament, sensitivity of mother, and stress.] Symposium paper presented at the *17th National Congress of Psychology*, Istanbul, Turkey.
32. Yağmurlu, B., Korkmaz, B., & **Yavuz**, H. M. (2012, April). Otizmliler için "Görmenin Bilmeyi Sağlayacağı" İlkesini Anlamaları ve İletişim Becerileri [Understanding that 'knowledge

is followed by seeing' and communicative abilities in children with autism.] Poster presented at the 17th National Congress of Psychology, Istanbul, Turkey.

33. **Yavuz**, H. M., & Yağmurlu, B. (2012, April). Dezavantajlı koşullarda yaşayan ve ortopedik engeli olan çocuklara ve ailelerine dair bir inceleme [An investigation of children with chronic orthopedic disabilities from disadvantaged backgrounds and their families.] Poster presented at the 17th National Congress of Psychology, Istanbul, Turkey.
34. **Yavuz**, H. M., Aksan, N., Yağmurlu, B., & Çorapçı, F. (2011, April). Internalizing behaviors in Turkish preschoolers: Relations with child temperament, maternal responsiveness and stress. Poster presented at the *Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD)*, Montreal, Canada.
35. **Yavuz**, H. M., Yağmurlu, B., Aksan, N., & Çorapçı, F. (2011, July). Role of temperamental fearfulness and exuberance and maternal warmth on internalizing behaviors of Turkish preschoolers. Poster presented at the *European Congress of Psychology (ECP)*, Istanbul, Turkey.
36. Etel, E. & **Yavuz**, H. M. (2010, September). An analysis about the effects of non-abusive violence on children. Symposium paper presented at the 4th Congress of Graduate Students of Psychology, Ankara, Turkey.
37. **Yavuz**, H. M., Nasir, S., Sayalı, C. Z., Batum, S., Özdamar, O, Moğol, S., Şen, H., Çorapçı, F., Yağmurlu, B., & Aksan, N. (2010, March). Interplay of emotional reactivity and maternal affect on internalizing symptoms. Poster presented at the *International Society on Infant Studies (ISIS)*, Baltimore, USA.
38. **Yavuz**, H. M., Nasir, S., & Sayalı, C. Z. (2009, June). The association of exuberance and fear on internalizing behaviors. Poster presented at the 3rd Congress of Graduate Students of Psychology, Istanbul, Turkey

Awards

Summer 2015	Koç University Graduate School of Social Sciences and Humanities Graduate Studies Excellence Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement during PhD studies
Summer 2014	International Society for the Study of Behavioural Development (ISSBD) Early Career Scholar travel grant for ISSBD 2014 Biennial Meeting
Fall 2012-Summer 2013	Erasmus Scholarship
Summer 2012	The Scientific and Technological Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK) travel grant for ISSBD 2012 Biennial Meeting
Fall 2011 –Spring 2015	TÜBİTAK Scholarship for Ph.D. Students
Fall 2011 –Spring 2015	Koç University Graduate School of Social Sciences Excellence Scholarship (Full tuition waiver & Stipend)
Fall 2009 –Spring 2011	TÜBİTAK Scholarship for Graduate Students
Fall 2009 – Spring 2011	Koç University Full Merit Scholarship for Graduate Students (Full tuition waiver & Stipend)

Fall 2005 – Spring 2009

Vehbi Koç Scholar Award

Fall 2004 – Spring 2009

Koç University Full Merit Scholarship for Undergraduate Students
(Full tuition waiver & Stipend)

Teaching Experience

Undergraduate Courses:

Developmental Psychology I

Personality Psychology

Social Psychology (part-time)

Reviews for scientific journals:

Child Development Perspectives (Ad hoc reviewer)

Asian Women (Ad hoc reviewer)

Professional Memberships

Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD)

Association for Psychological Science (APS)

International Society for the Study of Behavioural Development (ISSBD)