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### **EDUCATION:**

- 2016 – 2019**                      **Tilburg University, School of Humanities, Tilburg/ the Netherlands**  
**PhD in Culture Studies**  
Thesis: Turkish Outbound Exchange Students' Intercultural Competencies at Different Stages of the International Sojourn  
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- 2006 – 2008**                      **Sabancı University, Istanbul/ Turkey**  
**MA in Cultural Studies**  
Thesis: “Erasmus as an Emerging Educational Space in Turkey: Explanation of a New Reality at the Nexus of Education, Youth, and Change”
- 2003 – 2005**                      **New York University (NYU), New York/ USA**  
**MA in International Politics**  
Thesis: “A Political-Economic Look at Turkey’s Post 1980 Outlook”
- 1998 – 2002**                      **Koç University (KU), Istanbul/ Turkey**
- 1992 – 1998**                      **Tarsus American College, Mersin/ Turkey**

### **EMPLOYMENT:**

- February 2021 -                      Post-Doctoral Researcher, Koç University, Migration Research Center (MiReKoc)  
2018 – 2021                      Consultant  
2011- 2017                      International Relations Coordinator, Özyeğin University (Istanbul/Turkey)  
2008 – 2010                      Coordinator, R&D Department, Educational Volunteers Foundation (TEGV) (Istanbul/Turkey)  
2006– 2008                      EU Programs Institutional Coordinator, Işık University (Istanbul/Turkey)  
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### **PUBLICATIONS:**

- Aksay Aksezer, E., Yagmur, K., Van de Vijver, F.J.R. (2020). A Qualitative Study of Erasmus Program Challenges and Paradoxes Based on the Experiences of Students from Turkey. *Accepted for publication.*
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- Aksay Aksezer, E. &Yabaş, D. (2020). Evaluation of a Non-formal STEM Program in terms of Student and Volunteer Achievements. *Submitted for review.*
- Digital Wellbeing Association Parent/Adult Education Program and Supplementary Resources. (2019)
- Aksay Aksezer, E. &Yabaş, D. (2019) Science Heroes Association (BKD) Curiosity Machine Program Volunteer Assessment Report.
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- Aksay, E. “Civil Society Organizations in the Field of Education in Turkey”. Third Sector Foundation of Turkey (TÜSEV) STEP Project Case Study. (2009)

**CONFERENCES:**

- Presenter, Higher Education Studies Association Online Conference, October 2020.
- Presenter, the 4<sup>th</sup> International Higher Education Studies Conference, 18 Mart University, Çanakkale, Turkey, 2019.
- First Year Programs at Higher Education Institutions, Koç University, Istanbul, 2018.
- ERACON, NAFSA and the EAIE International Education Conferences, 2007-2016.
- Presenter, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Graduate Student Conference, 2008.

**SKILLS, AWARDS, MEMBERSHIP:**

- European Foundation Center Fellowship, 2010.
- UNESCO International Fellowship, 2010.
- Sabancı University Fellowship, 2006-2008.
- Turkish (Native), English (Fluent), Italian (Intermediate).
- Member, Yükseköğretim Çalışmaları Derneği (Higher Education Studies Association).