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Education

Ph.D. Sociology, **Koç University**, Istanbul, Turkey   2020 − now
  Graduate Research and Teaching Assistant
  Supervisor: Assist. Prof. Dr. Ayşen Üstübici
  CGPA: 4.00/4.00

M.A. Sociology, **Istanbul Şehir (Marmara) University**, Istanbul, Turkey   2019 − 2020
  Teaching and Research Assistant
  Dissertation Title: "Socio-economic integration of Iranian immigrants in contemporary 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   Gender and migration
Investment citizenship   Technology adoption of migrants
Social integration of immigrants   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*.

Ekhtiari, M., Aysan, M. F. (2021) "Güvensizlikten Uzak Ama Eve Yeterince Yakın: İranlı Göçmenlerin Türkiye'de Sosyo-Ekonomik Entegrasyonu", *İnsan & Toplum Dergisi*

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 Üstübici
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 – Sep 2020

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, Developing progress reports.

Research Assistant at Turkish Red Crescent Society   **Dec 2019 – Apr 2020**

Principal Investigator: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mehmet 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 **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

2021   "socio-economic integration of Iranian immigrants in Turkey".
University of Akureyri, Iceland

2020   "socio-economic integration of Iranian immigrants in Turkey".
Istanbul Bilgi University, Istanbul, Turkey

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

2020   "Challenges of Iranian migrants in Turkey: A qualitative study".
Sosyoloji Dükkanı, Istanbul Şehir University, Istanbul, Turkey

2016   "effects of group based cognitive-behavioral therapy of Afghan migrants 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
- Istanbul 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)

Workshops and Trainings

- MiReKoc International Summer School 2021(11-22 October 2021)
- Social ComQuant Summer School, INSNA (26-31 July 2021)
- Academic writing workshop, Pivot frontiers (21-22 September 2021)

Memberships and Voluntary Works

- Member of 2021 IMISCOE Ph.D. network, Rotterdam, Netherlands
- Member of "Early Migration Scholars", University of Amsterdam
- 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
- Arabic   : Fair

Professional Skills

- IBM SPSS, Minitab, NVivo, R, Stata
- Latex (Texmaker and WinEdit editors)