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EDUCATION

- Maastricht University**, United Nations University - MERIT & Maastricht Graduate School of Governance 09/11-08/12
M.S. in Public Policy and Human Development
Specialization: Migration Studies
Thesis Title: Family-forming migration from Turkey to the Netherlands and Germany: An investigation on the determinants of Turkish migrant women's empowerment
- Boğaziçi University**, Istanbul, Turkey 09/04-06/09
B.A. in Economics
Studied Abroad with Erasmus: Maastricht University, School of Business and Economics, The Netherlands

EXPERIENCE

- Migration Research Center at Koç University (MiReKoc)**, Sarıyer, Istanbul 08/16-Present
Project Manager, Vehbi Koç Foundation Migration Fellow
- Coordinating "Forced Migration Resource Center" project
 - Increasing dialogue and developing partnerships with the civil society organizations working with Syrian refugees
- BoMoVu (Network of Sport & Body Movement for Vulnerable Groups)**, Eminönü, Istanbul 08/15-Present
Co-founder, Project Developer and Coordinator, Fund raiser
- Coordinating and implementing "Reconciliation Games (Barışa Oyna)" project
 - Coordinating and implementing "Your Movement is Free (Hareketin Özgür)" project
- International Organization for Migration (IOM)**, Besiktas, Istanbul 08/14-08/16 (Unpaid Leave until 08/18)
Operations and AVR (Assisted Voluntary Return) Assistant
- Carried out operational duties for various countries' resettlement and family reunification programs
 - Dealt with exit permit issues in close coordination with UNHCR and government authorities
 - Interviewing, case processing and determination of best interest for returnees, assisting them under AVR project funded by the British and Norwegian governments
 - Carried out post-arrival family monitoring for unaccompanied minor returnees
 - Assisted victims of human trafficking under CT project funded by Turkish government
 - Provided regular support on reporting and projects related documents
- International Organization for Migration (IOM)**, New York City, NY, USA 05/15-07/15
Operations Assistant (*on-the-job training*)
- Responsible for operational coordination of refugee movements to United States under the US Refugee Admission Program (USRAP)
- International Organization for Migration (IOM)**, Beyoğlu, Istanbul 04/13-7/14
Airport Assistant
- Responsible for orderly departure of refugees and return migrants from Istanbul Airport
- International Organization for Migration (IOM)**, Beyoğlu, Istanbul 10/12-04/13
Project Assistant, October 2012 – April 2013
- "Raising awareness on International Migration in Turkey" project funded by the Consulate of Sweden.
 - Assisting with the organization of art exhibitions, workshops, cultural events, and institutional cooperation activities where migrants and local community could strengthen contact
- PricewaterhouseCoopers**, Akaretler, ISTANBUL 02/10-08/11
Full-time Associate, Human Capital Department
- In charge of annual budget planning and reporting, applying budget scenarios to forecast the budget for following years
 - Worked as a part of PwC Turkey Global Mobility (GM) Team
 - Worked as R&D assistant in order to improve HR strategies

PricewaterhouseCoopers, Akaretler, ISTANBUL

10/09-02/10

Full-time Associate, International Assignment Services

- Responsible for preparation of tax return applications for high skilled migrants deployed by client organizations, making residence permit and work permit applications
- Assisting clients with the legal process of immigration if needed

United Nations University – MERIT & Maastricht Graduate School of Governance, 02/2012 – 06/2012:

Part-time research assistant under the supervision of Dr. Ozge Bilgili

- Working on the collected data on SPSS and assisting with preparation of the codebook for the project on Afghan, Burundian, Ethiopian and Moroccan migrant households in the Netherlands

Bogazici University, 2008- 09, Spring Term

Student assistant for Prof. Refik Erzan for the course of Turkish Economics

SCHOLARSHIPS AND HONORS

- Jean Monnet Scholarship, 2011
- Maastricht University High Potential Scholarship, 2011

PRESENTATIONS

- “Life in Limbo: Afghan Refugees in Turkey” (with Ezgi Irgil)
Presented at the Istanbul Security Conference, ‘Change in State Nature: Borders of Security,’ TASAM and National Defense and Security Institute, Istanbul, Turkey (November 2-4, 2016)
- “Human Trafficking in Turkey: Challenges of Victim Identification Process” Research & Seminar
Presented a seminar for the MSc candidates of Migration Studies program at MsGoG, Maastricht University on Human Trafficking (April X, 2013)
- Non-discriminatory Swearing Workshop (BoMoVu)
Conducted a workshop in order to look for an alternative and sensitive language to counter discriminatory/marginalizing speech that dominate the bleachers at the Football Supporters’ Europe conference in İzmir organized by Supporters’ Rights Association (THD) (14-15 July, 2016)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Article on “Social Media and Migration” *published by Political and Social Research Institute of Europe and Bloomberg Businessweek.* <http://ps-europe.org/social-media-and-migration/>
- Dissertation thesis “Family-forming migration from Turkey to the Netherlands and Germany: An investigation on the determinants of Turkish migrant women’s empowerment” *available for access on MIPEX* <http://www.mipex.eu/family-forming-migration-turkey-netherlands-and-germany-investigation-determinants-turkish-migrant-w>

COURSES

- TechCamp “Innovation, Inspiration, Istanbul: Digital Solutions for Displaced Populations” 10/16
Organized by US Consulate and International Medical Corps
- Project Cycle Management Course, Istanbul Bilgi University, Turkey 10/15 – 01/16
Taught by Prof. Dr. Nurhan Yentürk and Zeynep Kılıç Turkey