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## Education

- 2024- PH.D. in Sociology and Social Data Analytics — **The Pennsylvania State University**.  
2024 M.A. in Sociology — **The Pennsylvania State University**.  
*Thesis: Varieties of Group Threat: Ethnic Group Position, Individual-Level Status, and Anti-Immigrant Sentiments.*  
*Committee:* Charles Seguin (Chair), Daniel DellaPosta, Gary Adler, Brandon Gorman.
- 2022 M.A. in Sociology — **University of Mannheim**.  
2019 B.A. in Sociology — **Boğaziçi University**.  
2018 EXCHANGE SEMESTER — **University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**.

## Publications

### JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 2025 Atac, Ibrahim Enes & Gary J. Adler Jr. 2025. "Religious Rebound, Political Backlash, and the Youngest Cohort: Understanding Religious Change in Turkey." *Social Forces* 103(3):1144–66.

### MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Ibrahim Enes Atac , Charles Seguin, & Brandon Gorman. "The Wages of Ethnic Power: Socioeconomic Status, Group Threat, and Anti-Immigrant Attitudes in Europe." *International Journal of Comparative Sociology*

### MANUSCRIPTS UNDER PREPARATION

Ibrahim Enes Atac , Charles Seguin, & Brandon Gorman. "Nuances of Prejudice: A Cross-National Analysis of Majority and Minority Attitudes toward Immigrants."

Jungsik Choi & Ibrahim Enes Atac . "Is Science a World Culture? Restricted Actorhood and Public Trust in Science."

Ibrahim Enes Atac , Eric Silver, & John Iceland. "Racial Stereotyping and Support for Immigration."

Abdul Basit Adeel & Ibrahim Enes Atac . "How Electoral Dynamics Affect Sentiments Against Refugees."

## Scholarships, Grants, & Awards

### EXTERNAL

- 2024 Student Travel Award (**\$850**).  
*Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (SSSR).*
- 2024 Travel Grant (**\$800**).  
*Association for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Culture (ASREC).*
- 2019-22 DAAD-TEV Master's Degree Scholarship (**€25,500**).  
*German Academic Exchange Service & Turkish Education Foundation.*
- 2018-19 National Scholarship Program for Undergraduate Students (**TL15,000**).  
*The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK).*

### INTERNAL

- 2024 Huber-Form Sociology Master Thesis Award (**\$750**).  
*Department of Sociology & Criminology, The Penn State University.*
- 2024 First place in the Sociology Paper Competition, Working Paper Category (**\$250**).  
*Department of Sociology & Criminology, The Penn State University.*

## Conference Presentations

- 2024 *Faith and Frontiers: Uncovering Thematic Divergence in Sermons at Home and Abroad Using Large Language Models* (w/ Abdul Basit Adeel).  
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion – Pittsburgh, PA.
- The Wages of Ethnic Power: Socioeconomic Status, Group Threat, and Anti-Immigrant Attitudes in Europe* (w/ Charles Seguin and Brandon Gorman).  
ZEW Immigration Workshop – Mannheim, Germany.  
American Sociological Association — Montreal, Canada.
- How Electoral Dynamics Affect Sentiments Against Refugees* (w/ Abdul Basit Adeel).  
International Conference on Computational Social Science — Philadelphia, PA.
- 2023 *Political Backlash and Period Effects: Examining Secularization in Turkey*.  
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion — Salt Lake City, UT.  
American Sociological Association — Philadelphia, PA.

- 2021 *Public Attitudes toward Migrants in Latin America and the Middle East.*  
Annual Migration Studies Conference for Graduate Students — Istanbul, Turkey.

## Invited Talks

- 2024 *Religious Rebound, Political Backlash, and the Youngest Cohort: Understanding Religious Change in Turkey.*  
Sociology Paper Competition Presentation at Penn State University.
- 2024 *The Wages of Ethnic Power: Socioeconomic Status, Group Threat, and Anti-Immigrant Attitudes in Europe.*  
Migration Studies Project at Penn State University.

## Public Engagement

### PODCAST & INTERVIEWS

- 2024 [Türkiye'deki sığınmacılar hakkında doğru bilinen yanlışlar.](#)  
Medyascope interview with the journalist Ruşen Çakır on common misconceptions about refugees in Turkey.

## Courses Taught

### GUEST LECTURER

- 2024 SOC 001 — *Honors Introductory Sociology.*

## Research Experience

- 2022–  
2020-22 Graduate Research Assistant — Dept. of Soc & Crim, The Penn State University.  
Research Assistant — Mannheim Centre for European Social Research, University of Mannheim.
- 2018 Research Assistant — Migration Research Center, Koc University (MiReKoc).

## Additional Training

- 2024 ASREC Graduate Student Workshop

## Work Experience

- 2018 Translator  
**Book:** Dromgold-Sermen, M. (2020). *Farkliliklari Yonetme Kulturu: Goc Yonetimi Alani ve Türkiye'ye'ye Goc Eden Suriyeliler (A Culture of Managing Difference: The Field of Migration Management and Syrian Movers to Turkey).* Ankara: Middle East Technical University.

## Professional Membership

- 2023- American Sociological Association (ASA).  
Global & Transnational Sociology  
Political Sociology  
Social Psychology
- 2023- Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (SSSR).

## Skills

**Software:** L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Python, R, Stata, Tableau.

**Languages:** Turkish, English, Persian (reading), German (reading).