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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. "[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."

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER PREPARATION

[Ibrahim Enes Atac](#), Charles Seguin, & Brandon Gorman. "Nuances of Prejudice: A Cross-National Analysis of Majority and Minority Attitudes toward Immigrants." *Draft available*.

Jungsik Choi & [Ibrahim Enes Atac](#). "Is Science a World Culture? Restricted Actorhood and Public Trust in Science." *Draft available*.

[Ibrahim Enes Atac](#), Eric Silver, & John Iceland. "Racial Stereotyping and Support for Immigration." *Draft available*.

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

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– Graduate Research Assistant — Dept. of Soc & Crim, The Penn State University.
- 2020-22 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 Turkiye'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).
Collective Behavior & Social Movements
Global & Transnational Sociology
Political Sociology
Social Psychology
- 2023- Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (SSSR).

Reviewer

CONFERENCE

International Conference on Computational Social Science (5).

Skills

Software: L^AT_EX, Python, R, Stata, Tableau.

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