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EDUCATION

MIDDLE EAST TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY

Social Psychology (Supervisor: Assoc. Prof. Banu Cingöz Ulu) (English), PhD

Ankara, Türkiye
May 2024– Present

BAŞKENT UNIVERSITY

Social Psychology (50% English), MSc

3.85/4 GPA, High Honours degree

(Supervisors: Assoc. Prof. Zuhul Yeniçeri Kökdemir, Dr. Christina Bauer)

Ankara, Türkiye
Sep 2021– Nov 2023

ANKARA YILDIRIM BEYAZIT UNIVERSITY

Psychology Department (English), BA

3.43/4 GPA, Honours degree

• George August University of Göttingen

Erasmus Exchange Semester, during BA

Ankara, Türkiye
Sep 2016 – Jun 2021

Göttingen, Germany
Mar 2021 – Jul 2021

ETİ SOCIAL SCIENCES HIGH SCHOOL

87/100 GPA

Prep-School degree for German, B1 Level

Eskişehir, Türkiye
2011 – 2016

EMPLOYMENT

MIDDLE EAST TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY

Research/ Teaching Assistant at the department of psychology (full-time)

Ankara, Türkiye
May 2024 – Present

ATATURK UNIVERSITY

Research/ Teaching Assistant at the department of psychology (full-time)

Erzurum, Türkiye
Feb 2022 – May 2024

NGO: Tiryakizade Social Entrepreneur

Project Manager (*unpaid, professional*)

- Increasing and sustaining social benefits of disadvantaged groups
- <http://www.tiryakizade.org/en>

Eskişehir, Türkiye
Dec 2015– Dec 2022

EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF HAMBURG

Research Intern

- Zentrum für Interdisziplinäre Suchtforschung (ZIS), with Dr. Ingo Schäfer

Hamburg, Germany
Jun 2025 – July 2025

ANKARA UNIVERSITY

Project Manager for Erasmus+.

- Research and Application Center for Combating Addiction, with Dr. Şafak Yalçın Şahiner

Ankara, Türkiye
Sep 2025– Present

UNIVERSITY OF VIENNA

Research Intern

- Laboratory of Motivation Psychology, with Dr. Christina Bauer and Univ. Prof. Dr. Veronika Job

Vienna, Austria
Aug 2024 – Nov 2024

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Research Intern

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Aug 2023 – Nov 2023

ANKARA YILDIRIM BEYAZIT UNIVERSITY

Research Assistance

- Social Cognition Laboratory, under the supervision of Dr. Gülten Ünal

Ankara, Türkiye
May 2018 – Aug 2018

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Article

1. **Tekeli, M.R.**, Polat, H., & Arıkan, Z., & Bauer, C.A. (Under review in *Drugs: Education, Prevention and Policy*). Acknowledging the strengths of people contending with addiction: An identity-reframing approach to support the employment prospects of individuals with substance use disorder Manuscript in Preparation. https://doi.org/10.31219/osf.io/e29hp_v1
2. **Tekeli, M.R.**, Erdem, A., & Yeniçeri Kökdemir, Z. (Under review in *Political Psychology*). Political orientations, sexism, perceived discrimination, and system justification in the 2023 Turkish presidential election context. Manuscript in Preparation. https://doi.org/10.31219/osf.io/n6ucg_v1
3. **Tekeli, M. R.**, Bauer, C., Duden, G., & Kökdemir, Z. Y. (In preparation). Active agents, not passive victims: How students with a Syrian refugee background in Türkiye contend with the challenges they are faced with. https://doi.org/10.31234/osf.io/mgcd9_v1
4. Polat, H., & **Tekeli, M.R.** (In preparation). An investigation of the language barrier faced by immigrant and refugee students in regions with high refugee density in Türkiye. Manuscript in Preparation.
5. **Tekeli, M.R.**, & Mullaoğlu, F. E. (In preparation). Understanding the double standards in migration: An intersectional examination in Türkiye regarding source allocation. Manuscript in Preparation.
6. **Tekeli, M. R.**, Gürcan Yıldırım, D., Şirci, M., Yıldırım, F., & Duman, D. (In preparation). Personality traits and environmental education: Longitudinal impact on university students' environmental attitudes. Manuscript in Preparation.
7. Bulut, M.B., Tanrıverdi, O., **Tekeli, M.R.**, Yıldızeli, N., Ünal, N.N., & Çolak, C. (2024). Unveiling the hushed rebellion! Exploring the concept of quiet quitting in the modern workplace: Development and validation of Quiet Quitting Scale. *Akademik Araştırmalar ve Çalışmalar Dergisi (AKAD)*, 16(30), 198-223. <https://doi.org/10.20990/kilisiibfakademik.1444762>
8. Polat, H., Kök, B., **Tekeli, M. R.** (2019). 12-18 yaş arası çocuklarda sorunlu internet kullanımı. *Bağımlılık Dergisi* [English Translation: Problematic Internet Use in Children Between Ages of 12-18], 20 (2), 61-71. Retrieved from <http://dergipark.org.tr/bagimli/issue/44300/552473?fbclid=IwAR0Au8tGe6GMqMosjMJ1Ss-4zTbObl5T-YXxg2-v4yqZUUbMkTpsImouQs>

Conference Presentations

1. **Tekeli, M.R.**, & Polat, H. (2025). An investigation of the language barrier faced by immigrant and refugee students in regions with high refugee density in Türkiye. [Oral Presentation]. 5th Cultural Diversity, Migration, and Education Conference. Postdam, Germany.
2. **Tekeli, M.R.**, Erdem, A., & Yeniçeri Kökdemir, Z. (2024). Political orientations, sexism, perceived discrimination, and system justification in the 2023 Turkish presidential election context. [Oral Presentation]. V. Congress of Social Psychology. Ankara, Türkiye.
3. **Tekeli, M. R.**, Gürcan Yıldırım, D., Şirci, M., Yıldırım, F., & Duman, D. (2024). Personality traits and environmental education: impact on university students' environmental attitudes. [Oral Presentation]. VI. National Congress of Psychology Graduate Students (UPLOK). Ankara, Türkiye.
4. **Tekeli, M. R.**, & Yıldırım, E. (2024). Understanding the double standards in migration: An intersectional examination. [Oral Presentation]. VI. National Congress of Psychology Graduate Students (UPLOK). Ankara, Türkiye.
5. Bulut, M.B., Tanrıverdi, O., **Tekeli, M.R.**, Yıldızeli, N., Ünal, N.N., & Çolak, C. (2024). Unveiling the hushed rebellion! Exploring the concept of quiet quitting in the modern workplace: Development and validation of Quiet Quitting Scale. [Oral Presentation]. I. Industrial and Organizational Psychology Congress. Adana, Türkiye.
6. **Tekeli, M. R.** (2023). Creating a map of addiction risk in refugees and building a model prevention program for solution. [Oral Presentation]. The Migration Conference. Hamburg, Germany.
7. **Tekeli, M. R.** (2023). Standing for others: A qualitative study on motivators and demotivators of volunteering. [Poster Presentation]. Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) 2023 Annual Convention. Washington, USA.
8. **Tekeli, M. R.** (2022). A comprehensive investigation on a new addition type: Antibiotic usage in Türkiye. [Oral Presentation]. 21st National Congress of Psychology (UPK). İstanbul, Türkiye.
9. **Tekeli, M. R.**, Polat, H., & Kök, B. (2021). Problematic internet use in children between ages of 12-18 [Oral Presentation]. 32nd International Congress of Psychology (ICP). Prague, Czech Republic.
10. Çınar, P. F. & **Tekeli, M. R.** The effects of perceived social supports on female's depression levels [Poster

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Presentation]. 32nd International Congress of Psychology (ICP). Prague, Czech Republic.

Book Chapter

1. **Tekeli, M.R.** (2023). The Motivation Theories. In Bulut, M.B. (Ed.) The Theories of Social Psychology IV (pp. 23-41). Nobel Yayınları.

Reports

1. Kök, B., **Tekeli, M. R.**, & Polat, H. (2019). [“Yalnızlık Sarmalı Sendromuna Bir Adım Yaklaşmak: Sorunlu Teknoloji Kullanımı”](#) [English Translation: One Step Closer to Loneliness Spiral Syndrome: Problematic Use of Technology]. Fieldwork Report and Assessments on the Internet Addiction and Technological Device Use 12-18 Years Old Youngsters in Eskişehir, Turkey.
2. Kök, B., **Tekeli, M. R.** (2018). [“Bağımlı Olma, Hayata Bağlan”](#) [English Translation: Don't Be Addicted, Connect with Life]: Fieldwork Report and Assessments on the Drug Impact Map of Eskişehir, Turkey.

Book for Public Audience

1. Kök, B., Gülşen Kaçmaz, A., & **Tekeli, M.R.** (2022). [Kavramlarla Okumak Düşünmek ve Yazmak IV](#). [English Translation: Reading, Writing and Thinking based on the Concepts]. ISBN: 978-605-68804-7-6.

FUNDED ACADEMIC AND SOCIAL PROJECTS

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| 1. An Investigation of Primary School Students' Problems Related to Language Barrier in Regions with High Refugee Density in Türkiye
•Turkish Original: Türkiye’de Mülteci Yoğunluğunun Yüksek Olduğu Bölgelerde İlköğretim Öğrencilerinin Dil Bariyeriyle İlişkili Sorunlarının İncelenmesi
•Role: Project Researcher •Funding Body: Middle East Technical University | May 2023 – May 2025
Grant: 4.315 € |
| 2. Keeping the Tradition Alive with an Understanding of Sustainable Social Responsibility
•Turkish Original: Sürdürülebilir Sosyal Sorumluluk Anlayışıyla Geleneği Yaşatmak
•Role: Project Co-Coordinator •Funding Body: Ministry of Interior | Jul 2021 – May 2022
Grant: 8.000 € |
| 3. The Role of Youth in Cultural Continuity
•Turkish Original: Kültürel Süreklilikte Gençliğin Rolü
•Role: Project Co-Coordinator. •Funding Body: Ministry of Interior | Jan 2021 – Feb 2022
Grant: 15.286 € |
| 4. Intercultural Collaboration Bridge to Decipher Internet Addiction
•Role: Project Co-Coordinator.
•Funding Body: European Commission Erasmus+ Key Action 205 | Jan 2021 – Dec 2022
Grant: 161.000 € |
| 5. Struggle with Technology Addiction in Young People aged 12-18
•Funding Body: Trans-Anatolian Gas Pipeline Support for Social Development Projects
•Role: Project Co-Coordinator | Nov 2018 – Mar 2019
Grant: 15.000 € |
| 6. Do not be Addicted, Connect with Life
•Turkish Original: Bağımlı Olma, Hayata Bağlan
•Role: Project Co-Coordinator
•Funding Body: Ministry of Interior | Dec 2017 – Dec 2018
Grant: 21.000 € |
| 7. Conceptualized Reading & Academic Writing Project in High-Schools
•Turkish Original: Liselerde Kavramlarla Okumak, Düşünmek ve Yazmak
•Role: Project Co-Coordinator
•Funding Body: Ministry of National Education | Sep 2014 – Nov 2021
Grant: Volunteer |

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EXTRA CIRCULAR ACTIVITIES & VOLUNTERINGS

ERASMUS+ European Solidarity Corps (ESC) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Long-term Volunteer at Freie Schule• Volunteer/ co-teacher in a school which has an alternative education approach.	Sep 2019 – Jul 2020 Linz, Austria
EFPSA (European Federation of Psychology Students' Associations) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Student Exchange Program/ Discover the Cultural Spirit Project	6-14 Nov 2017 Baku, Azerbaijan
Volunteer in AIESEC <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Team Leader/ Member of outgoing Global Entrepreneurship and Talent	Nov 2016-Jan 2018 Ankara, Türkiye
Global Mentors Project (AIESEC) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Volunteer in a Volunteer Project in an Orphanage with Kids.	Jun 2017 – Jul 2017 Rijeka, Croatia

SKILLS & INTERESTS

Technical: Atlas.ti, R Programming (beginner), SPSS, Jamovi, JASP, MS Office (Advanced)

Language: Turkish (Native), English (C1-Advanced), German (B2-Upper Intermediate)

Interests: Travelling, Cycling, Theatre, Cultural and ethnic music

MEMBERSHIPS

Turkish Psychological Association (TPD)

The Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP)

American Psychological Association (APA)

European Association of Social Psychology (EASP)

Jugendbotschafter e. V. (Gençlik Elçileri Derneği/ Youth Ambassadors)

- Supported by The German-Turkish Youth Bridge, which is an initiative of Stiftung Mercator.

PASCH Alumni Türkiye

- Supported by the Goethe Institute, DAAD and ZfA.