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Education

2021- Present Global and Sociocultural Studies, Ph.D. Candidate.
Florida International University, United States.

Dissertation: "From Homeland to Hostland: Religious Identity, Freedom Perceptions, and Racial Dynamics Among Muslim Middle Eastern and North African (MENA) Immigrants in the U.S" (Anticipated June 2025)

2019 Sociology, Master of Arts.
Istanbul Şehir University, Turkey

Thesis: Analysis of Migrant Education in Turkey from the Eyes of Syrian Families and Children in Istanbul. Istanbul Şehir University. Master of Arts Thesis.

2018 Management, BA. (Double Major)
Istanbul Şehir University, Turkey

2017 Industrial Engineering, BSc.
Istanbul Şehir University, Turkey

Publications

Articles in Academic Journals

Kırkiç, Ayşe Perihan. (2024). Revealing the Role of Intangible Factors on Migration in MENA: Religious Identity and Freedom Perceptions. *International Migration*. (Accepted on 29 October 2024).

Kırkiç, Ayşe Perihan. (2024). The Challenge of Evaluating the Impacts of NGOs on Syrian Refugees in Turkey. *Refugee Survey Quarterly*. <https://doi.org/10.1093/rsq/hdae011>

Kırkiç, K., Kırkiç, A.P, & Berberoğlu, Şeyma. (2018). The educational needs of refugees in a multicultural world: An innovative solution to the problem. *International Journal of Curriculum and Instructional Studies (IJOCIS)*, 8(2), 233-254.
<https://doi.org/https://doi.org/10.31704/ijocis.2018.011>.
<http://www.ijocis.com/index.php/ijocis/article/view/ijocis.2018.011/148>.

Articles in Progress

Kırkiç, Ayşe Perihan & Lai, Qing. (2024). Officially White: Racial Ambiguities of Middle Eastern and North Africans in the U.S. (*Under Review – Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*)

Kırkiç, Ayşe Perihan & Delioğlu, Fatmanur. (2024)

Actors Overlooked in Economic Integration: Syrian Refugee Single Mothers in Turkey. Policy Paper. (Under Review – *Policy Points*, *International Migration Research Centre*).

Luba, Nilima Islam & Kırkıç, Ayşe Perihan. Migration Decision Making in MENA: The Role of Food Insecurity, Water Scarcity & Energy Access. (In Progress)

Book Review

Kırkıç, Ayşe Perihan. (2023). *Refuge: How the State Shapes Human Potential*, by Heba Gowayed. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2022. 208pp. paperback. ISBN: 9780691203843. *The International Journal of Comparative Sociology*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00207152231209120>

Book Chapters

Kırkıç, Ayşe Perihan & Kirkic, Kamil Arif. (2018). Technology Society, Education Programs and STEM. *Hello STEM: An Innovative Teaching Approach* [in Turkish] (Teknoloji Toplumu, Eğitim Programları ve STEM. *Merhaba STEM: Yenilikçi Bir Öğretim Yaklaşımı*.) Istanbul: Eğitim Publishing. 39-51.

Thesis

Kırkıç, Ayşe Perihan. (2019). Analysis of Migrant Education in Turkey from the Eyes of Syrian Migrant Families and Children in Istanbul. Istanbul Şehir University. Master of Arts Thesis.

Grants, Awards, and Scholarships

2024 Writing Fellows Program, Florida International University, University Graduate School (3000\$)

2024 Teaching Honorarium, Social Science Data Analysis Network, University of Michigan (\$400)

2024 Student Travel Award, American Sociological Association (\$390)

2024 Travel Grant, Mohsin & Fauzia Jaffer Center for Muslim World Studies (\$350)

2023 Travel Grants, Florida International University:

- Graduate & Professional Student Committee (GPSC) (\$250)
- Global and Sociocultural Studies Department (\$500)
- Steven J. Green School of International & Public Affairs (\$200)

2022 Travel Grants, Florida International University:

- Graduate & Professional Student Committee (GPSC) (\$550)
- Steven J. Green School of International & Public Affairs (\$200)

2021 Meridyen Association Travel Grant for Students in Social Sciences (\$1,000)

2020 Conference Fee Sponsorship, Otto A. Malm Foundation (Nordic Migration Research Conference) (\$200)

2019 Merit-Based Fellowship, Science Dissemination Foundation for Graduate Students (\$6,000)

2019 Travel Grant, Meridyen Association Travel Grant for Students in Social Sciences (\$500)

2017 Honor Certificate, Istanbul Şehir University, Department of Industrial Engineering

Presentations

Muslim Middle Eastern and North African (MENA) Immigrants' Racial Identity Formation in South Florida

Kırkıcı, Ayşe Perihan.

2024 – American Sociological Association's (ASA) 119th Annual Conference. 9-13 August. Montreal, Canada.

Migration Decision Making in MENA: The Role of Food Insecurity, Water Scarcity & Energy Access.
Luba, Nilima Islam & Kırkıcı, Ayşe Perihan.

2024 - International Migration Research Network (IMISCOE) 2024 Spring Conference. Mobilities and Immobilities in an Era of Polycrisis. 17-19 April, Istanbul, Türkiye.

2023 - Climate-Induced Migration New Perspectives and Methodological Innovations (CLIMB) Workshop. 16-17 October, Malmö, Sweden.

Unveiling Migration Push Factors in MENA: Religious Identity and Freedom Perceptions.

Kırkıcı, Ayşe Perihan

2024 - Population Association of America (PAA). 17-19 April. Columbus, Ohio.

2024 - British Sociological Association (BSA). 3-5 April. Online.

Officially White: Racial Ambiguities of New Muslim Immigrants from the Middle East and North Africa.

Lai, Qing & Kırkıcı, Ayşe Perihan.

2024 - Researching Muslim America: Intersecting Identities, Methodological Advances, and Lingering Challenges Conference. February 8-9, Michigan State University.

2023 – 13th Annual Sociology, Anthropology, and Geography Student Association (SAGGSA) Annual Conference. 15 March, Miami.

2023 - American Sociological Association's (ASA) 118th Annual Meeting. 17-21 August, Philadelphia.

When Child Identity Becomes Invisible: Racialization of Syrian Children in Turkish Education System.

Kırkıcı, Ayşe Perihan.

2023 - Peer Writing Workshop for Displaced PhD and Early Career Researchers. The Citizenship and Migration Research Network (CMRN) at the University of Edinburgh. (Accepted to present as one of the 10 PhD and early career researchers).

National and International NGO's Effects on Human Capital and Life Satisfaction of Syrian Refugees in Turkey.

Kırkıcı, Ayşe Perihan.

2022 - American Sociological Association's 117th Annual Meeting. 5-9 August, Los Angeles, California.

Urban Risks in a Metropolis: Istanbul Earthquakes' Coverage in Newspapers.

Kırkıcı, Ayşe Perihan, Atas, Rojname, Dogan, Tuba & Tas, Nefise.

2021- Mid-Term Conference of The Sociology of Risk and Uncertainty Networks In European Sociological Association (ESA) and International Sociological Association (ISA).

Social Integration Issues of Syrian Refugee Single Mothers in Turkey.

Kırkıcı, Ayşe Perihan & Delioğlu, Fatmanur.

2021-Nordic Migration Research and 17th ETMU conference January 11-14, 2021.

Syrian Refugee Single Mother's Economic Challenges in Istanbul.

Kırkıcı, Ayşe Perihan & Delioğlu, Fatmanur.

2019 - International Migration Research Network's (IMISCOE) 16th Annual Conference on Understanding International Migration in the 21st Century: Conceptual and Methodological Approaches. 26-28 June Malmö, Sweden.

Contemporary "Issue" of the World: Refugees A Solution from Turkey to an Important Problem: Educational Needs of Refugees in a Multicultural World.

2017 - Dakam's Interdisciplinary Studies Meeting – Refugees and Forced Immigration'17 Conference. Istanbul, Turkey.

An Innovative Approach to University Entrance Examinations for Gifted Students.

Kırkıcı, Ayşe Perihan & Kırkıcı, Kamil Arif.

2017- IHEC 2nd International Higher Education Studies Conference. 7-8 July, Antalya, Turkey.

Professional Service

Panel Organizer, Presider, Working Group Membership

2024-2025 Penn-Birmingham Transatlantic Fellowship Program
2024-2025 Fellow

2025 Panel Name: Middle East and North African (MENA) Identity and Racial Dynamics in North America and Europe. (Under Review: International Migration Research Network (IMISCOE) Conference Committee)
22nd Annual IMISCOE Conference. 1-4 July 2025, Paris, France.

2025 Panel Name: Intersecting Identities: Migration and Integration in the U.S (Accepted)
American Sociological Association's 120th Annual Meeting. 8-12 August 2025, Chicago.

2024 Southwest Asia and North Africa (SWANA) Working Group
Collaborate with fellow academicians to provide feedback on research, share resources, and engage in interdisciplinary discussions on topics relevant to Southwest Asia and North Africa.

2024 Roundtable Presider

Roundtable Name: Women's of Color Racialized Experiences of Motherhood and the Workplace
American Sociological Association's 119th Annual Meeting. 9-13 August 2024, Montreal, Canada.

2024

Proposal Drafting Committee Member (Self-nominated)
Global Middle East and North Africa Working Group

Reviewer

Journals: Turkish Studies, International Journal of Comparative Sociology

Research Experience

Research Intern – Immigration Lab, American University.
November 2023-May 2023.

Responsibilities: I worked as a part of the “Afghan refugees in DMV” project, and I was making transcriptions.

Project Research Assistant at TÜBİTAK (Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey) **Project - *Scientific Communication Between Scientists and Citizens: A Research on the Potential Istanbul Earthquake***

March 2020 – August 2021

Responsibilities: I worked on this project as a research assistant with a team. My primary responsibilities were conducting interviews with scientists, journalists and citizens about the earthquake and analyzing these interviews. Besides, I conducted a literature review about science communication and earthquake risk in Istanbul.

Project Research Assistant at TÜBİTAK (Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey) **Project - *Structure and Forms of Social Mobility Project in Turkey***

August 2018- August 2019

Responsibilities: I worked on this project as a research assistant with a team. My essential responsibilities were conducting a literature review about intergenerational social mobility, stratification, occupational mobility, immigrants' mobility around the world and analyze survey results in the SPSS. Both quantitative and qualitative methods were used to analyze Turkey's social mobility. For the quantitative side, a survey designed to apply 2000 households in Turkey's various cities. I supported the team during the survey design process. In the qualitative research part, I conducted interviews with people from different cities in Turkey.

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant

SYG 2000

Introduction to Sociology
Summer/Fall 2024

SYA 3400

Introduction to Quantitative Methods
Florida International University
Spring 2023/2024

SYD 4237

Immigration and Refugees
Florida International University
Fall 2022

SYA 4011

Social Theory
Florida International University
Spring and Summer 2022

SYA 4010

Sociological Theories
Florida International University
Fall 2021

UNI 117

Understanding Society and Culture
Istanbul Şehir University
2019

Campus Involvement

Committee Member and Vice President

Sociology, Anthropology, and Geography Student Association (SAGGSA)
2021-2023

Organization Committee Member

Istanbul Şehir University Management and Economics Club
2014-2017

Mentoring

Undergraduate Student Mentor

2016 Istanbul Şehir University Student Activities Office

Trainings

2023 CITI Training - Social and Behavioral Responsible Conduct of Research Course

2022 Foundations of Interdisciplinary Global Learning Research Micro-Credential at FIU

Global Learning Centre

2020 Critical Race Theory in the Context of Migration - Migration Research Association & Friedrich Erbert Stiftung

2020 Borders and Migration at the 21st Century – Migration Research Association

2020 Family and Social Policies Workshop – Social Change Institute

2019 International Migration and Advocacy Workshop - Labor and Justice Platform

Service to Community

Hiraeth Refugee Integration and Support Association

Member of the Board & Vice President

Istanbul, Turkey

2017 – 2023

- Co-founded the association to support refugees in Istanbul, focusing on integration and community assistance.
- Lead the association's field research team, conducting monthly assessments of refugee families' needs.
- Played a role in the organization, implementation, and oversight of the association's projects, ensuring smooth execution and community engagement.

Bağ Project

Hiraeth Refugee Integration and Support Association

Organization Team Member & Class Leader

November 2017 – May 2019

- Contributed to the project's planning and implementation, aiming to foster the educational and social development of refugee children.
- Led classes and activities that promoted integration and skill-building for participants.

The Hope of Sisterhood Atelier

Hiraeth Refugee Integration and Support Association

November 2016 – June 2017

- Participated in planning and executing projects on empowerment and social support for young refugee women and children.

Dream Tent Project

Hiraeth Refugee Integration and Support Association

November 2016 – June 2017

- Coordinated and facilitated project activities to create safe spaces for refugee children.

2 Hands 1 Brush Project

Organization Team Member
2014 – 2017

- Collaborated with the team to develop and implement artistic programs aimed at reducing prejudice between Turkish and Syrian refugee children.
- Facilitated a three-day workshop involving art activities and an exhibition of the children's work, enhancing cultural exchange and mutual understanding.

Professional Experience

2019 Workshop Reporter

Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality (IBB), Zemin Istanbul Center

- Reported on a workshop on economy perspectives on documenting key insights and outcomes to contribute to the city's innovation and community development initiatives.

2017 Digital Marketing Intern

Kuveyt Türk Participation Bank

- Worked with the digital marketing team in content creation, campaign management, and online engagement strategies.
- Analyzed marketing metrics and contributed to digital outreach efforts to enhance customer engagement and brand visibility.

Computer Skills

MS Office, Nvivo, Python, STATA, SPSS.

Language Skills

English (advanced), Turkish (native), Arabic(beginner)

Memberships

American Sociological Association (ASA)
Arab American Studies Association (AASA)
International Migration Research Network (IMISCOE)
Middle East Studies Association (MESA)
Population Association of America (PAA)
Southern Sociological Society(SSS)

References

References available upon request.