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Turkish (Native), English (C2)

Education

M.A. in Political Science, *Hacettepe University*, 2022-2024

Thesis: An Experimental Study on The Framing of The New Constitution and Social Distance Among Groups in Türkiye: Security Versus Liberty Frames, Personality and Political Values

Supervisors: Prof. Elif Erişen, Prof. Ali Çağlar

M.Sc. in Clinical Psychology, *Hacettepe University*, 2016-2019

Thesis: The Impact of Neutralization in Imagined Non-Consensual Kiss on Mental Contamination and OCD Symptoms, Across Gender Groups: A Study with University Students

Supervisor: Prof. Müjgan İnözü Mermerkaya

Graduate Course Certificate, *Boston University*, 2013

Depression and Mood Disorders, Psychopharmacology

B.A. Psychology, Minor Degree Political Science, *Bilkent University*, 2008-2013

Thesis: The Investigation of Depression, Anxiety and Affect among Parents of Children with Autism in Türkiye.

Supervisor: Prof. Saime Tek

Publications

İnozu, M., Kahya, Y., Üzümcü, E., & **Evliyaoğlu, E. S.** (2022). [An examination of the fear of self and religiosity as related or independent vulnerability factors for mental contamination](#). *Journal of Obsessive-Compulsive and Related Disorders*, 34.

Üzümcü, E., **Evliyaoğlu, E. S.**, & İnozu, M. (2021). [The role of gender, fear of self, and disgust propensity in mental contamination: A model test using mental contamination induction](#). *Current Psychology*, 1–13.

Evliyaoğlu, E. S. The Effect of Constitutional Framing on Social Distance and Tolerance Among Youth in Türkiye. *Under Preparation*.

Tufur, D., & **Evliyaoğlu, E. S.** Gendered Representation in Türkiye. Target journal: *Politics & Gender*. presented at the EUI Gender Colloquium, 2025. *Under Preparation*.

Research Reports & Policy Publications

Stefanos, V., Ranta M., **Evliyaoğlu, E.S.**, Mastrotheodoros, S.(2025) [Advancing Youth Mental Health and Well-Being: A mapping of policy frameworks, tools and services across Europe](#). Partnership Between the European Commission and the Council of Europe in the Field of Youth.

Evliyaoğlu, E.S. (2025) [Needs Assessment of Youth Organizations in Türkiye](#). Ankara: GoFor, Türkiye.

Evliyaoğlu, E.S., Bilgiç, C.C. (2024) [Political Preference of Youth Research: 2024](#). Ankara: GoFor, Türkiye.

Evliyaoğlu, E.S., Kiriş, A, Bulakbaşı, Ç. (2021) [Political Preferences of Youth in Turkey](#), Ankara: GoFor & NDI Türkiye.

Evliyaoğlu, E.S. (2019) [Siyasi Partilerin Gençlik Perspektifinden Değerlendirilmesi](#). Ankara: GoFor

Evliyaoğlu, E.S. (2018) Assessing attitude and perception of young people towards relationship between political parties and NGOs, Ankara: Friedrich Ebert Stiftung Türkiye.

Koçak, E., **Evliyaoğlu, E.S.** (2016) Mainstreaming of Gender Equality in Legislation, Ankara: KA.DER

Evliyaoğlu, E.S., Demircioğlu, E., Kapusuz, H. (2015). Reviewing Political Parties' Constitutions from the Perspective of Gender Equality. Second Edition. Ankara: KA.DER

Research & Teaching Experience

Lecturer

Başkent University, Audiology Department. 2023

Designed and delivered Psychology and Development course.

Junior Non-Key Expert

FCG Swedish Development AB, Eurasia Social Change Ltd., International Consulting Expertise EEIG, International Centre for Migration Policy Development, 2019-2020

- Designed online survey to collect data for both mapping and training needs analysis of 100 NGOs working on the migration field,
- Carried out desk research, analyzed and evaluated the qualitative survey results,

Junior Non-Key Expert

FCG Swedish Development AB, Eurasia Social Change Ltd., International Consulting Expertise EEIG, 2019

- Designed of online survey to collect data for both institutional capacity analysis and training needs analysis for EU- Türkiye Intercultural Dialogue Project,
- Analyzed and evaluated the qualitative survey results,

Research Assistant

Atılım University & King's College London, PI: Prof. Emre Toros, 2017-2019

- Collected and coded electoral violence data (1950–2018) from 5 major Turkish newspapers for UMEVT - Understanding and Mitigation of Electoral violence in Turkey Project

Researcher

Foresight Poll & Consulting, 2018-2019

- Designed comprehensive questionnaires analysing voting behaviour and political communication.
- Tailored survey instruments for municipal election candidates (Muğla, Hatay, Ankara Municipalities)
- Delivered seminars on interpreting poll results and communication strategies for campaign teams.

Researcher

Metropoll Strategic and Social Research Center, 2015-2017

- Designed survey items on gender attitudes
- Carried out descriptive data analysis and prepared relevant sections for monthly reports

Other Professional Experience

Member of Expert Group

Civil Think (Sivil Düşün) European Union Program, Türkiye 2025-2026

- Youth, gender and mental health policy consultant and researcher

Visiting Fellow

The European University Institute, Italy 2025-2026

- Researching youth gender gap, social disconnectedness, and AI.
- Researching politics of mental health by gender.
- Contributing MORES (Moral Emotions in Politics) project on explorative study on evoking emotions by policy issues (PI: Prof. Claudio Radaelli, STG-EUI)

Fellow to Policy Leaders Fellowship Program

The European University Institute, Italy 2024-2025

- Developed comparative migration social integration policies from mental health perspective
- Designed and delivered seminars and training for MA students, and migration policy experts in MPC on; the role of emotions in politics, decision making processes, communication and biases.
- Supported MORES (Moral Emotions in Politics) project (Led by Prof. Claudio Radaelli, STG-EUI)

Member of Pool of European Youth Researcher

European Commission & Council of Europe Youth Partnership 2024-2026

- Co-authored Advancing Youth Mental Health and Wellbeing, a Europe-wide mapping report.

Programs Director

Youth Associations Forum (GoFor), Türkiye 2018-2024

- Conducted 2 National sample youth surveys, 1 gender representation research, first needs analysis for youth organizations in Türkiye lasted for 4 editions, first campaign on increasing youth candidates in politics in Türkiye
- Grant design and advocacy with EU / UN institutions, SIDA, and embassy funds
- Representative of the National Youth Council at European Youth Forum for 5 years in Europe, Africa and Asia
- Led team with 6 professional staff, 60 local youth organizations

Consultant

National Democratic Institute (NDI) Türkiye 2019 – 2022

- Designed training and advocacy programs for increasing young women's representation and participation in local politics
- Provided youth-perspective policy recommendations to parliamentarians.
- Conducted public polling and focus groups to analyse young women's political participation.

Project Assistant

Association for Supporting Women Candidates Ankara Branch (Ka.Der Ankara), Türkiye 2014-2019

- Implemented Politics School for Young Women in 15 cities: trained 300+ participants.
- Monitored and analysed parliamentary activity on gender policies; reported results to improve impact.
- Represent organization in consultancy processes in municipalities and national government level
- Contribute project reports: investigation of party legislations from gender perspective, analysis of women MPs parliamentary speeches

Psychology Practice

Clinical Psychologist

Self-Practice 2018-2024

- Working as a youth and adult therapist with more than 400 hours of experience over 40 consultants,
- Producing materials about youth mental health, mental health policies, human rights-based psychology approach.

Supervisor / Consultant

Hayat Sende Association, Türkiye 2019-ongoing

- Designing and supervising the volunteer psychosocial support network for the organization serving children and youth under state protection for 5 years with 45 early career clinical psychologist
- Delivering human rights-based therapy, gender equality training to mental health workers and former foster care residents

Co-Founder

The Network of Psychosocial Support in Civil Society 2022-2024

- Providing human rights-based psychotherapy and community psychology trainings for mental health workers in almost 40 NGOs
- The first research and report on the methods of Psychosocial Support Implementation in NGOs in Türkiye

Public Engagement and Writings

Evliyaoğlu, E. S. (2025). [Is “Trump Derangement Syndrome” a genuine mental illness?](#) The Loop, ECPR.

Evliyaoğlu, E.S. (2025) [Beyond AI Companions](#). 3CL Foundation Blog.

Evliyaoğlu, E. S. (2025) [Yapay zekâ sevgililer yalnızlığın sahte merhemi mi, bunun kutuplaşmayla ne ilgisi var?](#), T24

Evliyaoğlu, E.S. (2025) [AI, Loneliness, and Polarization: How Disinformation Thrives in a Fractured World](#). EDMO Blogs.

Latest Events

[Course Seminar, Migration Inclusion and Gendered Mental Health](#). Minerva Lab University of Rome, 2026

[Presenter, Good Examples on Youth Mental Health Services in Europe Based on PEYR Research Report](#). Creativity as Mind Care: How Cultural Education Contributes to Resilience and Psychological Wellbeing Conference, German Federation for Arts Education and Cultural Learning, 2025

[Panellist, Youth Loneliness](#). Creativity as Mind Care: How Cultural Education Contributes to Resilience and Psychological Wellbeing Conference, German Federation for Arts Education and Cultural Learning, 2025

Panellist, Youth Mental Health and AI. Assessment in the age of generative AI Seminars, Media and Learning Association Belgium, 2025

Panellist, Youth Voices Panel. European University Institute, 2025

Organizer and Panellist, Emotions in Politics. European University Institute, 2025