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Academic Experience

- February 2026 -present Post-doctoral Researcher, Conflict & Society RPA, University of Amsterdam
- January 2025 – February 2025 Full-time Lecturer, Political Science Department, University of Amsterdam
- September 2024 – January 2025 Lecturer, Political Science Department, Leiden University
- February 2019 – February 2023 Researcher, ADMIGOV, HORIZON2020 Project
- December 2018 – September 2019 Researcher, The University of Maastricht, Maastricht & Mirekoc, Koç University, Istanbul, “Fluctuations in Migration Flows in the Balkans”.
- September 2016 – January 2019 Research & Teaching Assistant, Koç University, Istanbul
- September 2016 – January 2019 Research Assistant, MiReKoc, Koç University, Istanbul
- May 2018 – June 2018 Researcher, World Bank Group, Ankara “Mapping of Centers that Provide Information/Counselling/Referral and/or Basic Services for Syrians Under Temporary Protection (SuTPs), Refugees and Other Migrants in Turkey” in collaboration with Ministry of Interior Directorate General of Migration Management. Internal Report.

Education

University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands

February 2019–November 2024

PhD Candidate in Political Science

Koç University, Istanbul

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PhD Candidate in Political Science

Koç University, Istanbul

September 2016 – January 2019

M.A. in Political Science & International Relations

Bilkent University, Ankara

September 2011 – June 2016

B.A. in International Relations

Awards and Grants

- April 2017–April 2018 TÜBİTAK Scholar 116K448 “Turkey’s State Policies during the Mass Refugee Inflows: The Cases of Inflows from Bulgaria (1989), Northern Iraq (1991), and Syria (2011–2015)”, Project Coordinator Prof. Dr. Ahmet İçduygu, Koc University. September 2016 – January 2019 Research & Teaching Assistant, Koç University, Istanbul
- September 2016 – September 2019 Koç University Full Scholarship
- September 2011 – June 2016 Bilkent University Full Scholarship

Publications

- Kiriscioglu, E., (2026). Moving, Staying, or Returning: Risk-taking Attitudes and Secondary Migration Aspirations. *Int. Migration & Integration* 27, 611–639. <https://doi-org.proxy.uba.uva.nl/10.1007/s12134-025-01301-w>
- Kirişçioglu, E., Üstübici, A., & Elçi, E. (2024). Migration Aspirations in Relation to Border Closures, Employment Opportunities and Risk-Taking Attitudes: Lessons from an Online Survey Experiment. *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, 50(18), 4395–4416. <https://doi.org/10.1080/1369183X.2024.2383713>
- Kirişçioglu, E., & van Heelsum, A. (2024). Stuck in a Whirlpool? The Role of Hope and Despair in Dealing with Risks During Afghan Migration Journeys. Online version. *Journal of Refugee Studies*. <https://doi.org/10.1093/jrs/feae055>
- Kiriscioglu, E., & Ustubici, A. (2023). “At Least, at the Border, I Am Killing Myself by My Own Will”: Migration Aspirations and Risk Perceptions among Syrian and Afghan Communities. *Journal of Immigrant & Refugee Studies*, 1–15. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15562948.2023.2198485>
- Elçi, E., Kirişçioglu, E., & Üstübici, A. (2021). How COVID-19 Financially Hit Urban Refugees: Evidence From a Mixed-Method Research with Citizens and Syrian Refugees in Turkey. *Disasters*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/disa.12498>
- Üstübici, A., Kirişçioglu, E., & Elçi, E. (2021). Migration and Development: Measuring migration aspirations and the impact of refugee assistance in Turkey. Retrieved from Istanbul: ADMIGOV Deliverable 6.1: http://admigov.eu/upload/Deliverable_6.1_Ustubici_Kiriscioglu_Elci_2021_Aspirations_Turkey.pdf
- Kiriscioglu, E., & Ustubici, A. (2020). Once displaced, always on the move? Life aspirations of refugees in Turkey. *Open Democracy*. Retrieved from <https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/beyond-trafficking-and-slavery/once-displaced-always-move-life-aspirations-refugees-turkey/>
- Kuschminder, K., Dubow, T., Icduygu, A., Ustubici, A., Kiriscioglu, E., Engbersen, G., & Mitrovic, O. (2019). Decision making on the Balkans Route and the EU-Turkey Statement (September 2019). Retrieved from MiReKoc website: https://mirekoc.ku.edu.tr/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/2916_Volledige_Tekst_tcm28-413430.pdf

Teaching Experience

- Bachelor's thesis supervision – Migration and Global Inequalities – *Instructor & Course Designer* – University of Amsterdam, Fall, 2025.
- International Migration: Forces and Choices– *Instructor & Course Designer* – University of Amsterdam, Spring, 2025. Designed and taught this BA-level course, including syllabus development, assignments, and in-class activities. Developed original course materials and integrated interactive elements such as simulations and games to enhance student engagement.
- Master thesis supervision – Conflict Resolution Master Programme (University of Amsterdam), 2025 & International Politics Master Programme – Armed Conflict and Forced Displacement (Leiden University), 2024.
- Research Methodologies – BA-level course, University of Amsterdam, Spring, 2025
- Great Debates in International Relations –MA-level course, Leiden University, 2024

Conferences and Paper Presentations

- June 2026, "Governing Mobility After Settlement: State Control and Secondary Displacement of Refugees in Post-Earthquake Turkey" **presented** at EPSS, *Belfast, Northern Ireland*
- April 2026, "Disasters and Decisions: Risk, Uncertainty, and the Governance of Refugee Mobility" **presented** at MPSA, *Chicago, USA*
- July 2023, "Afghan Migration Journeys to Iran and Turkey: The Whirlpool of Hope and Despair" **presented** at 20th IMISCOE Annual Conference, *Warsaw, Poland*
- June 2023, "Measuring Refugee Aspirations in Relation to Structural Factors: Lessons from an Experimental Online Survey with Syrians in Turkey" **presented** at Politicologen Etmaal Conference, *Leuven, Belgium*
- July 2022, "Do refugee livelihood policies curtail aspirations to move on?: Results of an online experimental study among Syrian refugees in Turkey" **presented** at 19th IMISCOE Annual Conference, *Oslo, Norway*
- October 2021, "Online Mixed methods in times of COVID: Conducting online interviews and surveys with Syrian and Afghan refugees in Turkey" **presented** at MiReKoc Summer School, *Istanbul, Turkey*
- July 2021, "Online Mixed methods in times of COVID: Conducting online interviews and surveys with Syrian and Afghan refugees in Turkey" **presented** at 18th IMISCOE Annual Conference Online, *Luxembourg*
- April 2021, "Measuring Refugee Aspirations in Relation to Structural Factors: Lessons from an Experimental Online Survey with Syrians in Turkey" **presented** at MPSA, *Chicago, USA*
- July 2020, "Ongoing Journeys and Ever-Changing Aspirations: Unpacking Border Crossing Narratives of Refugee Communities in Turkey" **presented** at Reflexive Migration Studies Paper Sessions Session 3 organized by 17th IMISCOE Annual Conference Online, *Luxembourg*
- October 2019, "Tracing the Effects of Uncertainty in Border and Migration Policies: Risk Perceptions of Refugee Communities" **presented** at Unpacking the Challenges and Possibilities for Migration Governance Conference organized by RESPOND, *Cambridge, the United Kingdom*
- October 2019, "Tracing the Effects of Uncertainty in Border and Migration Policies: Risk Perceptions of Refugee Communities" **presented** at the 58th International University Week "Borders in Southeast Europe" organized by Südosteuropa Gesellschaft, *Tutzing, Germany*

Certificates and Awards

- September 2018, Certificate of the Güz Okulu, organized by GAR, *Ankara, Turkey*
- June 2018, Certificate of the 8th MiReKoc International Summer School on "Prospects for Good Governance of Refugee Situations: The Local – Global Nexus" *Koç University, Istanbul, Turkey*
- June 2018, Certificate of the Metot Okulu, organized by İstanPol Institute & Northeast Working Group, *Istanbul, Turkey*
- July 2017, Certificate of the 7th MiReKoc International Summer School on "Migration and Children: Reflections on Voluntary and Forced Migration" *Koç University, Istanbul, Turkey*

Skills

- Languages: Turkish (native), English (advanced), Dutch (A2), Russian (B1),
- Competent with most Microsoft Office programs, STATA, R, Qualtrics, NVIVO and Atlas.Ti.