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Academic Degrees

Ph.D. Cornell University
 M.A. Cornell University
 B.S. Middle East Technical University

Academic Positions

Oct 2023-present	Professor, Sabanci University
Sep 2019-Sep 2023	Associate Professor, Sabanci University
Jan 2019-Aug 2019	Associate Professor, Middle East Technical University
Aug 2014-Dec 2018	Assistant Professor, Middle East Technical University
Aug 2013-Jul 2014	Instructor, Middle East Technical University

Research Interests Keywords

Attachment, close relationships, culture, happiness, interpersonal relations, marriage, mate selection, relationship formation, responsiveness, social interactions, socioecology, well-being

Editorial Board Service

2025-present	Co-Editor, <i>Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin</i>
Aug 2020-2024	Associate Editor, <i>Journal of Personality and Social Psychology</i>
2024-present	Editorial Board Member, <i>Psychological Science</i>
2019-present	Editorial Board Member, <i>Social Psychological and Personality Science</i>
2021-2022	Editorial Board Member, <i>Personal Relationships</i>
Jan 2020-Aug 2020	Editorial Board Member, <i>Journal of Personality and Social Psychology</i>

Awards and Fellowships

- Early Career Award*. Science and Technology Research Council of Turkey. (2020).
- Young Scientist Award (Cigdem Kagitcibasi BAGEP Social Psychology Award)*. Science Academy, Turkey. (2020).
- Early Career Researcher Award*. Middle East Technical University. (2018).
- Educator of the Year Award*. Middle East Technical University. (2016).
- Graduate Student Best Paper Award*. Society for Personality and Social Psychology Relationship Researchers Interest Group. (2013).
- Harold Feldman, Flemmie Kittrell, Virginia Cutler, Esther Stocks, and Flora Rose Fellowships*. Cornell University College of Human Ecology. Fellowship amount: \$53,331. (2012-2013).
- Urie Bronfenbrenner Graduate Teaching Award*. Cornell University Department of Human Development (2012).
- Graduate Studies Fellowship*. Higher Education Council of Turkey, Fellowship amount: \$173,563 (2008-2012).
- Visiting Researcher Fellowship*. Fulbright Commission of Turkey. Fellowship amount: \$27,500 (2007-2008).

Research Grants

- Minimal interactions as an alternate social resource to close relationships*. The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey. Grant Amount: TL 1,818,500. Role: Investigator. (March 1, 2024-March 1, 2027).
- The role of relational mobility in understanding trust violations and trust repair*. The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey. Grant Amount: TL 2,229,705. Role: Consultant. (June 1, 2024-June 1, 2027).
- A cross-cultural investigation of minimal social interactions*. Sabanci University. Grant Amount: TL 600,000. Role: Co-Principal Investigator (September 1, 2022-August 31 2025).
- Toward enhancing the applied potential of relationship science via basic research: Examining interpersonal variability in support processes and its consequences for relational well-being*. The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey. Grant Amount: TL 439,325. Role: Principal Investigator. (January 15, 2021-January 15, 2024).
- Examining sources of variation in perceived partner responsiveness*. Sabanci University. Grant amount: TL 99,072. Role: Principal Investigator. (March 26th, 2020-March 25th, 2023).
- Using laboratory observations to uncover emotional processes in romantic relationships*. Sabanci University. Grant amount: TL 100,000. Role: Investigator. (March 26th, 2020-March 25th, 2023).
- The role of responsiveness variability and average responsiveness in relational outcomes*. The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey. Grant amount: TL 596,173. Role: Investigator. (November 1st, 2018-October 31st, 2021).
- Formation and development of attachment mental representations in adulthood*. The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey. Grant amount: TL 262,087. Role: Investigator. (May 1st, 2015-April 1st, 2018).

Developing a game engine for mobile devices to increase social interactions. The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey. Grant amount: TL 397,098. Role: Consultant. (May 1st, 2015-November 1st, 2016).

Research infrastructure improvement grant. Middle East Technical University. Grant amount: TL 200,000. Role: Investigator. (January 1st, 2016-December 31st, 2016).

The role of maternal responsiveness in children's self-regulation in the first year of life. Middle East Technical University. Grant amount: TL 19,755.60. Role: Principal Investigator. (January 1st, 2015-December 31st, 2015).

Publications

* attaches to current or former graduate student/mentee co-author;

** attaches to authorships in big-team science projects.

Journal Articles

Huo, Y. J., Kraus, M. W., Selçuk, E., & Webster, G. D. (2025). Building an inclusive, cumulative, and rigorous science at PSPB: 2025 Editorial Statement. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*, 51, 331-334. doi: 10.1177/01461672241313268

Ascigil, E., Gunaydin, G., Selçuk, E., Sandstrom, G., & Aydin, E. (2025). Minimal social interactions and life satisfaction: The role of greeting, thanking, and conversing. *Social Psychological and Personality Science*, 16, 202-213. doi: 10.1177/19485506231209793

Eastwick, P. W., Sparks, J., Finkel, E. J., Meza, E. M.,..., Selçuk, E.,..., Coles, N. A. (2024). A worldwide test of the predictive validity of ideal partner preference-matching. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, 128, 123-146. doi: 10.1037/pspp0000524**

Selçuk, E., Gunaydin, G., Ascigil, E., Bayraktaroglu, D.*, & Ong, D. (2024). My partner really gets me: Affective reactivity to partner stress predicts greater relationship quality in new couples. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, 126, 895-912. doi: 10.1037/pspp0000509

Selçuk, E., Ascigil, E., & Gunaydin, G. (2024). A theoretical analysis and empirical agenda for understanding the socioecology of adult attachment. *European Review of Social Psychology*. doi: 10.1080/10463283.2024.2367894

Vaidis, D. C., Slegers, W. W.,..., Selçuk, E.,..., Priolo, D. (2024). A multi-lab replication of the induced compliance paradigm of cognitive dissonance. *Advances in Methods and Practices in Psychological Science*, 7. doi: 10.1177/25152459231213375 **

İplikci, A. B. *, Gunaydin, G., Selçuk, E., Eren, Y., & Krasniqi, L. (2024). Does playing cooperative mobile games facilitate social interaction and positive affect in middle childhood? *International Journal of Human-Computer Interaction*, 40, 1713-1722. doi: 10.1080/10447318.2022.2150746

Selçuk, E., & Gunaydin, G. (2023). Responsiveness in cultural-ecological context. *Current Opinion in Psychology*. doi: 10.1016/j.copsy.2023.101610

Bayraktaroglu, D.*, Gunaydin, G., Selçuk, E., Besken, M., & Karakitapoglu-Aygun, Z. (2023). The role of positive relationship events in romantic attachment avoidance. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, 124, 958-970. doi: 10.1037/pspi0000406

- Yilmaz, C.,* Selçuk, E., Gunaydin, G., Cingoz, B., Filiztekin, A., & Kent, O. (2022). You mean the world to me: The role of residential mobility in centrality of romantic relationships. *Social Psychological and Personality Science*, *13*, 1151-1162. doi: 10.1177/19485506211061017
- Qiu, J., Kesebir, S., Gunaydin, G., Selçuk, E., & Wasti, S. A. (2022). Gender differences in interpersonal trust: Disclosure behavior, benevolence sensitivity and workplace implications. *Organizational Behavior and Human Decision Processes*, *169*, 104119. doi: 10.1016/j.obhdp.2022.104119
- Gunaydin, G., Selçuk, E., Urganci, B.*, & Yalcintas, S.* (2021). Today you care, tomorrow you don't: Differential roles of responsiveness variability and average responsiveness in romantic attachment. *Social Psychological and Personality Science*, *12*, 839-849. doi: 10.1177/1948550620944111
- Ascigil, E.*, Selçuk, E., Gunaydin, G., & Ong, A. (2020). Integrating models of marital functioning to understand the mental health consequences of the Great Recession. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*. doi: 10.1177/0265407520918938
- Koçak, A.*, Mouratidis, A., Uçanok, Z., Selçuk E., & Davies, P. (2020). Need satisfaction as a mediator of associations between interparental relationship dimensions and autonomy supportive parenting: A weekly diary study. *Family Process*, *59*, 1874-1890. doi: 10.1111/famp.12523
- Ong, A. D., Gardner, S., Urganci, B.*, Gunaydin, G., & Selçuk, E. (2020). Affective reactivity, resting heart rate variability, and marital quality: A 10-year longitudinal study of U.S. adults. *Journal of Family Psychology*. *34*, 375-382. doi: 10.1037/fam0000591
- Bayraktaroğlu, D.*, Gunaydin, G., Selçuk, E., & Ong, A. D. (2019). A daily diary investigation of the link between television watching and positive affect. *Journal of Happiness Studies*, *20*, 1089-1101. doi: 10.1007/s10902-018-9989-8
- Stanton, S. C. E., Selçuk, E., Farrell, A. K., Slatcher, R. B., & Ong, A. D. (2019). Perceived partner responsiveness, daily negative affect reactivity, and all-cause mortality: A 20-year longitudinal study. *Psychosomatic Medicine*, *81*, 7-15. doi: 10.1097/PSY.0000000000000618
- Fu, Y., Selçuk, E., Moore, S. R., & Depue, R. A. (2018). Touch-induced face conditioning is mediated by genetic variation in opioid but not oxytocin receptors. *Nature Scientific Reports*, *8*:9004. doi: 10.1038/s41598-018-27199-2
- Gunaydin, G., Selçuk, E., Yilmaz, C.*, & Hazan, C. (2018). I have, therefore I love: Status quo preference in mate choice. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*, *44*, 589-600. doi: 10.1177/0146167217746339
- Taşfiliz, D.*, Selçuk, E., Gunaydin, G., Slatcher, R. B., Corriero, E. F., & Ong, A. D. (2018). Patterns of perceived partner responsiveness and well-being in Japan and the United States. *Journal of Family Psychology*, *32*, 355-365. doi: 10.1037/fam0000378
- Gillath, O., Karantzas, G., & Selçuk, E. (2017). A net of friends: Investigating friendship by integrating attachment theory and social network analysis. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*, *43*, 1546-1565. doi: 10.1177/0146167217719731
- Selçuk, E., Stanton, S. C., Slatcher, R. B., & Ong, A. D. (2017). Perceived partner responsiveness predicts better sleep quality through lower anxiety. *Social Psychological and Personality Science*, *8*, 83-92. doi: 10.1177/1948550616662128

- Gunaydin, G., Selçuk, E., & Zayas, V. (2017). Impressions based on a portrait predict, one-month later, impressions following a live interaction. *Social Psychological and Personality Science*, *8*, 36-44. doi: 10.1177/1948550616662123
- Slatcher, R. B., & Selçuk, E. (2017). A social psychological perspective on the links between close relationships and health. *Current Directions in Psychological Science*, *26*, 16-21. doi: 10.1177/0963721416667444
- Selçuk, E., Günaydin, G., Ong, A. D., & Almeida, D. M. (2016). Does partner responsiveness predict hedonic and eudaimonic well-being? A 10-year longitudinal study. *Journal of Marriage and Family*, *78*, 311-325. doi: 10.1111/jomf.12272
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- Slatcher, S. B., Selçuk, E., & Ong, A. D. (2015). Perceived partner responsiveness predicts diurnal cortisol profiles 10 years later. *Psychological Science*, *26*, 972-982. doi: 10.1177/0956797615575022
- Selçuk, E., & Ong, A. D. (2013). Perceived partner responsiveness moderates the association between received emotional support and all-cause mortality. *Health Psychology*, *32*, 231-235. doi: 10.1037/a0028276
- Selçuk, E., Zayas, V., Günaydin, G., Hazan, C., & Kross, E. (2012). Mental representations of attachment figures facilitate recovery following upsetting autobiographical memory recall. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, *103*, 362-378. doi: 10.1037/a0028125
- Gunaydin, G., Zayas, V., Selçuk, E., & Hazan, C. (2012). I like you but I don't know why: Objective facial resemblance to significant others influences snap judgments. *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*, *48*, 350-353. doi: 10.1016/j.jesp.2011.06.001
- Gillath, O., Johnson, D. K., Selçuk, E., & Teel, C. (2011). Comparing old and young adults as they cope with life transitions: The links between social network management skills and attachment style to depression. *Clinical Gerontologist*, *34*, 251-265. doi: 10.1080/07317115.2011.554345
- Gillath, O., Landau, M., Selçuk, E., & Goldenberg, J. L. (2011). Effects of low survivability cues and participant sex on physiological and behavioral responses to sexual stimuli. *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*, *47*, 1219-1224. doi: 10.1016/j.jesp.2011.05.003
- Selçuk, E., Gunaydin, G., Sümer, N., Harma, M., Salman, S., Hazan, C., Doğruyol, B., & Öztürk, A. (2010). Self-reported romantic attachment style predicts everyday maternal caregiving behavior at home. *Journal of Research in Personality*, *44*, 544-549. doi: 10.1016/j.jrp.2010.05.007
- Selçuk, E., Zayas, V., & Hazan, C. (2010). Beyond satisfaction: The role of attachment in marital functioning. *Journal of Family Theory and Review*, *2*, 258-279. doi: 10.1111/j.1756-2589.2010.00061.x
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Book Chapters, Encyclopedia Entries, and Association Newsletters

- Selçuk, E. (2020). Research spotlight. *International Association for Relationship Research News*, 19 (3).
- Selçuk, E., Karagöbek, A. B.*, & Gunaydin, G. (2018). Responsiveness as a key predictor of happiness: Mechanisms and unanswered questions. In M. Demir & N. Sümer (Eds.), *Close relationships and happiness* (pp. 1-18). New York, NY: Springer
- İmamoğlu, E. O., & Selçuk, E. (2018). Cultural and self-related considerations in relationship well-being: With particular reference to marriage in Turkey. In C. C. Weisfeld, G. E. Weisfeld, & L. Dillon (Eds.), *Psychology of marriage: An evolutionary and cross-cultural view* (pp 89-106). New York, NY: Lexington.
- Hazan, C., & Selçuk, E. (2015). Normative processes in romantic attachment. In V. Zayas & C. Hazan (Eds.), *Bases of adult attachment: Linking brain, mind and behavior* (pp. 3-8). New York: Springer.
- Gunaydin, G., Selçuk, E., & Hazan, C. (2013). Finding the one: A process model of mate selection. In C. Hazan & M. Campa (Eds.), *Human bonding: The science of affectional ties* (pp. 103-131). New York: Guilford Publications.
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- Selçuk, E., & Gillath, O. (2009). Attachment. In R. E. Ingram (Ed.), *The international encyclopedia of depression* (pp. 32-37). New York: Springer.

Publications in Turkish

- Aran, Ö.*, İplikçi, A. B.*, Selçuk, E., & Günaydın, G. (2020). Türkiye’de anne bakım verme davranışlarındaki bireysel farklılıklar ve annenin psikolojik stresle ilişkisi: Bir doğal gözlem çalışması. *Türk Psikoloji Dergisi*, 35, 77-94.
- Taşfiliz, D.*, Sağel Çetiner, E.*, & Selçuk, E. (2020). Yakın ilişkilerde algılanan duyarlılığın yaş farklılıkları ve psikolojik esenlik ile ilişkisi. *Türk Psikoloji Dergisi*, 35, 19-39.
- Gök, A. C.*, Selçuk, E., & Gençöz, T. (2018). Olumlu ve olumsuz duygulanımın tekrarlanan ölçümlerde kişi-içi güvenilirliği. *Türk Psikoloji Dergisi*, 33, 53-64.
- İmamoğlu, E. O., Günaydın G., & Selçuk E. (2011). Özgün benliğin yordayıcıları olarak kendileşme ve ilişkililik: Cinsiyetin ve kültürel yönelimlerin ötesinde. *Türk Psikoloji Dergisi*, 26, 27-43.
- Sümer, N., Ünal, S., Selçuk, E., Kaya, B., Polat, R., & Cekem, B. (2009). Bağlanma ve psikopatoloji: Bağlanma boyutlarının depresyon, panik bozukluk ve obsesif -kompulsif bozuklukla ilişkisi. *Türk Psikoloji Dergisi*, 24, 38-45.
- Selçuk, E., Günaydın, G., Sümer, N., & Uysal, A. (2005). Yetişkin bağlanma boyutları için yeni bir ölçüm: Yakın ilişkilerde yaşantılar envanteri-II’nin Türk örneğinde psikometrik açıdan değerlendirilmesi. *Türk Psikoloji Yazıları*, 8, 1-11.
- Günaydın, G., Selçuk, E., Sümer, N., & Uysal, A. (2005). Ebeveyn ve Arkadaşlara Bağlanma Envanteri Kısa Formunun psikometrik açıdan değerlendirilmesi. *Türk Psikoloji Yazıları*, 8, 13-23.

Teaching

Courses Taught at Sabanci University

PSY 201 Mind & Behavior (co-taught)
 PSY 203 Stress & Well-Being
 PSY 305 Experimental Psychology
 PSY 322 Lifespan Psychological Science
 PSY 501 Trends in Psychological Sciences (co-taught)
 PSY 502 Data Analysis for Psychological Sciences I
 PSY 503 Data Analysis for Psychological Sciences II

Courses Taught at Middle East Technical University

PSY 217 Statistics for Psychology II
 PSY 393 Research Workshop
 PSY 427 Human Bonding
 PSY 456 Applied Social Psychology
 PSY 500 Advanced Statistics for Psychology I
 PSY 525 Lifespan Developmental Science
 PSY 562 Psychology of Close Relationships
 PSY 601 Proseminar in Psychology (co-taught)
 PSY 604 Seminar Series in Psychology
 PSY 621 Multilevel Modeling for Psychology
 PSY 671-73 Directed Research

Courses Taught at Cornell University

HD 3620 Human Bonding

Thesis Supervision

Master's Theses

Ece Sağel. (2015). *Age differences in moral foundations across adolescence and adulthood.*
 Özlü Aran. (2015). *Maternal trait anxiety predicts infant stress reactivity via caregiving behaviors.*
 Onur Cem Doğru. (2016). *Relationship between perceived partner responsiveness and work engagement.*
 Gamze Turunç. (2016). *Infant temperament and maternal well-being: The mediating role of maternal psychological need satisfaction and need frustration.*
 Sümeyra Yalçıntaş. (2017). *Mothers' perceived partner responsiveness indirectly predicts implicit infant attitude through implicit partner attitude.*

- Zeynep Arol. (2018). *Dress to impress: Are faces of fashionable individuals remembered more favorably?*
- Kadir Cem Unaran (2018). *Familial factors behind early adulthood humor.*
- Hazal Öztekin (2019). *Emotional jealousy positively predicts relationship quality in fledgling (but not long-term) relationships.*
- Övgün Ses. (2023). *I give what I expect: Projection of support expectations and relationship quality over time in newlyweds (co-advisor).*
- Zeynep Özden. (2023). *Understanding relationship maintenance behaviors on Instagram: Exploring the role of relational mobility.*

Doctoral Dissertations

- Elçin Gündoğdu Aktürk. (2017). *Ideal-actual mate mismatch and relational outcomes in romantic couples.*
- Ali Can Gök. (2017). *The effects of supervisor characteristics on therapists' supervision experience. (co-advisor).*
- Duygu Taşfiliz. (2019). *Unveiling the role of perceived partner responsiveness in the link between emotional disclosure and well-being: A comparison of Turkish and Dutch young adults.*
- Cansu Yılmaz. (2020). *Do frequent movers depend more on their romantic partners? Residential mobility, centrality of partners, and psychological well-being.*

Selected Invited Talks

- University of Kansas, December 6, 2024
- Altınbaş University, May 12, 2023
- Özyeğin University, Department of Psychology, December 9, 2022
- Koç University, Developmental Psychology Symposium (Invited Keynote), September 8-9, 2022
- Kadir Has University, Social Psychology Congress (Invited Keynote), December 21, 2019
- Sabancı University, Department of Psychology, April 5, 2019
- Nanyang Technological University, Department of Psychology, September 4, 2018
- İbn Haldun University, Department of Psychology, May 30, 2018
- Yıldırım Beyazıt University, Department of Psychology, April 26, 2018
- University of Cologne, Institute of Sociology and Social Psychology, October 17, 2017
- Koç University, Department of Psychology, April 6, 2016
- Hacettepe University, Department of Psychology, April 13, 2015
- Middle East Technical University, Department of Statistics, April 10, 2014
- Bilkent University, Department of Psychology, December 13, 2013
- Middle East Technical University, Department of Psychology, November 29, 2013

Other Service to the Field

Service to Professional Institutions

2022-2024 Board Member, International Association for Relationship Research
 2023 Scientific Committee (Chair for the Interpersonal Processes section), European Association of Social Psychology General Meeting

Ad-hoc Reviewerships

Current Research in Ecological and Social Psychology, Emerging Adulthood, European Journal of Social Psychology, Frontiers in Psychology, Journal of Child and Family Studies, Journal of Experimental Psychology: General, Journal of Family Psychology, Journal of Marriage and Family, Journal of Personality and Social Psychology, Journal of Social and Personal Relationships, Personal Relationships, Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin, PLOS One, Self and Identity, Social Psychological and Personality Science, Turkish Psychology Journal

Grant & Fellowship Panel Memberships

2025 Science Awards Reviewer, The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK)
 2015, 19, 25 Visiting Scholar Program Evaluation Panel, Fulbright Commission of Turkey
 2015-2022 Graduate Fellowships Evaluation Panel, Fulbright Commission of Turkey
 2014, 2015 Developmental Psychology Grant Evaluation Panel, The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK)

Institutional Responsibilities

Sabanci University

Aug 2024-present Vice Dean, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
 Aug 2024-present Member, University Undergraduate Scholarships Committee
 Aug 2024-present Member, University Education Committee
 Aug 2024-present Member, University Digital Transformation Committee
 2024-present Member, Executive Board Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
 2020-present Member, Executive Board, Graduate School of Social Sciences
 2021-2024 Coordinator, Undergraduate and Graduate Programs in Psychology
 2021-2024 Member, Psychology Graduate Admissions Committee
 2022-2023 Member, Faculty Board, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
 2020-2021 Member, University Committee on Transfer Students

Middle East Technical University

2019 Director, Disability Support Office

2019 Member, University Committee for Redesigning Performance Evaluation
2018-2019 Board Member, Disability Support Office
2016-2019 Member, University Committee for Human Participants Research Ethics
2017-2018 Vice Chair, Department of Psychology
2016-2018 Member, University Committee for Academic Incentives
2015-2018 Faculty Board Member, School of Arts and Sciences
2014-2017 Member, Developmental Psychology Graduate Admissions Committee