

# Ladin Toplu

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## EDUCATION

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- 2025 – PhD, Sociology, Emory University
- 2022 – 2025 M.A., Sociology, Bogazici University  
GPA: 4.00/4.00  
Thesis: “Rising Anti-abortion Sentiment in Turkey: Determinants of Abortion Attitudes from 1990 to 2018”  
Committee: Drs. Ceylan Engin, Mathew Creighton, Selin Köksal
- 2018 – 2022 B.A., Translation and Interpreting Studies, Bogazici University  
Minor, Western Languages and Literatures  
Valedictorian, High Honors  
GPA: 3.99/4.00  
Thesis: “(Re)Translating queerness and homoerotic desire: A case study on the Turkish (re)translations of Emily Dickinson’s poems and their reception.”

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Reproductive health, abortion and contraception; Women’s health and empowerment;  
Demography, fertility, gender and sexuality; Survey research and mixed research methods

## PUBLICATIONS

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Engin, C., **Toplu, L.**, Chen, W., Baumle, A. & Poston Jr., D. L. (2025). Socioeconomic Inequalities in the Lesbian and Gay Male Populations. In D. L. Poston Jr. & J. Singelmann (Eds.), *International Handbook of the Demography of Poverty and Inequality*. Springer Nature.

Engin, C., **Toplu, L.** & Uyaver, M. (2025). *Toplumsal Cinsiyet Eşitliğine Duyarlı Veri Okur-Yazarlığı ve Veri Görselleştirme {Gender-Sensitive Data Literacy and Data Visualization: Training Material}*. Association for Monitoring Gender Equality Press.

Engin, C., Demirci, F. G., Kaya, G., Önder, R. N., Yıldırım, C. M., & **Toplu, L.** (2025). 2022 Turkish COVID-19 Values Study (TCVS) Report.

**Toplu, L.**, Şahinyılmaz, T., & Gundogdu, D. (2024, May). Gender-Specific Political Agendas: A Topic Modeling Analysis of Turkish Grand National Assembly Speeches. In *2024 32nd Signal Processing and Communications Applications Conference (SIU)*. IEEE.

### ***IN PRESS***

**Toplu, L.**, Şahinyılmaz, T., & Gundogdu, D. (2025). Parliamentary Discourse and Agenda Setting: Computational Discourse Analysis of Women MPs in the Turkish Grand National Assembly. In *Social Data Science: Methods, Concepts, Theories*. Istanbul Bilgi University Press.

### ***UNDER PREPARATION***

Engin, C., **Toplu, L.** & Karduz, E. K. Beyond the Western Model: Gender (In)equality and Fertility Intentions in Türkiye.

### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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Engin, C., **Toplu, L.** & Karduz, E. K. (2025). Fertility Intentions and Gender (In)equality in Türkiye: The Role of Household Labor and Gender Ideology. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

**Toplu, L.** (2024). Changing Attitudes Towards Abortion in Türkiye: A Mixed-methods Study Across Decades. British Society for Population Studies 2024 Conference, Bath, United Kingdom.

Engin, C., **Toplu, L.** & Karduz, E. K. (2024). Gender Equality and Fertility Intentions in Turkey: Evidence from the 2022 Turkish COVID-19 Values Study (TCVS). British Society for Population Studies 2024 Conference, Bath, United Kingdom.

Engin, C., **Toplu, L.** & Karduz, E. K. (2024). Beyond the Western Model: Gender (In)equality and Fertility Intentions in Türkiye. 16<sup>th</sup> European Sociological Association Conference, Porto, Portugal.

**Toplu, L.**, Sahinyılmaz, T. & Gundogdu, D. (2024). Gender-Specific Political Agendas: A Topic Modeling Analysis of Turkish Grand National Assembly Speeches. The 32nd IEEE Conference on Signal Processing and Communications Applications, Mersin, Turkey.

**Toplu, L.**, Sahinyılmaz, T. & Gundogdu, D. (2024). Voices and Influence in the Political Landscape: A Comprehensive Analysis of Female Members of the Turkish Parliament. Koç University Computational Social Sciences Conference, Istanbul, Turkey.

### **TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIP**

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**Graduate Teaching Assistant**, Bogazici University

**2025 Spring**     Data Analysis

**2024 Fall**        Social Statistics

**2024 Spring**    Data Analysis

**2023 Fall**        Social Statistics

**2023 Spring**    Introduction to Research Methods

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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**2023 –** M.A. Thesis, Department of Sociology, Bogazici University

Title: Rising Anti-abortion Sentiment in Turkey: Determinants of Abortion Attitudes from 1990 to 2018

- Built structural equation and logistic regression models of the changing determinants of attitudes towards abortion in Turkey by analyzing two waves of World Values Survey data using R and SPSS Amos.
- Conducted semi-structured in-depth interviews with obstetrician gynecologists on their past experiences of changing attitudes towards abortion.

**2022 –** Sociology Data Lab, Department of Sociology, Bogazici University

Project: Turkish COVID-19 Values Study

Supervisor: Assist. Prof. Ceylan Engin

- Analyzed data on the determinants of fertility intentions using STATA, presented findings in two international conferences and wrote initial draft of the manuscript.
- Analyzed and visualized data for the four sections of the project report (sociodemographic characteristics, family, institutional trust and vaccination, and gender values) using STATA, R and Prism.
- Conducted tutorials and provided one-on-one support to undergraduate and graduate students on data cleaning and statistical analysis using STATA.

Project: Turkish Social Values Survey

Supervisors: Assist. Profs. Ceylan Engin, Sinan Erensü, Souad Osseiran

- Contributed to the preparation of survey questions, with a specific focus on attitudes towards reproductive rights, homosexuality, and family.
- Cleaned and analyzed survey data using STATA.
- Conducted tutorials and provided one-on-one support to undergraduate and graduate students on data cleaning and statistical analysis using STATA.

**2021 – 2022** Department of Translation and Interpreting Studies, Bogazici University

Project: *Lives in Turkish*

Supervisor: Dr. Ceyda Elgöl

- Gathered, organized and analyzed data for the first biography database of Turkey.

Project: *Retranslation – Turkey Bibliography*

Supervisors: Prof. Özlem Berk Albachten & Prof. Şehnaz Tahir Gürçağlar

- Gathered and organized data for The Bibliography of Retranslations in Ottoman and Modern Turkish Societies.

## **FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS**

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- 2024 – 2025**    **Graduate Research Fellowship**, The Scientific and Technological Research Council  
Project: Turkish Social Values Survey  
Role: Research Assistant
- 2024**            **Grant for Participation in Scientific Meetings Abroad**, TUBITAK
- 2023 – 2024**    **Graduate Research Fellowship**, Bogazici University Scientific Research Projects  
Project: Turkish COVID-19 Values Study  
Role: Research Assistant
- 2022 – 2024**    **Master’s Fellowship**, The Scientific and Technological Research Council  
Academic merit based Master’s fellowship for 2 years.

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

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- 2022 – 2025**    Freelance Translator, Localex Translation Services
- Provided English to Turkish, Turkish to English and German to Turkish technical translation and transcreation services.
- 2018 – 2019**    Student Assistant, Bogazici University Office of International Relations
- Part-time office work

## **VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

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- 2024**            Volunteer, European Sociological Association
- Helped organize the 16th European Sociological Association Conference in Portugal.
- 2021 – 2022**    Editor, FeelWorks
- Edited and created content on reproductive health and sexuality at a social impact enterprise that aimed to provide the public with informative texts on sexuality.

**2020 – 2021** Peer Mentor, Department of Translation and Interpreting Studies, Bogazici University

- Offered mentorship to preparatory and freshman students in order to help them with their academic and departmental orientation during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**2018** Volunteer Teacher, AIESEC, Romania

- Offered introductory classes to primary and secondary school students on a variety of topics from gender equality to child labour.

### **EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

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**2019 – 2022** Translation Society, Bogazici University  
President (2020 – 2021)  
Board Member (2019 – 2022)

- Organized workshops, training sessions, and interviews with academics and translators.

**2018 –** The Community for Animal Rights, Bogazici University

- Contributed to the fundraising efforts for the medical expenses of campus cats.

### **SOFTWARE EXPERIENCE**

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R, STATA, SPSS, AMOS, Python (NLP, Topic Modelling), GraphPad Prism, Excel, Tableau

### **LANGUAGE SKILLS**

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Turkish (Native), English (C2), German (B2), Spanish (A2)