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EDUCATION

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

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

PUBLICATIONS

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). *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

Engin, C., **Toplu, L.** & Karduz, E. K. (2025). Fertility Intentions and Gendert (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. 16th European Sociological Association Conference, Porto, Portugal.

Toplu, L., Sahinyilmaz, 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., Sahinyilmaz, 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

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

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 Erensi, 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

2025 – **Robert W. Woodruff Fellowship**, Emory University

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

- 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

- 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

- 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

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

LANGUAGE SKILLS

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