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Research Training for the PRIME Youth Project

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Research Summary

The main research question of the study is: How and why do some European citizens generate a populist and Islamophobic discourse to express their discontent with the current social, economic and political state of their national and European contexts, while some members of migrant-origin communities with Muslim background generate an essentialist and radical form of Islamist discourse within the same societies? The main premise of this study is that various segments of the European public (radicalizing young members of both native populations and migrant-origin populations with Muslim background), who have been alienated and swept away by the flows of globalization such as deindustrialization, mobility, migration, tourism, social-economic inequalities, international trade, and robotic production, are more inclined to respectively adopt two mainstream political discourses: Islamophobia (for native populations) and Islamism (for Muslim-migrant-origin populations). Both discourses have become pivotal along with the rise of the civilizational rhetoric since the early 1990s. On the one hand, the neo-liberal age seems to be leading to the nativisation of radicalism among some groups of host populations while, on the other hand, it is leading to the islamization of radicalism among some segments of deprived migrant-origin populations. The common denominator of these groups is that they are both downwardly mobile and inclined towards radicalization. Hence, this project aims to scrutinize social, economic, political and psychological sources of the processes of radicalization among native European youth and Muslim-origin youth with migration background, who are both inclined to express their discontent through ethnicity, culture, religion, heritage, homogeneity, authenticity, past, gender and patriarchy. The field research will comprise four migrant receiving countries: Germany, France, Belgium, and the Netherlands, and two migrant sending countries: Turkey and Morocco.

For further information on the PRIME Youth project, please visit: <https://bpy.bilgi.edu.tr/>

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Aim of the research training

The aim of this training is to inform the researchers on the importance of ethics, and privacy in conducting field and desk research. At the same time, the training sessions cover proper research techniques particularly in regards to conducting face-to-face interviews. As such, in addition to covering the proper methods of dealing with issues arising from the sensitive nature of the interlocutors, this training provides valuable information on how to reach interlocutors and how to conduct the interviews *vis-a-vis* the open-ended question set and the quantitative survey. The training also includes a session on the importance of going over the information sheets and the consent procedures (ie. the consent form that allows for written or oral consent) with the interlocutor. This is supplemented by a review of anonymization procedures.

An important aspect of this training is that the researchers will also be informed about the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR 2016/679), which governs the protection of personal data collected in the scope of this project. This will be complemented by a training session with an IT expert who will overview the necessary encryption tools and procedures which will be used in submitting the fieldwork data to the Principal Investigator.



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Research Training Programme

Venue: İstanbul Bilgi University santralistanbul campus,
E5 Building, Room 103, İstanbul, Turkey

Dates: 8-9 January 2020

8 January 2020

- 10.00 - 10.30** Opening and Introductions
- 10.30 – 12:00** Prof. Ayhan Kaya (Principal Investigator of the ERC project, Director of the European Institute, İstanbul Bilgi University)
- “Overview of the Prime YOUTH project”
- 12:00 - 12.30** Discussion and Q&A
- 12.30 - 14.00** *Lunch*
- 14.00 - 14.45** Prof. Pınar Uyan Semerci (Director of the Center for Migration Research, Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, İstanbul Bilgi University)
- “Research Methods I”
- 14.45- 15.30** Prof. Emre Erdoğan (Head of Department of International Relations, İstanbul Bilgi University)
- “Research Methods II”
- 15.30 - 16.30** Discussion and Q&A

9 January 2020

- 10.00 – 11.00** Dr. Ayşenur Benevento (Psychology, Post-Doctoral Researcher, European Institute of İstanbul Bilgi University)
- “How to interact with your interlocutors”
- 11.00 – 12:00** Dr. Ayşe Tecmen (Political Science, Post-Doctoral Researcher, European Institute of İstanbul Bilgi University)

	“Interviewing and Note-taking”
12:00 - 12.30	Erhan Mutlu (Information Technologies Specialist, İstanbul Bilgi University)
	“Data Protection Methods”
12.30 - 14.00	<i>Lunch</i>
14.00 - 14.30	Overview of Interview Question
14:30 - 16: 00	Role Playing Exercise
16.00 - 17.00	Feedback and discussion based on the role-playing exercise

List of participants

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