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Areas of Specialization

Digital Sociology, Media and Communication, Social Media Representations, Digitalization in Academia, Populism, Gender, Science and Technology Policy

Education:

2010-2015 PhD in Sociology, Middle East Technical University (METU), Department of Sociology

2005–2008 MSc in Sociology METU, Department of Sociology

1999–2003 BA in Sociology, METU, Department of Sociology

Work Experience:

April.2026-present

Middle East Technical
University, Department of
Sociology

Jan 2022-Nov.2025

Postdoctoral Research Fellow
Stavanger University,
Department of Media and Social Sciences
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Jan 2018-November 2018

Postdoctoral Research Fellow
Lund University,
Department of Gender Studies

October 2011-April 2026

Research Assistant
Office for Organizational Planning and
Development Office, METU

January 2007-October 2011

Research Assistant

SSCI, AHCI, SCI-Expanded Publications:

Eslen-Ziya, H., & Pehlivanlı, E. (2026). Prototype research as a qualitative method for studying academic life under illiberalism: the case of Turkey. *Globalizations*, 1-17. [10.1080/14747731.2026.2620848](https://doi.org/10.1080/14747731.2026.2620848)

Pehlivanlı E., & Gedik. E. (2025). Introduction to Manhood: Digital Rituals, Gender Performance, and Male Circumcision Ceremonies in Türkiye, *Culture Health & Sexuality* , cilt.009, sa.R2, ss.10-33, Doi: [10.1080/13691058.2025.2573814](https://doi.org/10.1080/13691058.2025.2573814)

Pehlivanli, E., & Eslen-Ziya, H. (2025). Academic state of anomie in gender studies: masked and expressed emotions within the academic environment in Turkey. *Journal of Gender Studies*, 1-14.

Pehlivanli, E. Eslen-Ziya, H. Turkish Gender Studies' Scholars: Balancing Academic and Emotional Turbulence, *Social Politics: International Studies in Gender, State & Society*, 2025;, jxae028, <https://doi.org/10.1093/sp/jxae028>

Pehlivanli, E., & Eslen-Ziya, H. (2024). Revisiting Erdoğan's century of Turkey: unmasking populism's political strategies through the Lens of the Canal Istanbul. *British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*, 1-18.

Pehlivanli, E., & Eslen-Ziya, H. (2024). A political game?: the dispute over the Canal Istanbul project. *Turkish Studies*, 25(1), 43-63.

Pehlivanli, E., & Gedik, E. (2024). The vague limits of bodily autonomy: Prenatal experiences and the preference of caesarean births by women in Türkiye. *European Journal of Women's Studies*, 13505068241261312.

Pehlivanli, E., & Eslen-Ziya, H. (2024). Conceptualizing academic sustainability. *Feminist Media Studies*, 24(5), 1225-1229.

Eslen-Ziya, H., & Pehlivanli, E. (2022). The search for alternative knowledge in the post-truth era: Anti-vaccine mobilization during the COVID-19 pandemic in Turkey. *Cogent Social Sciences*, 8(1), 2130213.

Pehlivanli Kadayifci, E. "Exploring Hidden Curriculum of Gender in Engineering Education: A Case Study of Engineering Faculty in Turkey", *International Journal of Engineering Education*, 2019, Vol 35. No.4 pp.1-12. ISSN 0949-149X/91

Pehlivanli-Kadayifci, E. Social Construction of Gendered Engineering Culture in Turkey. *International Journal of Gender, Science and Technology*, 2017. Vol. 9 Issue 3, p221-243. 23p.

Other Peer Reviewed and TR Dizin Publications:

Pehlivanlı, E. (2024). "Şeylerin" Toplumsalı Mümkün Kılması Üzerine: Cam, Saat, Doğum Kontrol Hapı. *Feminist Tahayyül: Akademik Araştırmalar Dergisi*, 5(2, İnsandan İbaret Olmayan Dünyalar), 299-326.

Pehlivanli, E. & Gedik E. Discourses of Mensuration in Turkey: Shame, Suppression and Otherness, *Sosyoloji Arastirmalari Dergisi*, October, 2022.

Gedik, E., Pehlivanli-Kadayifçi, E. P., Turgut, S. T., & Bulut, M. Sosyal Medyada Toplumsal Cinsiyet Temelli Trafik Söylemi. *Sosyoloji Dergisi*, (41-42), 145-161.

Kadayifçi, E. P., Ziya, H. E., & Korkut, U. Discursive governance over pro-population politics in Turkey. *Sosyoloji Araştırmaları Dergisi*, 23(2), 244-283.

Pehlivanli Kadayifci, E. "Transformation of Gendered Engineering Culture", *Fe Dergi*, Haziran 2019, pp.48-59. ISSN 1309-128X

Pehlivanli Kadayifci, E. "Manifestations of Gendered Engineering Culture in Turkey: Differing

Experiences of Women and Men Engineers”, *Academic Elegance*, 4/December 2015.

Pehlivanlı Kadayıfci, E. Transformation of Engineering Practice through Digitalized Labor Processes; *Toplum Bilim*, 135, December 2015.

Book & Book Chapters:

Pehlivanlı. E., & Eslen Ziya, H. “Academic Sustainability” in The Routledge Handbook of Social Science Impact: A conceptual Index” edited by Patternotte, D., Coman R., & Panjaert, F. forthcoming by Routledge in 2026.

Pehlivanlı E. & Yalçınöz- Uçan, B. (2026) Beyond Visibility: Online Academic Harassment and the Politics of Socio-Technical Harm. In (Un)Silencing Academia in Times of Epistemic Conflicts Navigating Online Violence Edited By Alberta Giorgi, Hande Eslen-Ziya, Routledge: UK.

Pehlivanlı, E. (2024). Masculinity of the Scientific Tradition in the Post-truth era: a comparative analysis of Sweden and Turkey. *Science, technology and society for a post-truth age: Comparative dialogues on reflexivity*, 259. Vernon Press:USA.

Pehlivanlı, E. (2024). *Değişen Bilim Politikaları Ve Toplumsal Cinsiyet Çalışmalarında Bilgi Üretimi*. Efe Akademi yayınları: İstanbul.

Beşpınar, F. U., & Pehlivanlı-Kadayıfçı, E. (2021). Bilim, Teknoloji, Mühendislik ve Matematik Alanlarında Toplumsal Cinsiyet Eşitliği Haritalama ve İzleme Çalışması. CEİD Yayınları: Ankara.

Published in Proceedings (Selected):

Pehlivanlı, E.& Eslen-Ziya, H. Precarity Across Borders: Affective and Epistemic Challenges in Gender Studies Under Anti-Gender and Neoliberal Regimes. Sabancı Üniversitesi Gender Conference, İstanbul, Türkiye, 6 - 07 Aralık 2025, ss.1, (Özet Bildiri)

Pehlivanlı E. & Yalçınöz- Uçan, B. Beyond Visibility: Online Academic Harassment and The Politics of Socio-Technical Harm, YÖCAD Konferansı Bildiri Özeti Kitabı, 2025.

Pehlivanlı, E. Akademik Çalkantıların Üstesinden Gelmek, YÖCAD Konferansı, Bildiri Özeti Kitabı, 2024.

Pehlivanlı, E. Yılmaz, C. Understanding the Gendered Gaming Culture: The League of Legends, Başkent Üniversitesi Sosyoloji Kongresi, 2023

Pehlivanlı, E. Academic Sustainability, ECPR Annual Conference, Abstracts ebook, 2023

Pehlivanlı-Kadayıfci, E. Yükseköğretimde Toplumsal Cinsiyet Eşitliği Politikalarının STEM Alanlarına Etkisi: İsveç ve Türkiye. The 3rd International Conference on Higher Education Studies Conference, Abstracts ebook pp. 95, 2018

Pehlivanlı-Kadayıfci, E., STS Turkey 2018: Toplum için Bilim ve Teknoloji Çalışmaları Konferansı, “Bedensel Özerkliğin Muğlak Sınırları: Prenatal Kontrol ve Türkiye’de Kadınların Sezaryen Tercihii” Özetler kitabı pp.27-30, 2018.

Pehlivanlı-Kadayıfci, E. & Gedik E. “More Girls to Choose Engineering as a Major: Perspectives from Honey Bees are Becoming Engineers Project” 2016 International Conference on Lifelong Education and Leadership for all Proceedings Book pp.779-788. ISBN: 978-605-66495-1-6 (Indexed ISI WOS)

Pehlivanli Kadayifci, Ezgi. "Construction of Gendered Engineering Culture in Turkey", International Conference on Knowledge and Politics in Gender and Women Studies Proceedings, in January 2015 (ebook).

Pehlivanli Kadayifci, Ezgi. "Gendered Construction of Engineering Culture in Turkey", 12 th Conference of the European Sociological Association: Differences, Inequalities and Sociological Association Proceedings, (ebook) 2015.

Pehlivanli Kadayifci, Ezgi. Do You Know How Many Engineers Wanted to Marry me?: Gendered Construction of Engineering Culture in Turkey, British Sociological Association Annual Conference Proceedings, 2015.

Work in Progress:

Yilmaz, C. & Pehlivanli, E. Understanding the Gendered Gaming Culture: The League of Legends (R &R in *Gaming and Culture*)

Pehlivanlı, E. & Gedik. E. From Compassion to Containment: Digital Affect and The Reconfiguration of Stray Dog Politics (R&R in *Human Dimensions of Wildlife*)

Pehlivanlı, E. & Eslen-Ziya, H. From Idealism to Activism through Media Representations: Navigating Turkey's Academic and Political Pressures, (R&R in *Globalization*)

Yazıcı, D.K. & Pehlivanlı, E. Dövüş Sanatları için Kapsayıcı bir Kavramsallaştırma Çalışması, in review in *Eurasia Journal of Sport Sciences*.

Pehlivanlı, E. Feminist Metod STEM Alanlarına Ne Sağlayabilir? In review at *Sosyoloji Dergisi*.

Invited Presentations (Selected):

Pehlivanlı, E. & Gedik. E. From Compassion to Containment: Digital Affect and The Reconfiguration of Stray Dog Politics in Türkiye, 5. Uygulamalı Etik Konresi, 2025 sözlü sunum

Pehlivanlı E. & Yalçınöz- Uçan, B. Beyond Visibility: Online Academic Harassment and The Politics of Socio-Technical Harm, YÖCAD Konferansı, sözlü sunum

Pehlivanlı, E. Akademik Çalkantıların Üstesinden Gelmek, YÖCAD Konferansı, Bildiri Özeti Kitabı, 2024 sözlü sunum

Pehlivanlı, E. Yılmaz, C. Understanding the Gendered Gaming Culture: The League of Legends, Başkent Üniversitesi Sosyoloji Kongresi, 2023 sözlü sunum

Pehlivanlı, E. Academic Sustainability, ECPR Annual Conference, 2023, sözlü sunum

22-26.08.2022 European Consortium for Political Research General Conference, Innsbruck, The search for alternative knowledge, conspiracy theories and anti-science movements in the post-truth era: Anti-vaccine Mobilization during the Covid-19 pandemic in Turkey, oral presentation.

11-13.10.2018 IHEC-The 3rd International Conference on Higher Education Studies Conference. AGÜ, Kayseri. "Higher Education Policies from a Gender Perspective: A Comparison of Sweden and Turkey" oral presentation, Pehlivanli-Kadayifci, E.

18-20.01.2017 Interrogating the Fertility Decline in Europe: Politics, Practices and Representations of Changing Orders, International Workshop. Ruhr University Bochum, Department of Sociology/Social Inequality and Gender, Discursive governance over pro-population politics from a gender perspective:case of Turkey” Oral presentation authors Ezgi Pehlivanlı-Kadayifci, Hande Eslen-Ziya and Umut Korkut.

18-20.01.2017 Interrogating the Fertility Decline in Europe: Politics, Practices and Representations of Changing Orders, International Workshop. Ruhr University Bochum, Department of Sociology/Social Inequality and Gender,” Intervention to bodily autonomy? Prenatal experiences and the choice of C-section of women in Turkey” oral presentation, authors Ezgi Pehlivanli-Kadayifci, Esra Gedik.

1-3. 12.2017 National Sociology Congress on Sociology in the Era of Diversities, Conflicts and Deeds, Transformation of Engineering Practice in Digital Work Processes” oral presentation, author Ezgi Pehlivanlı Kadayifci

21-23-7.2016 International Conference on Lifelong Education and Leadership for all, “More Girls to Choose Engineering as a Major: Perspectives from “Honey Bees are Becoming Engineers” Project” oral presentation, authors Ezgi Pehlivanli Kadayifci, Esra Gedik.

06-8.3.2016 Annual Conference of British Sociological Association, Global Societies: Fragmenting and Connecting. Frontiers Panel, “A Foucauldian Analysis of Women’s movement in Turkey under the Impact of Gender Mainstreaming” oral presentation, authors Ezgi Pehlivanli Kadayifci, Esra Gedik, Birmingham, UK.

09-11.11.2015 International Conference on Knowledge and Politics in Gender and Women Studies, “Construction of Gendered Engineering Culture in Turkey” oral presentation, author Ezgi Pehlivanli Kadayifci
Ankara, Turkey

25-28.08.2015 12th European Sociological Association Conference: Differences, Inequalities and Sociological Imagination: “Gendered Construction Engineering Culture in Turkey. Author Ezgi Pehlivanlı Kadayifci. Prague, Cech Republic

15-17. 04.2015 12th British Sociological Association Annual Conference: Transition or Regression: paper presented: “Do You Know How Many Engineers Wanted to Marry me?: Gendered Construction of Engineering Culture in Turkey, author Ezgi Pehlivanlı Kadayifci. Glasgow, UK

28-31.08.2013 11th European Sociological Association Conference: Crisis, Critique and Change, Panel: Fertility and Reproduction 1: paper presented: “I Cannot Give Birth yet, the Tests are Not Over!” author, Esra Gedik and Ezgi P. Kadayifci. Torino/ITALY

Teaching Experience:

SOC 316 Cultural Analysis of Media Texts, METU, Department of Sociology, 2025-2026 Fall.

STPS 551 Political Theory and Technology, Science and Technology Policy Studies, METU 2018-2019 Spring, 2019-2020 Spring, 2020-2021 Fall, 2021-2022 Spring, 2022-2023 Fall, 2025-2026 Fall.

STPS 560 Seminar in New Transformations, Science and Technology Policy Studies, METU Spring 2016-2017,2017-2018 Fall, 2018-2019 Fall, 2019-2020 Fall, 2020-2021 Fall

GWS 511 Making of Feminist Knowledge
2023-2024 Spring, 2024-2025 Spring

Digital Sociology and Culture, (substitute & assistant to the course) Stavanger University, Department of Media and Social Sciences

Thesis Supervision:

Supervision of MSC Thesis titled “Feminist Ideologies Subcultures through Media”, Gender and Women Studies, METU, Gender and Women’s Studies (2024-present)

Co-Supervision of MSC Thesis titled “The Impact of Media Technologies & Soft Power: The case of K-POP”. Science and Technology Policy Studies, METU. (January 2021-present)

Co-Supervision of MSC Thesis titled “Understanding Gendered Communication Styles in PC Games and in Gaming Culture: Case of League of Legends”
Gender and Women Studies, METU (graduated in September 2022)

Project Experience:

January 2026- present	AIMS: AI-Based Mentoring for Women in STEAM Studies Co-funded by the Erasmus+Programme of the European Union, Gender Expert.
November 2025-present	COST-Action CA23149 Member
June 2025- present	Gender in Photovoltaics: Experiences and Support Mechanisms, European Energy Research Alliances: Photovoltaic Solar Power, (EERA), Gender Expert.
February 2025	Norwegian research Council on 14.02.2025 with a ref. number 941033 and titled: Mapping Privilege and Inequities in Global Academia.
January 2022-October 2023	CAIS- Research for the Digital Age: Online Harassment Working Group Workshops for Digital Methods in Social Sciences
February 2023	The project Norwegian research Institute number 642169 and titled: Exploring Academic Sustainability in the Era of Anti-Genderism and Neoliberal Universities
January 2022	The project Norwegian research Institute number 642768 and titled: “Populist Legitimization of a Crazy Project: The Canal İstanbul”
March 2021-June 2021	CEİD Cinsiyet Eşitliği İzleme Derneği, Gender Equality % Monitoring Report of STEM Fields. (Co-author of the report)
February 2021-July2021	Study on the Knowledge, Attitudes and Practices (KAP) Linked to Child, Early and Forced Marriage (CEFM) In Turkey UNICEF Turkey Country Office & TANDANS Data Science Consulting
August 2020-May2020	European Union, “Participants Strengthening Democracy in Turkey: Monitoring of Gender Equality Project”. Co-Author of “Mapping of STEM Equality in Turkey” Report Authors; Assoc.Prof.Dr. Fatma Umut Beşpınar, Dr. Ezgi Pehlivanlı-Kadayıfci)

June 2017-Sept.2017

Individual Consultant for UN, project title “Engineer Girls of Turkey” (Project Partners; UN, Limak Holding, Turkish Ministry of Education)

October 2015-2016

Academic Consultant for *I care for* “Gender Equality for my Country: Honeybees are Becoming Engineers Project”, (Project Partners: FordOtosan, Turkish Ministry of Education)

Foreign Languages:

Turkish (Mother Tongue)
English TOEFL IBT 102
Italian (Beginner)

Activities

Eurasia Aikido Organization, Shodan, Dec. 2025

Aikido, 2022 Stavanger Jhushinkan Aikido
Aikido, 2022 – Present, ODTÜ Aikido Topluluğu
Aikido, 2022- Present, Katsu School of Discipline

Aikido Instructor, Lycée français Charles de Gaulle
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