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EDUCATION

2013 Ph.D., Sociology, University of Iowa
2009 M.A., Sociology, University of Iowa
2006 B.A., Sociology, Koç University (*full scholarship and honors*)

APPOINTMENTS

2015-present Assistant Professor, Global Studies Institute, Georgia State University
2013-2015 Post-doctoral Researcher, Evolution, Cognition and Culture Laboratory, Université de Lyon

RESEARCH AFFILIATIONS

2014-present Research Associate, Laboratory for Comparative Social Research, Higher School of Economics, Russian Federation

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Social Psychology, Race and Ethnicity, Global Sociology, Values and Morality, Well-being and Health, Research Methods, Social Theory, Neurosociology

SELECTED HONORS AND AWARDS

2013 Emerging Diversity Scholar Citation, National Center for Institutional Diversity at the University of Michigan
2012-2013 Ballard and Seashore Dissertation Year Fellowship, Graduate College, University of Iowa
2010 Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship Award (Discrimination Studies), Social Science Research Council
2007-2009 Full Fellowship for M.A., Turkish Ministry of National Education

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Articles and Chapters

Firat, Rengin B. and Pascal Boyer. 2015. "Coalitional Affiliation as a Missing Link Between Ethnic Polarization and Well-being: An Empirical Test from the European Social Survey." *Social Science Research*, Vol. 53, pg. 148-161.

Boyer, Pascal, **Rengin Firat** and Florian van Leeuwen. 2015. "Safety, Threat and Stress in Inter-Group Relations: A Coalitional Index Model." *Perspectives on Psychological Science*, Vol. 10(4), pg. 434-450

Firat, Rengin B. 2014. "Media Usage and Civic Life: The Role of Values." *Journal of Social and Political Psychology*, Vol. 2(1), pg. 117-142.

Firat, Rengin and Steven Hitlin. 2012 (Invited paper). "Morally Bonded and Bounded: A Sociological Introduction to Neurology." In *Advances in Group Processes*, Vol. 29, Emerald (Eds. Kalkhoff, Will, Shane Thye and Edward Lawler), pg. 165-199.

- Firat, Rengin. 2012. "Trust and Political Participation: A Multi-Dimensional Comparison of Four Nations." *Sosyoloji Arastirmalari Dergisi (Journal of Sociological Research)*, Vol. 15(2), pg. 45-76.
- Firat, Rengin and Chad M. McPherson. 2010. "Towards an Integrated Science of Morality: Linking Mind, Society and Culture." In *Handbook of the Sociology of Morality*, Springer (Eds. Hitlin, Steven and Stephen Vaisey), pg. 361-384.

Non-Refereed Publications

- Firat, Rengin and Steven Hitlin. 2014. (Invited Encyclopedia entry) "Self." *The SAGE Encyclopedia of Theory in Psychology*. (In press).
- Firat, Rengin and Steven Hitlin. 2012. (Invited Review Essay). "Neurosociology and the Difficult Art of Building Interdisciplinary Bridges." *Contemporary Sociology: A Journal of Reviews*, Vol. 41(6), pg. 780-783.
- McPherson, Chad M. and Rengin Firat. 2011. "Towards an Integrated Science of Morality." In *Newsletter of the Altruism, Morality & Social Solidarity Section of the American Sociological Association*, Vol. 2(2), pg. 38-57.

Selected Works In Progress

- Firat, Rengin. "Discrimination and Well-being: The Moderating Effects of Value Orientations." Under review at *Social Indicators Research*.
- Firat, Rengin and Jennifer L. Glanville. "Measuring Voluntary Association Diversity: A Comparison of Proxy and Direct Approaches." Under review at *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly*.
- van Leeuwen, Florian, Helena Miton, **Rengin Firat** and Pascal Boyer. "Gay men seen as defectors: Commitment to group defense predicts aggressive homophobia." Under review at *Evolution and Human Behavior*.
- Firat, Rengin and Steven Hitlin. "From Antipathy to Apathy: Modern Racism, Neurosociology, and Morality." *Draft available*.

EXTERNAL RESEARCH GRANTS

- 2013 "Moral Schemas, Cultural Conflict, and Socio-political Action." U.S. Department of Defense Minerva Research Initiative (Key Co-investigator (international) and PI (France), with Steven Hitlin (PI, international), \$676,793)

SELECTED INTERNAL RESEARCH GRANTS

- 2012, 2010 Executive Council of Graduate and Professional Students (ECGPS) Research Grant, UIowa (\$500 + \$1,000)
- 2010 MRI Research Facility Pilot Study Support, UIowa (10 free functional MRI scans, worth approximately \$6,000)
- 2010 Research Grant, Dept. of Sociology, UIowa (\$300)

SELECTED REFEREED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2015

- Firat, Rengin, Ethan Rogers, Steven Hitlin and Hye Won Kwon. "Value Boundaries, Altruism and Well-Being." Paper presented at the Altruism, Morality and Social Solidarity Section Session at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA), Chicago, IL.

Firat, Rengin, Steven Hitlin and Hye Won Kwon. "Values and Group Boundaries: A Novel Measurement Technique." Paper presented at the European Survey Research Association (ESRA) Conference, Reykjavik, Iceland.

Firat, Rengin, Steven Hitlin and Hye Won Kwon. "Values; Social Identities and Civic Engagement." Paper presented at the 68th Annual World Association for Public Opinion Research (WAPOR) Conference, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Firat, Rengin. "The Moral Basis of Racial Cognition in the Human Brain." Paper presented at the Prosociality and Cognition Session at the European Human Behaviour and Evolution Association (EHBEA) Conference, Helsinki, Finland.

Firat, Rengin. "Discrimination and Subjective Well-being: The Moderating Effects of Value Orientations." Paper presented at the Social Capital and Subjective Well-being Session at the XVI April International Academic Conference on Economic and Social Development, Moscow, Russia.

2014

Firat, Rengin. "Coalitional Affiliation as a Missing Link Between Ethnic Polarization and Well-being: An Empirical Test from the European Social Survey." Paper presented at the 4th LCSR international conference on Cultural and Economic Changes in Cross-National Perspective, St. Petersburg, Russia.

Firat, Rengin. "Coalitional Psychology: The Missing Link between Ethnic Polarization and Well-being." Paper presented at the Understanding Democracy and Polarization Session at the XV April International Academic Conference on Economic and Social Development, Moscow, Russia.

Firat, Rengin and Steven Hitlin. "Moral Schemas, Cultural Conflict, and Socio-Political Action." Paper presented at the regular session on Peace and Conflict at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA), San Francisco, CA.

2012

Firat, Rengin. "A Theory of Prejudice in Everyday Life: From Symbolic Markers to Somatic Markers." Refereed Roundtables for the Section on Social Psychology at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA), Denver, CO.

2011

Firat, Rengin. "Moral Emotions and Racial Prejudice: A Neurosociological Approach." New Directions in Social Psychology Session for the Section on Social Psychology at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA), Las Vegas, NV.

2010

Firat, Rengin and Jennifer L. Glanville. "Voluntary Associations and Tolerance: The Role of Membership Composition." Voluntary and Non-Profit Organizations Session at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA), Atlanta, GA.

Firat, Rengin. "In People We Trust, In Politics We Don't: A Multifaceted Relationship Between Trust and Political Participation." Civic Society, Inclusion and Identity Session, Joint Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society/North Central Sociological Association, Chicago, IL.

Firat, Rengin. "Moral Emotions." Social Psychology Session, Joint Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society/North Central Sociological Association, Chicago, IL.

2009

Civettini, Nicole H.W., stef shuster and Rengin Firat. "Effects of Same Sex Unions on Mental Well-Being." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, Des Moines, IA.

SELECTED COLLOQUIA

- 2013 Firat, Rengin. "Sosyal Nörobilime Yeni Bir Bakış Açısı: Sosyo-Politik Davranışlar Üzerine Disiplinler ve Uluslar Arası Bir Proje." ("A New Way of Looking at Social Neuroscience: An Inter-disciplinary and Inter-national Investigation of Socio-Political Behavior.") Dept. of Neurology, Istanbul University, Istanbul, Turkey.
- 2012 Firat, Rengin. "Evaluations of Race and Social Class in the Human Brain." Dept. of Psychiatry, University of Iowa.
- 2012 Firat, Rengin. "Symbolic Boundaries and the Human Brain." Neuroscience Graduate Program, University of Iowa.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Lecturer (UIowa)

- Fall 2011 Lecturer, Social Inequality (Undergraduate)
Spring 2011 Lecturer, Social Inequality (Online, Undergraduate)

Teaching Assistant (UIowa)

- Spring 2012 Teaching Assistant (T. A.), Layana Navarre-Jackson (Instructor), Introduction to Sociology Principles (Undergraduate)
- Spring 2011 T. A., Jae-On Kim (Instructor), Introduction to Sociology Principles (Undergraduate)
- Fall 2010 T. A., Mary Campbell (Instructor), Introduction to Sociology Principles (Undergraduate)
- Spring 2010 T. A., Steven Hitlin (Instructor), Gender and Society (Undergraduate)
- Fall 2009 T. A., Steven Hitlin (Instructor), Principles of Social Psychology (Undergraduate)

SERVICE

University Service (UIowa)

- 2010-2012 Council on the Status of Women, Diversity and Climate Committee
- 2010-2012 University of Iowa Unwelcomed Behavior Survey Committee
- 2008 - 2009 President, Turkish Student Association
- 2007-2008 Vice President, Turkish Student Association

Departmental Service (UIowa)

- 2010-2011 Committee Member, Diversity Committee
- 2009-2010 Committee Member, Graduate Studies

Service to the Profession

Discussant/Organizer:

Session on "Trust, social capital and institutions" at the XVI April International Academic Conference on Economic and Social Development, Moscow, Russia. (2015, Discussant)

Working Session 5.1, the 4th LCSR international conference on Cultural and Economic Changes in Cross-National Perspective, St. Petersburg, Russia (2014, Discussant)

Regular Session on "Social Psychology" at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA), San Francisco, CA (2014, Discussant)

Organizer & Discussant, Round-table Session on "Morality, Culture and Ideology" at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, St. Louis, MO (2011, Organizer & Discussant)

Reviewer:

The Journal of Social and Political Psychology (2015), Psychological Reports (2011 – 2015), Social Science Journal (2012, 2014, 2015), Current Sociology (2012), American Journal of Sociology (2011), Sociology Compass (2011), Current Research in Social Psychology (2010, 2011).

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association (Sections: Social Psychology; Evolution, Biology & Society; Altruism, Morality, and Social Solidarity)

International Sociological Association (Section: Social Psychology; Social Stratification)

PROGRAMMING & STATISTICAL SKILLS

Stata (advanced), Mplus (advanced), AFNI (Analysis of Functional Neuroimages, advanced), E-prime (advanced), Qualtrics (advanced), SPSS (advanced)

LANGUAGES

Turkish (native), English (fluent), French (basic), German (basic)