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### **EDUCATION**

- 2020 Ph.D., Sociology, Louisiana State University (Expected)  
*Dissertation: Policy, Security, and Development: Integration of Highly Educated Immigrants/Refugees into Western Labor Market*  
*Dissertation Chair: Wesley M. Shrum, Jr.*
- 2017 M.A., Sociology, Louisiana State University  
*Thesis: What Factors Influenced Turkish Officers' Motivation to Serve Before the July 2016 Coup Attempt?*
- 2013 M.A., National and International Security Strategy, Turkish Army War College  
*Thesis: Homeland Security Governance: Proposal on a New Model for a Homeland Security Organization*
- 2004 B.S., Management, Turkish Military Academy

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### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- 2017 – Project Officer (working remotely)  
Present Terrorism, Conflict & Peace Directorate  
Beyond the Horizon ISSG, Belgium based Think Tank
- 2015 – Graduate Teaching Assistant & Instructor  
Present Department of Sociology, Louisiana State University
- 2013 – Senior Staff Officer on Operations and Plans  
2015 Counterterrorism and Homeland Security Operations' Management  
Turkish Armed Forces & NATO
- 2004 – Supervisor, Operational Planning Officer  
2013 Military Academy, Turkish Armed Forces

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### **RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS**

Immigration, Military Sociology, Terrorism and Security Studies

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### **PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**

- 2019 **Aydiner, Cihan** "The Implications of Gender on International Migration." *Horizon Insights*, 2019/3, Forthcoming.
- 2019 Orak, Ugur, Muhammed Yildiz, Ramazan Aydogdu, **Cihan Aydiner**. "Exploring the Utility of Social Learning Theory in Explaining Cigarette Use in a Military Context." *Substance Use and Misuse*, 2019, Forthcoming.
- 2019 **Aydiner, Cihan**, Ugur Orak, and Ozgur Solakoglu. "What factors influenced Turkish officers' and NCOs' motivation to serve prior to the July 2016 coup attempt?" *Armed Forces & Society*, 2019, DOI:10.1177/0095327X19841663.
- 2018 **Aydiner, Cihan**. "Analysis of Academic Studies on the Integration of Displaced Persons." *Horizon Insights*, 2018/4, Brussels. DOI: 10.31175/hi.2018.04.

## NON PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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- 2019 **Aydiner, Cihan.** "Methods of Social Research." *Edutopia Global Academy*  
<https://edutopiaglobal.com/methods/>
- 2017 **Aydiner, Cihan.** "Democratic Despotism and Democracy's Drift: Tocqueville's  
Validity Today." *Beyond the Horizon* <https://www.behorizon.org/democratic-despotism/>

## UNDER REVIEW

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- Aydiner, Cihan.** "Migration Policies and Practices at Job Market Participation: Lived  
Experiences of Highly Educated Migrants in US and Europe." *International Migration  
Review*.
- Aydiner, Cihan.** Book Translation into Turkish, "Spec Ops: Case Studies in Special  
Operations Warfare: Theory and Practice" by William H. McRaven, *Infomag*.
- Aydiner, Cihan.** Book Chapter Translation into Turkish, "Survival, Evasion, Resistance, and  
Escape (SERE) Training: Preparing Military Members for the Demands of Captivity"  
by Anthony P. Doran, Gary B. Hoyt, Melissa D. Hiller Lauby, and Charles A. Morgan  
III, *Journal of TMA*.

## PAPERS IN PROGRESS

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- Aydiner, Cihan** and Wesley Shrum "Views of patriotism & citizenship: Expating "up":  
coming to USA/Europe from Turkey, Expating "down": coming to Kenya from  
USA/Europe. Data Collection Underway.
- Aydiner, Cihan** "The Community Development after Hurricane Katrina." Working Draft  
Available.
- Aydiner, Cihan** and Muhammed Yildiz. "Accounting for Danger: Retrospective Risk-Taking  
in the Turkish War on Terror." Working Draft Available.
- Aydiner, Cihan.** "Walls versus Ladders: Immigration Policies and Migration Agencies."  
Working Draft Available.
- Aydiner, Cihan.** "The Structure of Poverty and Inequality of Syrian Refugees in Turkey."  
Working Draft Available.
- Aydiner, Cihan.** "Inherent Value in Art: Networks and Evaluation in Art Markets." Working  
Draft Available.

## SELECTED REPORTS

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- 2016 **Aydiner, Cihan.** "Military Responses to Syrian Refugee Crisis: Social,  
Demographic, and Security Implications." Policy Report submitted to NATO.
- 2016 **Aydiner, Cihan.** "An Analysis of Security Threats Arising from Recent Refugee  
Flows through the Lens of Sociology." Policy Report submitted to the Strategic  
Military Partners Conference, NATO Allied Command Transformation.
- 2015 **Aydiner, Cihan.** "The Trend Analysis of ISIS: What is Next?" Policy Report  
submitted to NATO.

## PRESENTATIONS

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- 2019 **Aydiner, Cihan** and Muhammed Yildiz. "Mapping Gender in International Migration  
Studies" 2019 Mid-South Sociological Association meetings in Jackson, MS.

- 2017 **Aydiner, Cihan**. "Honoring Fallen Soldiers and Coping with Potential Problems" Presented at the for 2017 Eastern Sociological Society meetings in Philadelphia, PA.
- 2017 **Aydiner, Cihan**. "The Structure of Poverty and Inequality of Syrian Refugees in Turkey." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society in Greenville, SC.
- 2016 **Aydiner, Cihan**. "The Media Effect on the Families of Soldiers Killed in Action." Presented at the 2016 Mid-South Sociological Society Meetings in Charleston, SC.
- 2016 Yildiz, Muhammed and **Cihan Aydiner**. "Turkish Perspective in Risk-Taking Attitudes among Mid-Level Military Personnel in Dangerous Missions." Presented at the Eastern Sociological Society Meetings in Boston, MA.

### INVITED PRESENTATION

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- 2017 **Aydiner, Cihan**. "Implications of 'Coups Attempt in Turkey' on July 15, 2016." Presented at the Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society meetings in Reston, VA. (Invited by Session President - Distinguished Professor David R. Segal).

### GRANTS AND AWARDS

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- 2019 Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy, Doctoral Research Grant. (\$7,500 – *Under Review*)
- 2019 Project Head, National Geographic Grant for Documenting Human Migrations Forced to Leave: The Journey of Highly Educated Migrants and their Lived Experiences. (\$24,550 – *Under Review*)
- 2019 Beyond the Horizon ISSG, All-in-one 4 HER Project  
European Commission of Social Fund. [www.ec.europa.eu/esf/transnationality/TCA-2278](http://www.ec.europa.eu/esf/transnationality/TCA-2278). We write a report for improvement of ongoing systems and a web-based platform to decrease the unemployment rate of highly educated refugees and as well as closing the gap between the level of expertise needed for their jobs and their level of competency by better mentoring/coaching. (€274,743)
- 2019 The Laura Bassi Scholarship, Doctoral Thesis Editorial Assistance. (\$625)
- 2019 International Center for Study of Violent Extremism (ICSVE), DERAD, & Beyond the Horizon ISSG, Breaking the ISIS Brand Counter Narrative Project  
European Commission Internal Security Fund. We receive timely, relevant, and field-based research on terrorism, including innovative and field-tested tools for prevention and interventions to apply in the line of work against violent extremism. (€320,967)
- 2017 Louisiana State University, Graduate School Dean's Travel Award to participate in Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society meetings in Reston, Virginia. (\$600)
- 2017 Louisiana State University, Graduate School Dean's Travel Award to participate in Southern Sociological Society Conference in Greenville, South Carolina. (\$1,000)
- 2016 Louisiana State University, Graduate School Dean's Travel Award to participate in the Mid-South Sociological Society Conference in Charleston, South Carolina. (\$400)
- 2015 Turkish Military Academy, Pre-doctoral Research Fellowship at Louisiana State University. (Stipend and Research Grant) (\$50,000)

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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#### Louisiana State University

- 2019 SOCL 2211 – Methods of Sociological Research (Primary Instructor)

- SOCL 2001 – Introduction to Sociology (Primary Instructor)  
2018 SOCL 2001 – Introduction to Sociology (Primary Instructor)  
2017 SOCL 4091 – Sociology of Disaster (TA)  
SOCL 4461 – Criminology (Guest Lecturer)  
SOCL 3371 – Criminal Justice System (Guest Lecturer)  
SOCL 2001 – Introduction to Sociology (Online)

Military Academy

- 2015 SO2123 – Sociological Theory  
SO2227 – Demography  
ES2001 – Statistics

**PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP**

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American Sociological Association, Southern Sociological Society, Mid-South Sociological Society, Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society, The European Research Group on Military and Society.

**SKILLS**

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Proficient User - Stata, NVivo, Atlas.ti, Final Cut Pro, SPSS, Office (Word, Excel, PPT)  
Languages - Turkish (native), English (fluent), Russian (intermediate)

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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Ad-Hoc Reviewer: *Ethnografilm*  
Departmental Service: Graduate Student Mentor  
Editor of Social Science Studies: *Edutopia Global Academy*

**NON-ACADEMIC WORK**

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2017 – Present: Mixed Media Artist, Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge, Louisiana  
2017 – Present: Fundraiser, Human Rights Center, Virginia.

**REFERENCES:**

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References available upon request