

Tolga Tezcan

Curriculum Vitae

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EXPERIENCE

- 2023 – California State University, Monterey Bay, US
Associate Professor of Sociology
- 2019 – 2023 California State University, Monterey Bay, US
Assistant Professor of Sociology
- 2009 – 2014 Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey, Turkey
Director of the Social Research Department
- 2007 – 2009 YADA Foundation, Turkey
Research Designer and Statistician

EDUCATION

- 2014 – 2019 Ph.D. in Sociology, University of Florida, USA
- 2011 – 2013 M.S. in Social Policy, Middle East Technical University, Turkey
- 2004 – 2009 B.A. in Sociology, Middle East Technical University, Turkey

PUBLICATIONS

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 2025 Chavez, Gabriel, Jennifer Clinkenbeard, **Tolga Tezcan**, Celine Pinet, Jennifer Duggan, George Beckham, Sumadhur Shakya, and Christina Zhang. "Evaluating Student Proficiency in Quantitative Reasoning." *Numeracy*, 19(1): 1-23. [10.5038/1936-4660.19.1.1516](https://doi.org/10.5038/1936-4660.19.1.1516)
- 2025 **Tezcan, Tolga**. "The Strength of Weak Ties in Shaping Attitudes toward Interfaith Marriage: Muslim Migrants in Western Europe." *International Journal of Intercultural Relations*. [10.1016/j.ijintrel.2025.102288](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijintrel.2025.102288) – ([Replication Archive](#))
- 2024 **Tezcan, Tolga**. "Gender Gap in Religiosity and Interfaith Marriage Attitudes: Muslim Migrants in Germany." *International Journal of Intercultural Relations*, 102: 102040. [10.1016/j.ijintrel.2024.102040](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijintrel.2024.102040) – ([Replication Archive](#))

- 2024 **Tezcan, Tolga.** "The Role of Identification, Intergroup Contact, and Group Discrimination in Shaping Return and Circular Migration Intentions: Recent Turkish Immigrants in Germany and the Netherlands." *Group Processes & Intergroup Relations*, 27(8): 1885-1913. [10.1177/13684302241253217](https://doi.org/10.1177/13684302241253217)
- 2023 **Tezcan, Tolga.** "Return Migration Intentions Driven by Parental Concerns and the Value of Children." *Sociological Forum*, 38(1): 121-43. [10.1111/socf.12870](https://doi.org/10.1111/socf.12870)
- 2022 **Tezcan, Tolga,** Tahir Enes Gedik, and Alin M. Ceobanu. "Religiosity Dynamics among Recently Arrived Turkish Marriage Migrants in Germany." *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*. 49(19), 5027–5051. [10.1080/1369183X.2022.2072276](https://doi.org/10.1080/1369183X.2022.2072276)
- 2021 **Tezcan, Tolga.** "First-generation Circular Migrants Involved in the Upbringing of their Grandchildren: The Case of Turkish Immigrants in Germany." *Ageing & Society*, 41(1): 77-100. [10.1017/S0144686X19000953](https://doi.org/10.1017/S0144686X19000953)
- 2020 **Tezcan, Tolga.** "The Hometown Cluster-based Intergroup Threat Model: Exploring Conflict amongst Internal Migrant Groups in Gebze, Turkey." *Turkish Studies*, 21(1): 108-36. [10.1080/14683849.2018.1540305](https://doi.org/10.1080/14683849.2018.1540305)
- 2019 **Tezcan, Tolga.** "Return Home? Determinants of Return Migration Intention amongst Turkish Immigrants in Germany." *Geoforum*, 98: 189-201. [10.1016/j.geoforum.2018.11.013](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.geoforum.2018.11.013)
- 2019 **Tezcan, Tolga.** "What Initiates, What Postpones Return Migration Intention? The Case of Turkish Migrants Residing in Germany." *Population, Space and Place*, 25: e2175. [10.1002/psp.2175](https://doi.org/10.1002/psp.2175)
- 2018 **Tezcan, Tolga.** "On the Move in Search of Health and Care: Circular Migration and Family Conflict amongst Older Turkish Immigrants in Germany." *Journal of Aging Studies*, 46: 82-92. [10.1016/j.jaging.2018.07.001](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jaging.2018.07.001)
- 2018 **Tezcan, Tolga.** "'I (do not) Know What to do': How Ties, Identities and Home States Influence Mexican-born Immigrants' Return Migration Intentions." *Migration and Development*, 7(3): 388-411. [10.1080/21632324.2018.1457427](https://doi.org/10.1080/21632324.2018.1457427)

BOOK

- 2011 **Tezcan, Tolga.** Gebze: "Küçük Türkiye"nin Göç Serüveni [*Gebze: Migration Journey of "Micro Turkey"*]. Bilgi University Press: Istanbul. [978-605-399-215-8](https://doi.org/10.1080/978-605-399-215-8)

BOOK CHAPTERS

- 2021 **Tezcan, Tolga.** "Contextualizing Religiosity and Identity in the Case of Turkish Immigrants in Western Europe." In *The Handbook of Culture and Migration*, Cohen. J. H. and Sirkeci, I. (ed). 204-18. Edward Elgar Publishing. [10.4337/9781789903461.00027](https://doi.org/10.4337/9781789903461.00027)
- 2014 **Tezcan, Tolga.** "The Complex Nature of Migration in Conceptual Level: Overlook to the Internal Migration Experience of Gebze through Fuzzy Cognitive Mapping Method." In *Fuzzy Cognitive Maps for Applied Sciences and Engineering - From Fundamentals to Extensions and Learning Algorithms*, Papageorgiou, E. (ed). 319-54. Springer. [10.1007/978-3-642-39739-4_18](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-642-39739-4_18)
- 2013 **Tezcan, Tolga.** "Engelli Gençlerin Yurttaşlık Sınavı: "Müstakbel" Yurttaşlık ve Hudutları" [Citizenship Exam of Disabled Youth: "Prospective" Citizenship and Boundaries]. In *Gençlik Halleri: 2000'li Yıllar Türkiye'sinde Genç Olmak [Youth Forms: Being Young in the 2000s Turkey]*. Lüküslü, D. & Yücel, H. (eds). Efil: İstanbul. [978-605-4579-47-1](https://doi.org/978-605-4579-47-1)

BOOK REVIEWS

- 2026 **Tezcan, Tolga.** Review of "A Place in the Homeland? Turkish-German Return Migration" by Nilay Kılınç and Russell King. *International Migration*, 64: e70153. [10.1111/imig.70153](https://doi.org/10.1111/imig.70153).
- 2011 **Tezcan, Tolga.** Review of "Gençler Tartışıyor: Siyasete Katılım, Sorunlar ve Çözüm Önerileri [Youth Debate: Political Participation, Problems, and Proposed Solutions]" edited by Cemil Boyraz. *Cankaya University Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences*, 8(1) 125-135.

REPORTS

- 2014 **Tezcan, Tolga.** Liseli Gençler ve Akran Zorbalığı: İstanbul Örneği [High School Youth and Bullying: Istanbul Case]. Genc Hayat Press: İstanbul. [978-605-88162-6-8](https://doi.org/978-605-88162-6-8)
- 2014 Akbulut, Süleyman, Hakan Özgül, and **Tolga Tezcan.** Mevzuattan Uygulamaya Engelli Hakları İzleme Raporu 2013 [From Legislations to Practices Disability Rights Monitoring Report]. TOHAD: İstanbul. [Report link](#)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, MONTEREY BAY (2019 – PRESENT)

- SSCI 321: Survey Research in the Social Sciences
- SBS 366: Research Methods: Quantitative
- SBS 362: Research Methods: Qualitative
- SOC 399: Contemporary Immigration in Global Perspective

- SOC 120: Thinking Sociologically
- SOC 100: Introduction to Sociology
- SBS 328: Social Science Theory
- SBS 405: Assessment Lab for Graduating Seniors

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA (2014 – 2019)

- SYA 4300: Methods of Social Research
- SYA 4930: Survey Research in Sociology
- SYG 2000: Principles of Sociology

MIDDLE EAST TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY (2007 – 2008)

- SOC 213: Statistical Methods and Computer Applications in Social Sciences

AWARDS AND GRANTS

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| 2026 | Research Scholarship & Creative Activity Award (RSCA) given by CSU for the “Theory-to-Data: A Qualitative Data Analysis Software (QDAS) for Undergraduate Qualitative Research” project. Awarded \$9,867. |
| 2026 | Edward Nelson Faculty Development Award in the Design of Instructional Material Award given by Social Science Research and Instructional Center (SSRIC) for updating “Regression Modeling in the Social Sciences using GSS” materials. Awarded \$1,000. |
| 2026 | ICPSR Summer Program Course Stipend given by SSRIC for the course “Causal Machine Learning for Observational and Experimental Research.” Awarded \$1,800 |
| 2026 | Co-PI: “H-2A Mexican Agricultural Guestworkers: Navigating Opportunities and Risks in California and Improving Quality of Life in Mexico.” Funded by Russell Sage Foundation Grant. Received \$50,000. |
| 2023 | Outstanding Teaching Award – Sustained Impact given by the California State University Monterey Bay. Awarded \$500. |
| 2022 | Edward Nelson Faculty Development Award in the Design of Instructional Material Award given by Social Science Research and Instructional Center (SSRIC) for “Regression Modeling in the Social Sciences using GSS” materials. Awarded \$3,000. |
| 2019 | Department Teaching Award given by the University of Florida, Dept. of Sociology and Criminology & Law. Awarded \$250. |
| 2018 | Gorman Research Methods Award given by the University of Florida, Dept. of Sociology and Criminology & Law for the article “ <i>I (do not) Know What to do</i> ’: |

- Triangles of Mexican Immigrants' Return Migration Intentions – Ties, Identities, Hometowns.*" Awarded \$250.
- 2017 Sakıp Sabancı International Research Award given by Sabancı University for the research of "*Burning or Building the Bridges? The Determinants of Return Migration Intentions of German-Turk Generations.*" Awarded \$10,000.
- 2017 Travel Grant for "*The Migration Conference 2017*" given by the Center for European Studies at the University of Florida. Awarded \$2,000.
- 2016 CLAS Graduate Student Travel Award, given by the University of Florida. Awarded \$400.
- 2015 CLAS Graduate Student Travel Award, given by the University of Florida. Awarded \$400.
- 2014 Cahit Talas Social Policy Award for the thesis of "*Discrimination Experienced by Disabled Employees in the Public Sector: 'Institutional Discrimination Area,'*" given by Ankara University Social Policy Research and Application Centre. Awarded \$2,000.
- 2011 Co-PI: "Typologies of Public Administration Culture: Quality of Work Life and Ethical Climate." Funded by TUBITAK (110K379). Received: \$161,048.
- 2011 PI: "Walking Mind Project: Youth with Disabilities." Funded by European Union-Turkish National Agency (TR-51-4-2010-R1). Received \$60,800.
- 2010 PI: "The Migration Map of Gebze." Funded by the United Nations Development Programme (SUN41-12). Received \$10,173.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS

- 2023 "The Strength of Weak Ties in Shaping Inter-marriage Attitudes: Muslim Migrants in Six Western European Countries." 118th ASA Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, USA.
- 2022 "Group Contact and Identifications Shaping Return and Circular Migration Intentions." 117th ASA Annual Meeting. Los Angeles, USA.
- 2022 "Religiosity Dynamics among Recently Arrived Turkish Marriage Migrants in Germany." 19th IMISCOE Annual Conference. *Online*.
- 2022 "Workshop: Introduction to Data Visualization Using RStudio." Love Data Week, CSUMB, Seaside, USA.
- 2021 "Contextualizing Religiosity and Identity in the Case of Turkish Immigrants in Western Europe." CSUMB ACIP Internationalization Series. *Online*.

- 2021 “Group Contact and Identifications Shaping Return and Circular Migration Intentions: Evidence from the Recent Turkish Immigrants in Germany and the Netherlands.” The Symposium of the Turkish Society in Germany on its 60th Anniversary. *Online*
- 2021 “Religiosity as a Coping Mechanism: The Case of Muslim Immigrants in Western Europe.” 18th IMISCOE Annual Conference. *Online*.
- 2021 “Are Transnational Spouses More Religious than Movers and Stayers?” The Migration Conference. *Online*.
- 2020 “Return Migration Intention over Parental Concerns and the Value of Children: Second-Generation Turkish Immigrants Living in Germany.” 17th IMISCOE Annual Conference. *Online*.
- 2020 “Workshop: Social Network Methods in Migration Studies: Recent Developments and Challenges.” 17th IMISCOE Annual Conference. *Online*.
- 2017 “‘I (do not) Know What to do’: Triangles of Mexican Immigrants’ Return Migration Intentions – Ties, Identities, Hometowns.” Annual Conference Sociology of Development Section American Sociological Association, Detroit, MI.
- 2017 “Burning or Building the Bridges? The Determinants of Return Migration Intentions of German-Turk Generations.” The Migration Conference, Athens, Greece.
- 2015 “An Application of Fuzzy Cognitive Maps to Explore Disabled Youth of Turkey.” Pacific Rim International Conference on Disability and Diversity, Honolulu, HI.
- 2013 “Suburbs within the Suburb: Core-periphery Relationship among Gebze’s Neighborhoods.” Suburban Revolution Conference, Toronto, Canada.
- 2012 “The Complex Nature of Migration in Conceptual Level: Overlook to the Internal Migration Experience of Gebze through Fuzzy Cognitive Mapping Method.” INTEGRATION 2.0 Revisiting Institutional and Life Course Perspectives on Migration Conference, Bremen, Germany.

SERVICE

- 2024 – Policy Advisory Committee, Senate Representative, CSUMB
- 2024 – University Budget Committee, College Representative, CSUMB
- 2023 – General Education Curriculum Committee (GECC), Representative of A3 (Critical Thinking), CSUMB
- 2023 – Faculty Associate for Assessment Committee, College Representative, CSUMB

- 2023 – Undergraduate Learning Outcomes Critical Thinking Co-op Scholar Committee Member, CSUMB
- 2022 – Academic Senator, Social Sciences, CSUMB
- 2022 – Undergraduate Learning Outcomes Quantitative Reasoning Co-op Scholar Committee Member, CSUMB
- 2022 – Senate Assessment Committee Representative, CSUMB
- 2021 – 2022 Social Justice Colloquium Co-organizer,
The College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, CSUMB
- 2021 – 2022 Inclusive Excellence Plan College Representative,
The College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, CSUMB
- 2019 – CSUMB Campus Representative, Student Paper Award Committee Member,
Social Science Research & Instructional Center (SSRIC)

AD HOC REVIEWER

Cogent Social Sciences	IJMHSC
Current Psychology	Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies
Comparative Migration Studies	Journal of Intercultural Studies
European Journal of Population	Migration Letters
Global Studies Quarterly	Population, Space and Place
Humanities and Social Sciences Communications	Social Forces
Journal of Baltic Studies	Social Inclusion
Journal of Cross-Cultural Gerontology	Social Science & Medicine
Identities	Social Science Research
IJERPH	Sociological Inquiry
International Journal of Intercultural Relations	Sociological Perspectives
Journal of International Migration and Integration	The Sociological Quarterly
International Migration	