



Moral Intuitions Lab at Kadir Has University, Istanbul, Turkey

IN BRIEF

We are a collaborative, competent, productive team of 3 social psychologists with expertise in experimental and survey methods and various topics in the areas of morality, social cognition, and political psychology (among others). We are highly motivated to join a consortium applying to the “Behavioural, social and cultural change for the Green Deal” or the “Enabling citizens to act on climate change and environmental protection...” calls.

WHO WE ARE

Moral Intuitions Lab (the MINT Lab) is a psychology research laboratory led by Dr. Onurcan Yilmaz at Kadir Has University, Istanbul. We are a very dynamic and productive research group consisting of senior researchers, graduate, and undergraduate students. We study the intersection between morality, politics, religion, and decision making. More specifically, we use a cognitive and psychological science perspective to study the influences of intuitive and reflective decision-making processes on various belief systems. Our lines of research include, but not limited to: The content of morality, the cognitive roots of moral judgment and behavior, the consequences of resource scarcity, the consequences of moral intuitions, morality and religion, and cognitive style (analytic, intuitive, and holistic thinking).

OUR RESEARCH PHILOSOPHY

We strongly advocate and strive to implement the high standards of open science. We use new tools such as pre-registration and registered reports in our work; we take care to share our data and analytic code to achieve reproducibility; we conduct replications; and we contribute to international collaborative projects that aim to widen the database of psychological science beyond the WEIRD (Western, Educated, Industrialized, Rich, and Democratic) nations. Our research also increasingly aims to contribute to responses to current societal challenges (see below).

OUR EXPERTISE AND SUCCESSES

We conduct both experimental (online and laboratory) and correlational studies (surveys and big data) using both judgments and actual behaviours. These are frequently [published in top-notch international journals](#) in social psychology and other fields, including *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*, *Cognition*, *Judgment and Decision Making*, and *Social Psychological and Personality Science*.

Apart from this more theory-driven work, we also conduct more applied work. We have recently received a national grant on the “psycho-social impacts of COVID-19” and an international one on developing an interactive training tool to facilitate “[financial preparedness under resource scarcity](#).” With the present effort, we aim to get more directly involved in research on climate change. Our research interests, especially our focus on how to promote cooperation under resource scarcity,

tie directly into climate change and the goals of the Horizon 2020 Green Deal call. More importantly, this is potentially the greatest challenge facing humanity and we are highly motivated to do our share as responsible scientists.

OUR ROLE AS PARTNER IN A GREEN DEAL PROJECT

We are willing to offer our expertise and contribution in the following areas: Project development, research design, development of experimental procedures and intervention techniques, pilot testing, data collection (especially from UK, the US, and Turkey), data analysis, implementation of open science practices (e.g., preparation of reproducible manuscripts/analyses, pre-registration/registered reports, etc.). We are flexible with regard to our role and the division of labour within the consortium.

OUR INTERESTS WITHIN THE GREEN DEAL CALL

We are interested in the following aspects of the Green Deal call:

1. Behavioural, social and cultural change for the Green Deal (LC-GD-10-2-2020)

Most specifically: **“Changed behaviour at both individual and collective levels, among citizens, communities, businesses, workplace, decision makers and institutional actors”**

2. Enabling citizens to act on climate change, for sustainable development and environmental protection through education, citizen science, observation initiatives, and civic engagement (LC-GD-10-3-2020)

Most specifically (within Subtopic 1 (“education”): **“The ability to assess the knowledge, skills and attitudes of citizens and in particular young people on climate change, sustainable development and environmental protection”**; and **“specific educational programmes, school curricula, trainings, networking activities and exchange of good practices in the area of climate change and education for sustainable development”**

We are open to discussing other possibilities.

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Further information about the university and our lab:

<http://www.khas.edu.tr/en>

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