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## Professional Experience

- 2022-present **University of Amsterdam (NL)**. Postdoctoral researcher, Department of Psychology.  
2017-2023 **Tilburg University (NL)**. PhD student, Department of Social Psychology.  
2015-2017 **Boğaziçi University (TR)**. Teaching and research assistant, Department of Psychology.  
2014 **TOBB University (TR)**. Research Assistant (April-July), Cognitive Psychology Laboratory.  
2013 **Human Rights in Mental Health Initiative (TR)**. Internship (June-July).

## Education

- 2017-2023 **Tilburg University (NL)**. PhD in Social Psychology.  
*Supervisors: Prof. Dr. Ilja van Beest, Prof Dr. Eric van Dijk, Dr. Donging Ren, Dr. Yvette van Osch*  
2014-2017 **Boğaziçi University (TR)**. M.A. in Psychological Sciences  
2009-2014 **Middle East Technical University (TR)**. B.Sc. in Psychology.

### ADDITIONAL TRAINING

- 2020 **EASP Summer School 2020 (Online)**. Social Cognition Workshop

## Research

### PUBLICAITONS

- 2023 **Meral, E. O.** (2023) Talking about belonging: Whether, why, and how people talk about social exclusion. *Doctoral dissertation*, [link](#).
- 2023 **Meral, E. O.**, Ren, D. , van Osch, Y., van Dijk, E., van Beest, I. (2023). Do targets of ostracism truthfully communicate their emotional reactions to sources? *Acta Psychologica*, 237, 103956. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.actpsy.2023.103956>.
- 2023 **Meral, E. O.**, Vranjes, I., van Osch, Y., Ren, D., van Beest, I. (2023). Intent, intensity and ambiguity: Appraisals of workplace ostracism and coping responses. *Aggressive Behavior*, 49, 127-140. <https://doi.org/10.1002/ab.22060>.
- 2023 **Meral, E. O.**, van Beest, I., Karaduman, C. (2023). Raising awareness about social exclusion in schools through experiential learning. *Social Psychology of Education*, 26, 367-381. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11218-022-09746-y>.
- 2022 Jaeger, B.\*, **Meral, E. O.\***, (2022). Who can be fooled? Modeling perceptions of gullibility from faces. *Social Cognition*, 40(2), 127-149, <https://doi.org/10.1521/soco.2022.40.2.127>. [postprint](#). \*equal contributions
- 2021 **Meral, E. O.**, van Osch, Y. ,Ren, D. , van Dijk, E., van Beest, I. (2021). The anticipated social cost of disclosing a rejection experience. *European Journal of Social Psychology*, 51(7), 1181-1197 [link](#)

2018 Saribay, S. A., Biten, A. F., **Meral, E. O.**, Aldan, P., Třebický, V., & Kleisner, K. (2018). The Bogazici face database: Standardized photographs of Turkish faces with supporting materials. *PLoS one*, 13(2), e0192018. [link](#)

#### PREPRINTS & UNDER REVIEW

2022 **Meral, E. O.**, Rosenbusch, H., Kip, A., Ren, D., van Dijk, E., & van Beest, I. (2022). Social Ball: An immersive research paradigm to study social ostracism. <https://doi.org/10.31234/osf.io/v8kwx>

under review Valmori, A., **Meral, E. O.**, Hale, ML., Rusconi, P., Brambilla, M. (under revision). I trust you (not): Intersection of race and gender in facial trustworthiness ratings.

#### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2023 **Meral, E. O.** & Kip, A. (July, 2023) Co-discussants at the Symposium titled "Social exclusion, ostracism, and rejection research - Part I" at the 19th General Meeting of The European Association of Social Psychology (EASP). Kraków, Poland.

2023 **Meral, E. O.**, van der Toorn, J., & Moss-Racusin, C. A. (June, 2023). More biased yet more informed: Perceptions of lesbian and gay "me-searchers." Talk presented at the The LGBTQI+ Studies PreConference at the 19th General Meeting of The European Association of Social Psychology (EASP). Kraków, Poland.

2022 **Meral, E. O.**, van Osch, Y., Ren, D., van Dijk, E., & van Beest, I. (June, 2022). Interpersonal communication: An overlooked response in social exclusion research. Talk presented at the annual ASPO conference - summer event (Associatie van Sociaal Psychologische Onderzoekers). Tilburg, The Netherlands.

2020 **Meral, E. O.**, van Osch, Y., Ren, D., van Dijk, E., & van Beest, I. (July, 2020). Talking about rejection is costly. Poster presentation at the General Meeting of EASP (European Association of Social Psychology). Krakow, Poland. (Meeting canceled due to Covid-19)

2019 **Meral, E. O.**, van Osch, Y., Ren, D., van Dijk, E., van Beest, I. (December, 2019). Social sharing of rejection: Targets perceive talking about rejection as a costly undertaking. Talk presented at the symposium on "Inclusion and exclusion: Many facets of the need to belong" at the annual ASPO conference (Associatie van Sociaal Psychologische Onderzoekers). Wageningen, The Netherlands. (*Symposium co-chair.*)

2018 **Meral, E. O.**, Ren, D., van Osch, Y., van Dijk, E., van Beest, I. (December, 2018). Reluctant communication of social exclusion. Talk presented at the symposium on "Inclusion and exclusion: How the need to belong shapes social life" at the annual ASPO conference (Associatie van Sociaal Psychologische Onderzoekers). Nijmegen, The Netherlands. (*Symposium co-chair.*)

2017 **Meral, E. O.**, Saribay, A., Ayhan, I., Dotsch, R. (December, 2017). Mental representations of gay men: The role of willingness to contact and disgust sensitivity. Talk presented at the symposium on "Social Face Perception" at the annual ASPO conference (Associatie van Sociaal Psychologische Onderzoekers). Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

#### POSTER PRESENTATIONS

2023 **Meral, E. O.**, Rosenbusch, H., Kip, A., Ren, D., van Dijk, E., & van Beest, I. (July, 2023). Social Ball: An immersive research paradigm to study social ostracism. Poster presentation at the 19th General Meeting of The European Association of Social Psychology (EASP). Kraków, Poland.

2022 **Meral, E. O.**, Vranjes, I., van Osch, Y., Ren, D., van Beest, I. (February, 2022). Intent, intensity and ambiguity: Appraisals of workplace ostracism relate to coping. Poster presentation at the annual SPSP Convention (Society for Personality and Social Psychology).

- 2021 **Meral, E. O.**, Ren, D., van Osch, Y., van Dijk, E., van Beest, I. (February, 2021). Gaming emotions after social exclusion. Poster presentation at the annual SPSP Convention (Society for Personality and Social Psychology). Virtual Convention.
- 2020 **Meral, E. O.**, van Osch, Y., Ren, D. , van Dijk, E., van Beest, I. (July, 2020). Talking about rejection is costly. Poster presentation at the General Meeting of EASP (European Association of Social Psychology). Krakow, Poland. (*Meeting postponed due to Covid-19*)
- 2017 **Meral, E. O.**, Abacioglu, C., Gunaydin, G., & Selcuk, E. (July, 2017). Width or Weight? Facial adiposity accounts for width-to-height ratio's association with trustworthiness but not aggression. Poster presentation at the 18th General Meeting of The European Association of Social Psychology (EASP). Granada, Spain.
- 2016 **Meral, E. O.**, Yildirim, I., & Boduroglu, A. (November, 2016) Are individual and mean identity representations immune to changes in emotional expressions? Poster presentation at the Annual Meeting of Object Perception, Attention and Memory (OPAM), Boston, MA.

## Grants & Awards

- 2023 Small Research Grant by A Sustainable Future initiative (ASF), financed by the faculty of Economics & Business at the University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands (received by Moore, H. L. & **Meral, E. O.**)
- 2022 Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Graduate Registration Stipend
- 2020 EASP Seedcorn Summer School Grant (received by the research group: Valmori, A., **Meral, E. O.**, Hale, ML., under the supervision of Rusconi, P., Brambilla, M.)
- 2019 Society for the Improvement of Psychological Science, travel award
- 2014 Middle East Technical University, High Honor Student

## Teaching

### SUPERVISION

- 2022-2023 Master theses: 4
- 2017-2022 Bachelor theses: 16
- 2017-2022 Psychological research internship groups (PPO): 4, Voluntary Research Internship: 5

### COURSES

- 2021-2022 Cross-Cultural Skills (master)

### SEMINARS (BACHELOR)

- 2019-2021 Work Psychology (x2)
- 2017-2021 Group Dynamics (x4)
- 2017-2019 Introduction to Psychology for International Students (x2)
- 2017-2019 Social Cognition (x3)

## TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIP

2015-2017 Experimental Psychology (x4), Introduction to Psychology II, Life Span Development

## Services, Valorization, & Memberships

### COMMITTEES & SERVICES

2018-2020 Tilburg School of Social and Behavioral Sciences PhD Council

2018-2020 ASPO Dissertation Award Committee - member and co-chair

### AD-HOC REVIEWER

European Journal of Social Psychology, Social Psychology, Journal of Managerial Psychology, Time-sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS), Heliyon, Journal of Experimental Social Psychology, Personality and Individual Differences, Acta Psychologica.

### OUTREACH

2022 **Meral, E. O.** Will talking about rejection get you rejected? (*SPSP, Character & Context Blog*). [link](#)

2021 **Meral, E. O.**, van Der Toorn, J. (2021) LGBTIQ+ Employee Resource Groups: What does the science say? (*New Horizons Online*). [link](#)

### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

current Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI), European Association of Social Psychology (EASP), Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP)

## Skills

Data collection & Study design Lab & online experiments: Prolific, Qualtrics. PsychoPy, JPsychomorph. Reverse Correlation to visualize mental representations of facial stereotypes.

Data analysis R, SPSS, JASP, Jamovi. Power analysis, Multilevel Modeling, Bayesian Analysis.

language Turkish (native), English (fluent), Dutch (Pre-intermediate)

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