

Professional Summary

I am a visiting researcher at the psychology department of the Oslo University. My master studies was about the attitudes of Mersin University students' towards lesbian and gay individuals in Psychological Counselling and Guidance Department (PCG) at the Mersin University. My PhD project was an experimental study regarding the group guidance on dealing with homophobia in PCG Department at the Çukurova University. My research interest and experience relate to major themes of social psychology, such as social identities and identification processes, stereotyping, labeling, stigmatization, prejudice and discrimination, and social inequality. My research center on the social identity groups of lesbians, bisexuals, racialised people and ethnic minorities. Among these groups I have researched the outcomes of prejudice and discrimination on mental health and on relationship dynamics in intimate partnerships. During my postdoc positions at the departments of psychology in Copenhagen University and Université Libre de Bruxelles, I conducted cross-cultural comparative studies of sexual minority experiences. In University of Oslo, I am currently leading a research project on the experiences of intimate partner violence among queer migrants.

Untangling the Relationship between Internalized Heterosexism and Psychological Intimate Partner Violence Perpetration: A comparative study of Lesbian and Bisexual Women in Turkey and Denmark

Psychological intimate partner violence (IPV) perpetration is not limited to heterosexual relationships and can affect all genders and sexual orientations, including lesbians and bisexual women (LB) both in Denmark and Turkey. Internalized heterosexism might be one of the factors increasing the risk of LB's use of psychological IPV perpetration. However, it is still unclear how being (LB) in Turkey and Denmark interact in the internalized heterosexism and psychological IPV perpetration relationship. The current study, therefore, presents an investigation of (1) the prevalence of and sexual orientation (LB) and country (Denmark and Turkey) differences in perpetrating psychological IPV and (2) the moderating roles of sexual orientation and country on the association between internalized heterosexism and psychological IPV perpetration. A sample of 449 LB from Denmark and Turkey completed the Lesbian Internalized Homophobia Scale and the Multidimensional Measure of Emotional Abuse Scale. The results of chi-square analyses indicated that LB from Turkey and bisexual women from both countries reported significantly higher psychological IPV perpetration. The results of moderation analyses revealed that country had direct effects on the use of psychological IPV perpetration. No moderation effects were found for both sexual orientation and country in three of the four types of psychological IPV perpetration. These

findings suggest that LB are not an exception to the perpetration of IPV. Furthermore, the findings were discussed from the perspective of minority stress.