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Scholar, researcher, analyst, and consultant with 28 years of professional, educational, and applied experience in social sciences. Areas of specialization include criminal justice, sociology, international security, transnational organized crimes, and qualitative/quantitative research.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2025–Present – Part-Time Faculty Member
Department of Homeland Security and Criminal Justice, Sul-Ross University, USA
- 2022–Present – Senior Research Analyst
Artis Research International, USA
- 2017–Present – Non-resident Research Fellow
Global Center for Security Studies, London, UK
- 2015–2016 – Faculty Member, Associate Professor
Giresun University, Turkey
- 2012–2016 – Evaluation & Research Consultant
International Organization for Migration - Turkey
- 2010–2015 – Faculty Member, Asst & Assoc. Prof.
Turkish National Police Academy, Turkey
- 2008–2014 – Researcher
International Research Center for Terrorism and Transnational Crime, Turkey
- 2007-2008 - Instructor
Rutgers University, School of Criminal Justice, USA
- 1998–2008 – Mid-Level Manager
The Ministry of Interior, Turkey

EDUCATION

Doctorate

- Rutgers University, School of Criminal Justice, USA, 2006–2008

Master's

- Rutgers University, School of Criminal Justice, USA, 2004–2006

Bachelor's

- Anadolu University, International Relations, Turkey, 2019–2022
- Turkish National Police Academy, Security Sciences and Law, Turkey, 1994–1998

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate Level Courses

- Organized Crime and Combating Strategies
- International Migration and Security
- Trends in Migrant Smuggling and Human Trafficking
- Immigration Law

Undergraduate Level Courses

- Introduction to Criminal Justice
- Organized Crime
- Sociology
- Migrant Smuggling and Human Trafficking
- Customs and Smuggling
- Border Management
- Asylum-Seekers and Refugees
- Civil Law
- Introduction to Law
- Immigration Law
- Administrative Law
- EU Schengen Acquis

EDITORIAL & REVIEWER EXPERIENCE

- Journal of International Security and Terrorism - Editorial Committee
- Academia Letters - Reviewer
- Journal of Human Trafficking - Reviewer
- Social Sciences - Reviewer
- European Scientific Journal - Reviewer
- International Migration - Reviewer

SELECTED RESEARCH PROJECTS

- Development of Prevention Strategies and Tactics for the Fight against Terrorism Exploiting Religion, 2008-2009, Researcher
- Illegal Immigration and Migrant Smuggling: Characteristics, Methods, and Profiles. TUBITAK (National Science Foundation) Project, 2009-2011, Researcher
- Organizational Profile and Methods of Recruitment in Terrorist Organizations: The Case of PKK in Turkey. TUBITAK Project, 2010-2012, Researcher
- Assessment of Identification Processes of Trafficked Persons in Turkey, A Project by IOM Turkey (International Organization for Migration), 2012, Project Coordinator
- Action and Member Oriented Structures of Mafia-Type Like Organizations in Turkey, UTSAM Project, 2012, Researcher
- Loan Sharking Problem in Turkey: Social, Cultural and Economic Aspects, UTSAM Project, 2012-2013, Researcher
- Protecting the Victims of Human Trafficking Project, Joint Project by the General Directorate of Migration Management & IOM Turkey, 2016, Consultant

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Books

- Demir, O.O. & Küçükusal, B. (Eds.) (2013). Transnational Organized Crime: Concepts, Methods, Trends. Ankara: Adalet Publishing. 3rd Edition
- Çiçekli, B. & Demir, O.O. (2013). Irregular Immigrants in the Corridor of Turkey. Ankara: Karınca Publishing
- Koktaş, A. & Demir, O.O. (Eds.) (2013). Border Management and Security. Erzurum: Atatürk University Publishing.
- Demir, O.O. & Sever, M. (Eds.) (2011). Organized Crime and New Trends. Ankara: PA Publishing.
- Ozeren, S., SOzer, M.A. & Demir, O.O., (Eds.) (2010). Transnational Crime from Local to Global, Ankara: PA Publishing.

Chapters in Edited Books

- Cengiz, M. & Demir, O.O. (2025). Human Smuggling as An Organized Crime Type, in (Eds.) Kaunert, C., Leonard, S. and Masys, A.J., Transnational Organized Crime, Springer.
- Demir, O.O. (2017). Qualitative Research Methods, in (Ed) BOke, K. Scientific Research Methods. Alfa Publishing: Ankara, 5th Edition
- Demir, O.O. & Arıcan, M. (2016). Organized Crimes, in SOzer, M.A. & Balcioğlu, E, Criminology, Ankara: Nobel Publications, pp. 293-310
- Demir, O.O. (2014). The Victims, the Traffickers, and the Processes: The Vicious Cycle of Sex Trafficking in Turkey, in Karaçay, A.B. & Üstüibici, A. (Eds.), Migration to and from Turkey: Changing Patterns and Shifting Policies, Istanbul: ISIS Press.
- Demir, O.O. (2013). Turkey's Role in the Fight against Transnational Organized Crime in Southeast Europe: Challenges and Opportunities, in Esch, V & Kabus, J. (Eds.), A Future Security Architecture for Southeast Europe. Berlin: Aspen Institute.
- B. Küçükusal & O.O.Demir, (2013), Unquenchable Smoke: Cigarette Smuggling as A Type of Illicit Trade, in (Eds.) Demir, O.O. & Küçükusal, B. (eds.) Transnational Organized Crime: Concepts, Methods, Trends. Ankara: Adalet Publishing.
- Demir, O.O. & Küçükusal, B. (2013). Important Cornerstones in Countering Transnational Crime: UN Conventions, in (Eds.) Demir, O.O. & Küçükusal, B. (eds.) Transnational Organized Crime: Concepts, Methods, Trends. Ankara: Adalet Publishing.
- Demir, O.O., O. Başbüyük & O.Karakuş, (2011), Social Environment, Individual Characteristics, Religion, and Radicalization: The Case of Turkish Hezbollah, in İ.Bal, S.Ozeren, M.A. SOzer (Eds.), Multi-Faceted Approach to Radicalization in Terrorist Organizations, Amsterdam: IOS Press.
- A.Kaptı, Demir, O.O. & Y.Uryan, (2011), A Policy Implementation Analysis of Money Laundering Policies: Anti-Money Laundering and Counter Terrorism Financing, in İ.Bal, S.Ozeren, M.A. SOzer (Eds.), Multi-Faceted Approach to Radicalization in Terrorist Organizations, Amsterdam: IOS Press
- Demir, O.O. & Kılıç, O. (2010). A Crime Prevention Strategy: Hot-Spot Policing, in (Eds.) SOzer, M.A.& Lee, D. R. (eds). Crime Prevention: Theory, Practice and Evaluation. Ankara: Adalet Publishing.

Journal Articles

- Cengiz M. & Demir O.O. (2022). How Hoteliers Act in the Form of Organized Crime in Human Trafficking: A Case Study from Turkey. Social Sciences,11(11):511.
- Demir, O.O., Sever, M., & Kahya, Y. (2017). The Social Organization of Migrant Smugglers in

Turkey: Roles and Functions. European Journal of Crime Policy and Research. 23, pp.371–391

- Zhidkova, T. & Demir, O. O. (2016), Turkey's Response to Sex Trafficking of Migrant Women: Is It Efficient Enough? International Migration, 54 (6), pp.122-137
- Akgül, A, Kaptı, A, & Demir, O.O. (2015). Migration and Public Policies: An Analysis on Syrian Crisis. The Global: A Journal of Policy and Strategy, 1(2), pp.1-22.
- Ünlü A. & O.O.Demir (2012). Addict and Non-addict Drug Dealers in Istanbul, Turkey: Profiles and Differences, International Journal of Human Sciences, 9 (2), pp.161-175
- Renk, B. & Demir, O.O. (2011). Human Trafficking and Legislation: Former Problems, Current Solutions, Journal of Police Sciences, 13 (1), pp. 51-75
- Demir, O.O., A. Çelik, H.C. Çetin, M.Ozkan, (2011). Why Crime Dropped in Giuliani's Term in the City of New York? A Glance at Crime Prevention Policies. International Journal of Human Sciences. 8 (2), pp. 250-264.
- Demir, O.O. & Finckenauer, J. (2010) Victims of sex trafficking in Turkey: Characteristics, motivations, and dynamics. Journal of Women and Criminal Justice, Special issue: Trafficking of Women and Girls: Laws, Theories, Challenges and Impacts, Vol 20 (1) 2010, pp. 57-88.
- Demir. O.O. (2010). Methods of sex trafficking: Findings of a case study in Turkey, Global Crime, 11(3), August, pp. 315–336
- Demir, O.O. & Erdal, H. (2010). The Problem of Misunderstanding of Terms Related to Illegal Immigration and An Examination of News Appeared on Printed Media, Journal of Police Studies, 11(4). pp. 29-54

Professional Reports

- Demir, O.O., Atasü-Topcuoğlu, R. & Akgül, A. (2015). Migrant Children for Sale in the Globalized World. Center for Migration Studies, Global Policy and Strategy, June 2015, Global Reports-3
- Karataş, K., Rittersberger-Tılıç, H., Atasü-Topcuoğlu, R. & Demir, O.O. (2014). Reaching out to Unaccompanied Minors (Uams) and Promoting Delivery of Services in Their Best Interest in Turkey. Ankara: IOM Publications.
- M. Sever, O.O.Demir & Y. Kahya, (2013). Assessment of the Identification Processes of Trafficked Victims. Ankara: IOM Publications.
- Demir, O.O. et al. (2012). Global Migration and Criminal Organizations: Irregular Migration and Migrant Smugglers in Turkey. Ankara: UTSAM Publications.

Professional and Academic Presentations

- Demir, O.O. (2016). "Crisis or Opportunity? Public Debate and Perception on Syrian Refugees in Turkey" Turkish Migration Conference 2016 Selected papers, pp.124-131, Transnational Press London., Vienna-Austria
- Demir, O.O. (2014). "Processes of Victim Identification in Human Trafficking", The Inter-Institutional Meeting on Protecting Human Trafficking Victims, 4-5 December 2014, Antalya-Turkey.
- Demir, O.O. (2014). "Gender Inequality & the Victimization Cycle in Human Trafficking", Paper presented at the 1st International Symposium on Women and Justice, 24-25 November 2014, Istanbul, Turkey
- Demir, O.O. (2014). Migrant Smuggling and Human Trafficking. Conference at the Gendarmerie Education School, 24 February 2014, Ankara-Turkey
- Demir, O.O. (2013). Migrant Smuggling Organizations and Transnational Organized Crime: The Case of Turkey. Paper Presented at the Cross-Border Conference on Evolving

Transnational Threats and Border Security, 2-5 December 2013, Dushanbe-Tajikistan.

- Demir, O.O. (2013). Syrian People in Turkey and Risks for Security, Presented at the International Workshop on Syrian Displacement Within and Across Borders: Immediate Crises and Long-Term Effects, a Joint Conference by Brookings, 25 October 2013, Ankara, Turkey.
- Kahya, Y. and Demir, O.O. (2013). Organized Loan Sharking as a Social and Economic Problem in Turkey, 5th International Symposium on Terrorism and Transnational Crime (UTSAS 2013), 7-9 December 2013, Antalya-Turkey.
- Demir, O.O. (2013). Illegal Immigration and Transnational Organized Crime: Case Studies. Seminar on Combating Organized Crime and Corruption-A Regional Challenge, 20-23 April 2013, Budva, Montenegro
- Demir, O.O. (2012). Migrant smugglers in Turkey, Motivation and Challenges in the Fight. Asylum and Immigration Law Conference, 23 March 2012, Ankara, Turkey.
- Demir, O.O. (2012). Migrant Smuggling Organizations, Methods, and Its Economy, Project Closure Meeting, Turkish National Police Academy, 21 May 2012, Ankara, Turkey.
- Demir, O.O. (2012). International Dimensions of Human Trafficking and Legal Status in Turkey, Workshop on Combating Human Trafficking, 8-9 May 2012, İğdır, Turkey.
- Demir, O.O. (2012). Migrant Smuggling as a Transnational Organized Crime. New Security Challenges in the Greater Black Sea Area: Towards a Cooperative Agenda, 27-30 May 2012, Kadir Has University, İstanbul, Turkey.
- Demir, O.O. (2011). Social Aspects of East African Illegal Immigrants in Turkey. International Workshop on People Smuggling Originating in East Africa, 30-31 Mart 2011, İstanbul, Turkey.
- Demir, O.O. (2011). Nexus between Human Smuggling/Trafficking and Terrorism. Paper presented at the Roundtable on Turkish Experience, Roger Williams University, 21 September 2011, Providence, RI, USA
- Demir, O.O. (2010). Profiles of Victims and Traffickers in Turkey. Seminars on Community Oriented Counter-Trafficking, 22 March 2010 & 28 May 2010, Antalya, Turkey.
- Demir, O.O. (2010). Victims, Traffickers and Methods of Trafficking in Turkey. Koç University Conference on Migration Research, 4 June 2010, İstanbul, Turkey.
- Demir, O.O. (2009). Illegal Immigration and Human Smuggling in Turkey. Seminar on Migration Law, IOM, May 9-10, 2009, Ankara-Turkey.
- Demir, O.O. (2009). Human Trafficking in Turkey. Seminar on Migration Law, IOM, May 9-10, 2009, Ankara-Turkey
- Demir, O. O. (2008). Raising the Awareness on Human Trafficking in Turkey. Paper presented at the W.A.R. Trafficking panel, New York, NY, USA.
- Demir, O.O. (2008). Human Trafficking in Turkey. Paper presented on the Workshop on Strengthening Cooperation in the Fight against Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling: Legislation, Institutions, and Proposals, 2-3 May 2009, John Jay College-New York, USA.
- Demir, O.O. and Sahin, B. (2007). A Content Analysis and Critical Assessment of Media News Coverage on Human Trafficking Incidents in Turkey. Paper presented in the 2nd Istanbul Conference on Democracy and Security, İstanbul, Turkey.
- Demir, O.O. (2006). Understanding Illegal Immigration towards Europe: The Case of Turkey. Paper presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, March 2, 2006, Baltimore, MD, USA.
- Demir, O.O. (2003). Turkish Experience on Illegal Immigration. Paper presented in the "Conference on Illegal Immigration" in Sarajevo, Bosnia & Herzegovina.