

# Ozan Isler

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## EDUCATION

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### University of California, Riverside, USA

- Ph.D. in economics (2009)

### University of California, Riverside, USA

- M.A. in economics (2006)

### Yale University, New Haven, USA

- B.A. in economics with distinction (2003)

## OCCUPATION

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*Research Fellow* 2019 - present  
 Centre for Behavioural Economics, Society and Technology (BEST)  
 School of Economics and Finance, Queensland University of Technology (QUT), Brisbane, Australia

*Assistant Professor* 2017 - 2019  
 Department of Economics and Finance  
 Dogus University, Istanbul, Turkey

*Marie Curie Research Fellow* 2015 - 2017  
 Centre for Decision Research and Experimental Economics (CeDEx)  
 School of Economics, University of Nottingham, Nottingham, UK

*Visiting Scholar* 2014 - 2015  
 Centre for Decision Research and Experimental Economics (CeDEx)  
 School of Economics, University of Nottingham, Nottingham, UK

*Assistant Professor* 2010 - 2014  
 Department of Economics and Finance  
 Dogus University, Istanbul, Turkey

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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- Behavioural and experimental economics of
  - cooperation and morality
  - scarcity and financial decision-making
  - preventive health behaviour

## PUBLICATIONS

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Nurse, M S, Ross, R M, Isler, O & Van Rooy, D. (2021). Analytic thinking predicts accuracy ratings and willingness to share COVID-19 misinformation in Australia. *Memory & Cognition*.

<https://doi.org/10.3758/s13421-021-01219-5>

Isler, O, Flew, T, Erol, I & Dulleck, U. (2021). Market news and credibility cues improve house price predictions: An experiment on bounded rationality in real estate. *Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Finance*, 31, 100550. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jbef.2021.100550>

Isler O, Gächter S, Maule J & Starmer C. (2021) Contextualised strong reciprocity explains selfless cooperation despite selfish intuitions and weak social heuristics. *Scientific Reports*, 11: 13868.

<https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598-021-93412-4>

Isler O, Yilmaz O & Maule J. (2021) Religion, parochialism and intuitive cooperation. *Nature Human Behaviour*, 5, 512-521. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41562-020-01014-3>

Isler O, Yilmaz O & Dogruyol B. (2021) Are we at all liberal at heart? High-powered tests find no effect of intuitive thinking on moral foundations. *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*, 92: 104050.

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jesp.2020.104050>

Isler O, Yilmaz O & Dogruyol B. (2020) Activating reflective thinking with decision justification and debiasing training. *Judgment and Decision Making*, 15(6), 926-938.

<http://journal.sjdm.org/20/201008/jdm201008.pdf>

Isler O, Isler B, Kopsacheillis O & Ferguson E. (2020) Limits of the social-benefit motive among high-risk patients: A field experiment on influenza vaccination behaviour. *BMC Public Health*, 20(240)

<https://doi.org/10.1186/s12889-020-8246-3>

Isler O. (2020) Rational Actors. In: Shackelford T., Weekes-Shackelford V. (eds) *Encyclopedia of Evolutionary Psychological Science*. Springer, Cham. [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-16999-6\\_2155-1](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-16999-6_2155-1)

Isler O. (2020) Bounded rationality. In: Shackelford T., Weekes-Shackelford V. (eds) *Encyclopedia of Evolutionary Psychological Science*. Springer, Cham. [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-16999-6\\_2156-1](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-16999-6_2156-1)

Yilmaz O & Isler O. (2019) Reflection Increases Belief in God through Self-Questioning among Non-Believers. *Judgment and Decision Making*, 14(6), 649-657.

<http://journal.sjdm.org/19/190605/jdm190605.pdf>

Isler O. (2019) Resource scarcity. In: Shackelford T., Weekes-Shackelford V. (eds) *Encyclopedia of Evolutionary Psychological Science*. Springer, Cham. [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-16999-6\\_1585-1](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-16999-6_1585-1)

Isler O & Yilmaz O. (2019) Intuition and Deliberation in Morality and Cooperation: An Overview of the Literature. In: J. Liebowitz (Ed.), *Developing Informed Intuitants*, Taylor & Francis, 101-113.

<https://doi.org/10.1201/9780429298097>

Isler O, Maule J & Starmer C. (2018) Is intuition really cooperative? Improved tests support the social heuristics hypothesis. *PLoS ONE*, 3(1): e0190560. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0190560>

## AWARDS & FUNDING

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- 2021 Sabanci International Research Award (\$10,000) with Onurcan Yilmaz
- Think Forward Initiative, Long-Term Grant (€80,000) 2020-2022
- QUT Business School Research Support Scheme (\$10,000) 2020
- C-SEB, University of Cologne, Start-Up Grant (€3,000) 2020
- European Commission, Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowship (€240,000) 2015-2017
- Network for Integrated Behavioural Science (NIBS) Research Awards (£10,000) 2016-2017
- Turkish Science Foundation (TUBITAK) Research Fellowship (€25,000) 2014-2015

- Chancellor's Distinguished Fellowship, University of California, (\$20,000) 2004-2009
- Yale College Scholarship, (\$100,000) 1999-2003

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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### ***Business School, Queensland University of Technology***

- Contemporary Applications of Economic Theory (Economics Capstone Course)
- Applied Behavioural Economics

### ***School of Business, Economics & Law, University of Queensland***

- Behavioural Economics
- Behavioural Public Policy (Philosophy, Politics & Economics Capstone Course)

### ***Department of Economics and Finance, Dogus University***

- Philosophy of Social Sciences (Ph.D.)
- Research Methods in Social Sciences (M.A., M.B.A.)
- Economic Analysis (M.A., M.B.A. & Ph.D.)
- Managerial Economics (M.A., M.B.A. & Ph.D.)
- Microeconomics
- History of Economic Thought
- Current Issues in World Economy
- Development Economics
- Introduction to Economics / Principles of Economics
- Macroeconomics

### ***Department of Economics, University of California, Riverside***

- Introduction to Microeconomics
- Intermediate Microeconomics II
- Introduction to Economics
- Money, Banking and Financial Systems

## **CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS & SEMINARS**

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- 2021 Annual BEST Conference on Human Behaviour & Decision Making, QUT, February 2021; presented "Religion, parochialism, and intuitive cooperation".
- Belief Formation Workshop, Macquarie University, October 2020; presented upon invitation "Prosocial intentions, risk perceptions, and vaccination behaviour".
- 2020 BEST Workshop on Digital Trust and Well-Being, QUT, June 2020; organizer; presented "Preventing COVID-19: an Australian perspective".
- *Brown-Bag Seminar*, QUT, March 2020; presented "Financial preparedness under cognitive scarcity".

- 2020 BEST Workshop on Behavioural Health Economics, QUT, February 2020; organizer.
- 2020 Annual BEST Conference on Human Behaviour & Decision Making, QUT, February 2020; presented “Intuitions and strong reciprocity explain cooperation in maintenance and provision dilemmas”.
- *Workshop on Experimental and Behavioural Economics*, Bogazici University, May 2018; presented “Individual Identification of Dishonesty: Economic and Psychological Determinants”.
- *Asia Pacific Economic Science Association Conference*, Queensland University of Technology, February 2018; presented “Identification of dishonesty at the individual level”.
- *European Meeting of the Economic Science Association*, Vienna University of Economics and Business, September 2017; presented “Is intuition really cooperative?”
- *TIBER 2017 Symposium on Psychology and Economics*, Tilburg University, August 2017; presentation on “Honesty, Cooperation and Social Influence.”
- *Behavioural Science Group 5<sup>th</sup> Summer School on Social Choice and Ethical Decision Making*, Warwick Business School, July 2017; presentation on “Honesty, Cooperation and Social Influence.”
- *European Group of Process Tracing Studies (EGPROC) Conference*, National University of Ireland, Galway, June 2017; presentation on “Is cooperation indeed intuitive? Investigating the issues of noncompliance and misunderstanding”.
- *CDR Invited Seminar Series*, Centre for Decision Research, Leeds University Business School, December 2016; presented “Is cooperation indeed intuitive?”
- *Workshop on the Economics of Corruption: Reinventing Trusted Governance*, University of Passau, November 2016; presented “A modified UG experiment to study in\out group bias”.
- *European Meeting of the Economic Science Association*, Norwegian School of Economics in Bergen, September 2016; presented “Abstract, Concrete & Loaded Framing of the Public Good Game”.
- *Behavioural Science Group 4<sup>th</sup> Summer School on Decisions from Experience*, Warwick Business School, August 2016; participant.
- *7<sup>th</sup> International Summer Course on Research Methodology and Ethics in Health Sciences*, Koc University, Istanbul, July, 2016; participant.
- *European Group of Process Tracing Studies (EGPROC) Symposium & Conference*, Max Planck Institute for Research on Collective Goods, Bonn, June 2016; presentation on “Decision Context & Depth of Processing: Is Cooperation Ecologically Intuitive?”
- *Experimentics Summer School*, University of East Anglia, June 2016; participant.
- *Cognitive Processes of Economic Decisions*, 7<sup>th</sup> Thurgau Experimental Economics Meeting, University of Konstanz, Kreuzlingen, April 2016; participant.
- *Assessing Well-Being When Preferences Are Incoherent*, Network for Integrated Behavioural Science Conference, University of East Anglia, April 2016; poster presentation on “Understanding Framing Effects in Public Good Game Instructions.”
- *Behavioural Game Theory Workshop & Summer School*, University of East Anglia, Norwich, June 2015; participant.
- *Summer Institute on Bounded Rationality*. Max Planck Institute for Human Development, Berlin, June 2015; poster presentation on “Are Abstract Tasks Neutral Frames?”
- *Behavioural Science and Policy*, Network for Integrated Behavioural Science Conference, University of Nottingham, April 2015; poster presentation on “Is There a “Neutral” Frame? Using Framing Designs to Study Task Construal in Experimental Economics.”
- *Brown-Bag Seminar*, Centre for Decision Research and Experimental Economics, University of Nottingham, March 2015; presented “Are ‘Abstract’ Tasks, ‘Neutral’ Frames?”

**REFEREEING**

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- Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization
- Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics
- Journal of Economic Psychology
- Journal of Economic Methodology