

# Ulker Isayeva

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## WORK EXPERIENCE

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### Lecturer (Research & Teaching)

**Khazar University** [ 08/2008 – Current ]

Address: Baku (Azerbaijan)

Conducting research in psychology

- Research activity in **Cross-Cultural Suicide Research Group** together with Adnan Menderes University : Assisted in recruiting participants and conducting survey, collected and analyzed data using SPSS, worked as a part of an international team (Prof. Mehmet Eskin)
- Research assistant at a **Leadership Lab**: Assisted in various projects regarding empowering organizational constructs, power distance and leadership. (Techniques of Investigation: eye-tracking, skin conductance, physiological measures)

Teaching different psychology courses (Social Psychology, Political Psychology, Human Development, Psychopathology, General Psychology)

Managing three educational projects which are part of ERASMUS program (European Union)

### Trainer

**Freelance** [ 01/2018 – 05/2020 ]

Address: Istanbul (Turkey)

Provision of leadership and organizational behavior trainings to companies

### Founder & Business Development Director

**Kauseffekt** [ 07/2018 – Current ]

Address: Istanbul (Turkey)

Clothing brand, music podcast, a community of artists who fight the stigma, stereotypes, and standards dictated by a society using art as a weapon.

### Co-founder & Board Member

**ASAAP - Azerbaijan Social Aid and Awareness Program** [ 12/2010 – 04/2015 ]

Address: Baku (Azerbaijan)

- Organized awareness and humanitarian projects that addressed the concerns and problems of the Azerbaijani community
- Conducted lectures and seminars that were carried out by local and international specialists in order to educate people in different regions of Azerbaijan
- Delivered relief, crisis intervention, and psychological help in emergencies

### Co-founder & Board Member

**ASAIF - Azerbaijani Students and Alumni International Forum** [ 07/2010 – 09/2014 ]

Address: Baku (Azerbaijan)

- Organized and implemented forums in 5 different countries (Azerbaijan, Turkey, France, Italy, and Hungary) with 600 participants, including government officials, in each of these forums
- Dealt with enhancing networking among foreign-educated Azerbaijani youth, promoting public diplomacy, and contributing to human capital development in Azerbaijan

## Teacher

**Dunya School** [ 08/2009 – 05/2010 ]

Address: Baku (Azerbaijan)

Teaching IB TOK (Theory of Knowledge) class at International Baccalaureate Program

## Career Counselor

**Khazar University** [ 05/2006 – 07/2007 ]

Address: Baku (Azerbaijan)

Provided educational and career advice to students at the Career Development Center

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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### Ph.D. in Neuroscience

**University of Cagliari** [ 30/09/2020 – Current ]

Address: Cagliari (Italy)

### MSc in Cognitive Neuroscience

**University of York** [ 07/2007 – 08/2008 ]

Address: York (United Kingdom)

**Thesis dissertation:** "*Objective measures of early glaucomatous damage: the potential use of functional magnetic resonance imaging*" (Supervisor: Prof. Antony Morland)

### BA in Psychology

**Khazar University** [ 08/2001 – 08/2006 ]

Address: Baku (Azerbaijan)

- Exchange student at Bogazici University Psychology Department 09/2005 – 06/2006
- Exchange student at Santa Monica College Psychology Department 09/2003 – 06/2005

## LANGUAGE SKILLS

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Mother tongue(s): **Azerbaijani**

Other language(s):

### Turkish

LISTENING C2 READING C2 WRITING C2

SPOKEN PRODUCTION C2 SPOKEN INTERACTION C2

### Persian

LISTENING B2 READING A2 WRITING A2

SPOKEN PRODUCTION B2 SPOKEN INTERACTION B2

### Russian

LISTENING C2 READING C2 WRITING C2

SPOKEN PRODUCTION C2 SPOKEN INTERACTION C2

### English

LISTENING C2 READING C2 WRITING C2

SPOKEN PRODUCTION C2 SPOKEN INTERACTION C2

### Italian

LISTENING B1 READING B1 WRITING B1

SPOKEN PRODUCTION A2 SPOKEN INTERACTION A2

## DIGITAL SKILLS

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### My Digital Skills

#### Programming languages

R / Python / SPSS / Matlab

#### Other computer experience

Microsoft Excel / Microsoft Word / Microsoft Powerpoint

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Publications

#### Published papers

- Eskin M, Baydar N, Khan MM, El-Nayal M, Hamdan M, Al Buhairan F, Mechri A, Abdel-Khalek AM, Rezaeian M, Harlak H, Isayeva U. (2022). Are Nonfatal Suicide Attempts Instrumental in Achieving Personal and Interpersonal Goals?. *Behavior Therapy*.
- Eskin, M., Baydar, N., Harlak, H., Hamdan, M., Mechri, A., Isayeva, U., Abdel-Khalek, A. M., Rezaeian, M., Asad, N., El-Nayal, M., AlBuhairan, F., Noor, I. M., Khader, Y., Khan, A., Al Sayyari, A., Khader, A., Behzadi, B., Öztürk, C. S., Agha, H., Hendarmin, L. A., Khan, M. M. (2021). Cultural and interpersonal risk factors for suicide ideation and suicide attempts among Muslim college students from 11 nations. *Journal of Affective Disorders*, 294, 366-374
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- Eskin, M., AlBuhairan, F., Rezaeian, M., Abdel-Khalek, A. M., Harlak, H., El-Nayal, M., Asad, N., Khan, A., Mechri, A., Noor, I. M., Hamdan, M., Isayeva, U., Khader, Y., Al Sayyari, A., Khader, A., Behzadi, B., Öztürk, C. Ş., Hendarmin, L. A., Khan, M. M., & Khatib, S. (2019). Suicidal Thoughts, Attempts, and Motives Among University Students in 12 Muslim-Majority Countries. *Psychiatric Quarterly*, 90(1), 229–248.
- Isayeva, U. (2018). Evolution of Psychotherapy 2017: Quick Review of the Conference. *Khazar Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences*, 21(1), 101-106.
- Isayeva, U. (2010). The World's Largest Psychotherapy Gathering. *Journal of Azerbaijani Studies*, 13(1).

## CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

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### Federation of European Neuroscience Societies FENS Forum 2022

[ Paris, France, 09/07/2022 – 13/07/2022 ]

Exploring the association between brain-derived neurotrophic factor (BDNF) levels and longitudinal psychopathological and cognitive changes in Sardinian psychotic patients

### 33rd CINP Hybrid World Congress of Neuropsychopharmacology

[ Taipei, Taiwan, 09/06/2022 – 13/06/2022 ]

Exploring the association between brain-derived neurotrophic factor (BDNF) levels and longitudinal psychopathological and cognitive changes in Sardinian psychotic patients

## **30th European Congress of Psychiatry EPA 2022**

[ Virtual, 04/06/2022 – 07/06/2022 ]

1. Exploring the association between brain-derived neurotrophic factor (BDNF) levels and longitudinal psychopathological and cognitive changes in Sardinian psychotic patients.
2. Psychotropic drug repurposing for Covid-19 - A systematic review and meta-analysis

## **Computational and Systems Neuroscience COSYNE 2022**

[ Lisbon, Portugal, 17/03/2022 – 20/03/2022 ]

Travel Grant awarded

## **Human Brain Project Summit 2021 - Pushing the Boundaries of Brain Research**

[ Online, 13/10/2021 – 14/10/2021 ]

## **Human Brain Project & Dutch Neuroscience: Shaping Collaborations**

[ Amsterdam, Netherlands, 13/02/2020 ]

## **The Evolution of Psychotherapy Conference 2017**

[ Anaheim, California, 12/12/2017 – 16/12/2017 ]

### **The Evolution of Psychotherapy Conference 12/2013**

*The Milton H. Erickson Foundation, Anaheim, California*

### **The Evolution of Psychotherapy Conference 12/2009**

*The Milton H. Erickson Foundation, Anaheim, California*

## **6th International Psychology Conference in Azerbaijan**

[ Khazar University, Baku, Azerbaijan, 19/04/2019 – 20/04/2019 ]

### **5th International Psychology Conference in Azerbaijan 04/2018**

*Khazar University, Baku, Azerbaijan*

- Organizer

### **4th International Psychology Conference in Azerbaijan 05/2017**

*Khazar University, Baku, Azerbaijan*

- Organizer

### **3rd International Psychology Conference in Azerbaijan 04/2016**

*Khazar University, Baku, Azerbaijan*

- Organizer

### **2nd International Psychology Conference in Azerbaijan 04/2015**

*Khazar University, Baku, Azerbaijan*

- Organizer

### **1st International Psychology Conference in Azerbaijan 04/2014**

*Khazar University, Baku, Azerbaijan*

- Organizer

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

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### **RIKEN CBS Summer Program**

[ 16/06/2022 – 10/08/2022 ]

8-week internship program at Neural Circuits and Computations Unit at RIKEN Center for Brain Science

## **Summer School in Computational Neuroscience**

[ 04/07/2021 – 22/07/2021 ]

Neuromatch Academy

## **School of Project Management**

[ 2013 – 2015 ]

Khazar University and ESI International

## **“Motivational competency” training**

[ 12/2010 ]

*Institute of Clinical Psychology & Psychotherapy, Moscow, Russia*

## **Family Psychology Training Program**

[ 03/2010 ]

Odessa, Ukraine

## **NETWORKS AND MEMBERSHIPS**

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### **Federation of European Neuroscience Societies (FENS)**

[ Current ]

### **The British Neuroscience Association (BNA)**

[ Current ]

### **Italian Society for Neuroscience (SINS)**

[ Current ]