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Aynur was born in Salzburg and grew up in Upper Austria. She has a strong command of multiple languages (German and Turkish as native tongues, alongside English, Spanish, Italian and French), which readily lends itself to making intercultural comparisons in the experience and understanding of different cultures.

Her approach to research and teaching in Communication is an interdisciplinary one. She is interested in cultural and academic dialogue between different disciplines to build bridges. Apart from an obvious interest due to her Austrian and Turkish background, her main research interests focus on the dynamics of multicultural, intercultural and transcultural communication processes, cultural perceptions and ideologies, mediated cultures with regard to New Media and the process of globalisation, the construction of identity (individual, collective, political, national, cultural and European Identity), European Union and Turkey relations, Islamophobia and migration in the framework of sociocultural contexts.

She worked as a Research Fellow and a Project Assistant at the Paris Lodron University of Salzburg and was involved in different projects. Moreover, she was the head of the eLearning Department of the Salzburg University of Applied Sciences, where she created, among different projects, concepts of learning as a cooperative and collaborative process for an intercultural learning environment. She was a Visiting Scholar at the University of San Francisco (USA), University of Bosphorus (Turkey) and University of Málaga (Spain). Due to her current tenure in Turkey, coupled with regional conditions and considerations, she is currently doing research on cultural and ethical values in relation to genders roles in societies.

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