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**Political Behavior and the Emotional Citizen:
Participation and Reaction in Turkey**

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Scholarly literature on the determinants of citizen political behavior in the Turkish context has been limited and primarily descriptive. This project offers a behavioral perspective to the Turkish public through one of the fast growing domains of research across the disciplines, emotions. The multi-disciplinary interest on emotions has grown rapidly over the last two decades. Understanding how emotions generate and influence attitudes, preferences, and judgments is now a critical question scholars aim to explore in political science, psychology, decision-making, and neurosciences. From the standpoint of emotions, this project discusses how anger, fear, and enthusiasm promote distinct effects on political preferences, political participation, and vote choice over the last couple of years in the context of Turkey.

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