

Project Title: How do civil society cooperation networks influence institutional effectiveness?
The Case of Antalya

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Project Summary: This project is informed from social capital literature's emphasis on the influence of civil society level cooperative connections on organization's institutional effectiveness. For this purpose, the project conducted fifteen surveys with public-goods oriented women's organizations and sixteen surveys with special-interest oriented business organizations in Antalya, Turkey. The surveys elicited information on civil society organization's (CSO) social, human, and physical capital, as well as their institutional outputs in the last one year. In this vein, the project gathered extensive CSO-level data, which are currently utilized to test a series of important hypotheses the social capital research agenda posits. The influence of cooperative connections on CSOs' civic and political potential; the relationship between social capital and institutional effectiveness; the comparison of public-goods oriented CSOs with special-interest oriented CSOs are among these hypotheses.

Project Publications:

(2017) Antalya'daki Sivil Toplum Kuruluşlarının Karşılaştırmalı bir Analizi, Süleyman Demirel Üniversitesi İktisadi ve İdari Bilimler Fakültesi Dergisi, 22, 4, 1161-1176.

(2017) Civic Space in Turkey: A Social Capital Approach to Civil Society, Turkish Studies, 18, 4, 688-709 (SSCI).