Academics on the Move
Focus Area 1

Academics and Identities on the Move: Exploring Processes of Identity Construction

Thematic analysis of interviews with BAK academics in Germany: Results 1 – Experience of move

**EXPERIENCE OF MOVE**

- **REASONS FOR LEAVING**
  - Backlash from signing Peace Petition
  - Fear of Imprisonment

- **LOSSES**
  -unexpected Dismissal
  - Sense of control over life
  - Mobility
  - Unable to return to Turkey
  - Accomplishments
  - Privileges

- **GAINS**
  - Political Safety
  - Academic Freedom
  - Professional Opportunities

- **DOMINANT EMOTIONS**
  - Isolation
  - Concern for Family
  - Anxiety & Depression
  - Homesickness
  - Stress & Uncertainty about Future
  - Empowerment gained through Experience