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**TITLE:**Autism in Other Cultures

**BIO:**

Birsen Basar (Breda, the Netherlands 4th January 1986) is a Dutch-Turkish woman who tries to raise awareness for autism in the world. After years of discussions and talks with social care workers, Birsen learned at the age of 21 that she has autism. From that moment on she tries to  raise awareness for autism among people by writing books, giving presentations and trainings. She also made 2 documentaries about her life with autism which both appeared on the Dutch and Turkish television.

**SUMMARY:**

Throughout the world autism awareness is expanding. We all have our contribution into this. I grew up as a Turkish-Dutch woman with autism in the Netherlands. From curiosity and the questions of my environment, I conducted a small research about autism in other cultures. In this presentation I like to share some results and tell about my autism work in Turkey and experience in other countries.