

Bölüm 4

YÖNETİM ARAŞTIRMALARI İÇİN BİR ‘KİMLİK’ DİLİ ÇERÇEVESİ

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Bir yapı (*construct*) olarak kimliğin sosyal bilimler çatısı altında özellikle de yönetim araştırmalarında kavramsal çerçevede maruz kaldığı en büyük sorunlardan birisi; kurumsal kimlik (*corporate identity*) ve örgütsel kimlik (*organizational identity*) kavramlarının kullanımını ile ilgilidir. Bu konuyu Tonder ve Lessing’den (2003) sonra kapsamlı olarak gündeme getiren Dowling ve Otubano’ya (2011) göre çok sayıda araştırmacı bu iki kimlik kavramı sallaştırmasının öncülleri (*antecedents*) ve sonuçları hakkında bir kafa karışıklığı yaşamaktadır. Nitekim, bugün kurumsal kimliğin tanımlandığı çalışmalar temelde bu iki kimlik kavramından beslendiğini söylemek mümkündür. Elbette bu iki kavramın birbirinden tamamen farklı olduğunu söylemek doğru değildir. Ancak kurumsal kimliğin tanımı yapılırken, kavramın temellerinin Albert ve Whetten (1985), Dutton ve Penner (1992), tarafından atıldığının söylenmesi üzerinde ayrıca düşünülmelidir. Zira bu çalışmalar (Dutton ve Penner, 1992; Albert ve Whetten, 1985) terminolojik olarak kurumsal kimlik değil örgütsel kimlik kavramını kullanmaktadır.

Kimlik literatüründe farklı alanlardan araştırmacıların bu iki kavramı kullanırken farklı yaklaşımlar sergilediği görülmektedir. Örneğin bazı araştırmacıların (e.g. Fombrun ve van Riel, 1997) Albert ve Whetten (1985) veya Dutton ve Penner (1992)'a atıf verirken örgütsel kimlik veya kurumsal kimlik yerine sadece kimlik kavramını kullanmayı tercih ettiğleri görülmektedir. Bazı araştırmacıların ise (e.g. Molleda ve Jain, 2013, s. 439) örgütsel kimlik ve kurumsal kimlik kavramlarını eş anlamlı olarak değerlendirdiği ve öncül araştırmaları aktarırken de iki kavram arasında bir fark gözetmedikleri görülmektedir. Örneğin, Molleda ve Jain (2013, s. 439) örgütse kimliğin dört alt yapıtından bahsederken Melewar ve Jenkins'e (2002) atıf yaptığı görülür. Melewar ve Jenkins (2002)'in kendi çalışmalarında açıkça kurumsal kimlik terimini kullanmış olmalarına rağmen,

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