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Education

- 2014-2019 Ph.D. in Linguistics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Thesis: [Scope Theory Revisited: Lessons from pied-piping in *wh*-questions](#)
- 2010-2013 M.A. in Linguistics, Boğaziçi University
Thesis: [AGREE as a unidirectional operation: Evidence from Laz](#)
- 2006-2010 B.A. in Foreign Language Education, Boğaziçi University

Academic Positions

- 2020-
current Assistant Professor, Department of Linguistics, Boğaziçi University
- 2016-2018 Research Assistant, Department of Linguistics and Philosophy, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- 2011-2014 Research Assistant, Department of Western Languages and Literatures, Boğaziçi University

Administrative Positions

- 2022-
current Transfer Advisor, Department of Linguistics,
Boğaziçi University
- 2021-
current Coordinator for Caucasian Languages, Department of Linguistics,
Boğaziçi University
- 2020-
2021 Vice-chair, Department of Linguistics,
Boğaziçi University

Research Interests

Syntax, semantics, morphology, and their interfaces,
fieldwork, Caucasian languages, endangered languages

Publications

BOOK CHAPTERS

- accepted “On the significance of Laz for theoretical research in linguistics”, In *Lazuri: An Endangered Language of the Black Sea*, ed. Züleyha Ünlü. Vernon Press
(with Balkız Öztürk)
- accepted “Agreeing complementizers may just be moody”, In *Discourse particles: syntactic, semantic, pragmatic and historical aspects*, eds. Xabier Artiagoitia, Arantzazu Elordieta, Sergio Monforte, Linguistik Aktuelle Series, John Benjamins.
(with Balkız Öztürk)
- 2021 “Correlatives in languages of the Caucasus”, In *Handbook of Languages of the Caucasus*, ed. Maria Polinsky. Oxford University Press
(with Balkız Öztürk)
- 2011 “The Verb in Laz”, In *Pazar Laz, LINCOM-Languages of the World/Materials 484*, Balkız Öztürk & Markus Pöchtrager (eds.), 42–74.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 2021 “[Non-linear Blocking Effects on Suppletive Allomorphy](#)”, *Dilbilim Araştırmaları Dergisi*, 32 (2) , 83-109. DOI: 10.18492/dad.804477
- 2015 “[The Logophoric Complementizer in Laz](#)”, *Dilbilim Araştırmaları Dergisi [Journal of Linguistics Research]* 2/2015: 45–69. (with Balkız Öztürk)
- 2014 “[The status of roots in event composition: Laz](#)”, *Lingue e linguaggio* 1/2014: 83–102.

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

- 2022 “Intervention effects follow from scope rigidity in Turkish”, In *Semantics and Linguistic Theory 31* [SALT 31].
- 2022 “Modifying result states in Turkish”, In *Semantics and Linguistic Theory 31* [SALT 31] (with Furkan Dikmen [first author])
- 2021 “Hypothetical Comparison in Turkish”, In *Proceedings of the 6th Workshop on Turkic and Languages in Contact with Turkic* [Tu+6], (with Utku Türk [first author])
- 2019 “Complementizers with attitude”, In *Proceedings of the 49th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society* [NELS49], ed. Maggie Baird and Jonathan Pesetsky (with Deniz Özyıldız and Balkız Öztürk)
- 2019 “Difficult Imperatives in Turkish”, In *Proceedings of the 14th Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics* [WAFL14], ed. Tanya Bondarenko et al., 49-56, MIT Working Papers in Linguistics (with Despina Oikonomou)
- 2019 “A Semantic Characterization of Turkish Nominalizations”, In *Proceedings of the 36th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics* [WCCFL36], ed. Richard Stockwell et al., 132-142.
- 2018 “A Modal Approach to Dative Subjects in Laz”, In *Proceedings of the 48th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society* [NELS48], ed. Sherry Hucklebridge and Max Nelson, Vol 1: 193-206.
- 2017 “Free Relatives and Correlatives in Wh-in-situ”, In *Proceedings of the 47th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society* [NELS47], ed. Andrew Lamont and Katerina Tetzloff, Vol.1: 271-284.
- 2017 “A Compositional Semantics for Turkish Correlatives”, In *Proceedings of the 34th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics* [WCCFL34], ed. Aaron Kaplan et al., 159-166 & In *Proceedings of the 12th Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics* [WAFL12], ed. Leyla Zidani-Eroğlu et al., MIT Working Papers in Linguistics

Academic Presentations

- 2022 “A Paradigm Gap in Turkish”, 7th Workshop on Turkic and Languages in Contact with Turkic [Tu+7]. University of Connecticut, Feb 18-19.
(with Muhammed İleri [first author])
- 2022 “A Dependent Case Theoretic Account of Alignment Shifts in Heritage Grammars”, İDÇ Dilbilim Buluşmaları #37. Jan 7.
(Invited, joint work with Ümit Atlamaz [first author] and Metin Bağrıaçık)
- 2021 “From Split-Ergativity Towards Accusativity in Heritage Kurmanji and Georgian”, Heritage Language Syntax 2. Utrecht University, Dec 15-17.
(with Ümit Atlamaz [first author] and Metin Bağrıaçık)
- 2021 “Compounding with a polymorphic deverbalizer in Turkish”, 9th Workshop on Nominalizations (JENom9), Brown University, June 17-18.
(with Furkan Dikmen [first author] and Balkız Öztürk)
- 2021 “Modifying result states in Turkish”, Semantics and Linguistics Theory (SALT31), Brown University, May 7-9. [poster] (Furkan Dikmen [first author])
- 2021 “Intervention Effects directly follow from Scope Rigidity in Turkish”, Semantics and Linguistics Theory (SALT31), Brown University, May 7-9. [poster]
- 2021 “Thematic suffixes in Şavşat Georgian”, Theme Vowels and V(P) Structure and Beyond (ThV2021), University of Graz, April 22-23 (with Reyhan Okumuş [first author] and Balkız Öztürk)
- 2021 “Intervention Effects directly follow from Scope Rigidity in Turkish”, 6th Workshop on Turkic and Languages in Contact with Turkic (Tu+6), University of Toronto, Feb 19-20
- 2021 “Hypothetical Comparison in Turkish”, 6th Workshop on Turkic and Languages in Contact with Turkic (Tu+6), University of Toronto, Feb 19-20 & Penn Linguistics Conference 45 (PLC45), UPenn, March 19-21 (with Utku Türk [first author])
- 2021 “Modal vs. non-modal un-agentive constructions in Laz”, Agency and Intentions in Language (AIL 1), University of Göttingen, Jan 13-15
- 2020 “Attitude Sensitive Complementizers in Laz”, International Workshop on Discourse Particles (InDisPart), University of the Basque Country, Oct 8
(with Balkız Öztürk)

- 2020 “On the temporal decomposition of bivalent events”, Events and Event Structure at the Limits of Grammar (EESLiG2020), University of Oxford, Sept 15-16 (with Reyhan Okumuş & Balkız Öztürk)
- 2020 “Non-linear blocking of portmanteaus: a case study on Laz”, Nanolab, June 12 [invited]
- 2020 “A pied-piping theory of exceptional de re: Scoping after all”, The 43rd Generative Linguistics in the Old World [GLOW43], Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Apr 8-20
- 2019 “Does the cross-linguistic distribution of wh-free relatives justify a semantic typology?” Boğaziçi University, Nov 11 [invited]
- 2019 “Ergative as a default case: Evidence from a Georgian dialect”, 4th Workshop on Turkic and Languages in Contact with Turkic (Tu+4), NYU, Feb 16-17
- 2018 “Difficult Imperatives in Turkish”, 14th Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics [WAFLL14], MIT, Oct 19–21 [poster] (with Despina Oikonomou)
- 2018 “Complementizers in Laz are attitude sensitive”, 49th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society [NELS49], Cornell University, Oct 5-7 [poster] (with Deniz Özyıldız and Balkız Öztürk)
- 2018 “Events are Entities: Evidence from Turkish Nominalizations”, 36th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics [WCCFL36], UCLA, Apr 20-22
- 2017 “On Complex DPs in Turkish: Lessons for Inverse Linking and Scope Rigidity”, SuSurrus at UMass Amherst, Nov 10 [invited]
- 2017 “A Modal Approach to Dative Subjects in Laz”, 48th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society [NELS48], University of Iceland, Oct 27-29
- 2016 “Free Relatives and Correlatives in Wh-in-situ”, 47th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society [NELS47], UMass Amherst, Oct 14-16
- 2016 “A Compositional Semantics for Turkish Correlatives”, [poster] WCCFL 34, University of Utah, Apr 29 - May 1 & [poster] GLOW 39, Universität Göttingen, Apr 5-8 & [talk] WAFLL 12, CCSU, May 13-15
- 2015 “The Logophoric Complementizer in Laz”, Societas Linguistica Europaea [SLE] Annual Meeting 2015, Leiden University, Sept 2-5 (with Balkız Öztürk)

- 2015 “When Case is not Case: Evidence from Laz”, Linguistic Approaches to Endangered Languages: Theory and Description, Boğaziçi University, Jul 28-30 (with Ömer Eren)
- 2015 “Agreeing Complementizers and Logophoricity in Laz”, Linguistic Approaches to Endangered Languages: Theory and Description, Boğaziçi University, Jul 28-30 (with Balkız Öztürk)
- 2014 “On the Search Space of AGREE”, Linguistics and Language Conference, Istanbul, June 16-18
- 2014 “An Empirical Critique of Cyclic Agree”, The 22nd Conference of the Student Organisation of Linguistic in Europe [ConSOLEXXII], University of Lisbon, Jan 8-10
- 2013 “Revisiting Georgian Obstruent Clusters”, 10th Old World Conference on Phonology [OCP10], Boğaziçi University, Jan 16-19
- 2012 “The Diachrony of Case Marking in Georgian: Ergativity and Specificity”, Typology, Theory: Caucasus, Boğaziçi University, Nov 29 - Dec 1
- 2012 “Status of Roots and Nanosyntactic Event Composition: Laz”, Workshop on the Representation and the Selection of Exponents, CASTL, Tromsø, Jun 7-8
- 2011 “The Hierarchical Nature of Inter-Onset Relations”, Government Phonology Round Table 8, Vienna University, May 6-8
- 2011 “Implications of case and agreement patterns in three Caucasian dialects spoken in Turkey: Pazar Laz, Ardeshani Laz and Inegol (Adjarian) Georgian”, Conference on Caucasian languages, MPI, Leipzig, May 13-15 (with Balkız Öztürk and Aslı Göksel)

Employment & Teaching Experience

BOĞAZIÇI UNIVERSITY, DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS

- 2021 Instructor for *LING 504 Semantics* [graduate]
Fall Instructor for *LING 101.02 Introduction to Language and Linguistics I*
- 2021 Instructor for *LING 512/612 Morphological Analysis/Theory* [graduate]
Spring Instructor for *LING 340 Advanced Syntax*

2020
Fall
Instructor for *LING 101.02 Introduction to Language and Linguistics I*
Instructor for *LING 542 Syntactic Theory* [graduate]

2020
Spring
Instructor for *LING 101.01 Introduction to Language and Linguistics I*
Instructor for *LING 512 Morphological Analysis* [graduate]

MIT LINGUISTICS

2017
Spring
Teaching Assistant to 24.900 *Introduction to Linguistics* [undergraduate]
Instructor: Norvin Richards

2016
Spring
Teaching Assistant to 24.900 *Introduction to Linguistics* [undergraduate]
Instructor: Norvin Richards

UNIVERSITY OF CRETE, THE CRETE SUMMER SCHOOL OF LINGUISTICS

2018
Summer
Teaching Assistant to *Fractures at the Syntax-Semantics Interface* [graduate]
Instructor: Winfried Lechner

Teaching Assistant to *Introduction to Syntax* [undergraduate]
Instructor: Sabine Iatridou

2017
Summer
Teaching Assistant to *Introduction to Syntax* [undergraduate]
Instructor: Sabine Iatridou

BOĞAZIÇI UNIVERSITY, TURKISH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE PROGRAM

2016
Summer
Language Instructor for *Upper-Intermediate Turkish - Grammar*
Language Instructor for *Upper-Intermediate Turkish - Writing*

2015
Summer
Language Instructor for *Upper-Intermediate Turkish - Grammar*

BOĞAZIÇI UNIVERSITY, WESTERN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES

2014-2011
Teaching Assistant to
LING 321: English Turkish Contrastive Analysis × 1
LING 302: Syntax and Morphology × 2
LING 300: Morphology × 2
TK 204: Structure of Modern Turkish × 2
ENGL 201: Structure of Modern English × 3
LING 111: Introduction to Language and Linguistics × 5

2011-2013 Research Assistant, Boğaziçi University Scientific Research Project #5545
· *Consonant-Vowel Interactions in Turkish, Laz, and Armenian*
[Project Coordinator: Markus Pöchtrager]

Reviewing

JOURNALS & PROCEEDINGS

2022 Dil Dergisi

2021 Journal of Semantics,
Natural Language and Linguistic Theory
The Proceedings of Tu+6

2020 Journal of Semantics,
Linguistic Inquiry,
The Linguistic Review,
Turkic Languages,
Linguistic Typology,
Dilbilim Araştırmaları Dergisi × 2
The Proceedings of Tu+5

2019 The Proceedings of Tu+4

2018 Language and Linguistics

2016 Linguistic Inquiry
STUF - Language Typology and Universals

CONFERENCE ABSTRACTS

2022 The 45th Generative Linguistics in the Old World (GLOW₄₅)
The 7th workshop on Turkic and languages in contact with Turkic (Tu+7)

2021 The 52nd Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS₅₂)
The 44th Generative Linguistics in the Old World (GLOW₄₄),

2020 The 51st Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS₅₁)
The 6th workshop on Turkic and languages in contact with Turkic (Tu+6)

2019 The 43rd Generative Linguistics in the Old World (GLOW₄₃),
The 5th workshop on Turkic and languages in contact with Turkic (Tu+5),

Supervised Theses

- 2021 Bergül Soykan. MA Thesis in Linguistics, Boğaziçi University.
Thesis: *A semantic description of Turkish conditionals*.

Fieldwork Experience

- 2018 Kazan and Mishar Tatar as part of the MIT International Science and Technology Project "*Quexistentials*"
[Project Supervisors: Sabine Iatridou & Floris Roelofsen]
- 2010- Pazar (Atina) Laz
- 2011-2013 Varieties of Georgian spoken in İnegöl and Ünye, Turkey
- 2010-2013 Varieties of Laz and Armenian as part of the Boğaziçi University Scientific Research Project "*Consonant-Vowel Interactions in Turkish, Laz, and Armenian*"
[Project Supervisor: Markus Pöchtrager]

Fellowships

- 2017-2018 Noam Chomsky Fellowship, MIT Linguistics

Languages

Turkish (native),
English (fluent),
German (intermediate reading),
Laz, Georgian, Tigrinya, Tatar (elicitation).