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PROFILE

As a junior researcher with a strong background in linguistics and cognitive science, I am deeply interested in understanding the complex mechanisms underlying human language processing and acquisition in both spoken and signed languages. I am eager to pursue a PhD in an interdisciplinary and intellectually stimulating environment that will enable me to continue this line of research while expanding my skill set and knowledge base.

EDUCATION

Boğaziçi University Istanbul, Turkey
M.A. in Linguistics Sep 2021 - June 2024
Supervisors: Kadir Gökgöz and Nazik Dinçtopal Deniz
Thesis: *Processing of information structure in Turkish Sign Language (TİD)*

Boğaziçi University Istanbul, Turkey
B.A. in Foreign Language Education Sep 2017 - Aug 2021
GPA: 4.0, Summa Cum Laude

INTERESTS

Sign Languages · Experimental Morphosyntax and Pragmatics · Language Learning · Computational Social Science

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Boğaziçi University, Dept. of Linguistics
Research & Teaching Assistant April 2023 - Present

- Preparing and grading student assignments; holding problem sessions; carrying out administrative tasks.

Computational Linguistics Reading Group Jun 2021 - Sept 2021

- Contributed to a project which aims to build a Dynamic Benchmark for Sentiment Analysis in Turkish.

Undergraduate Project Assistant Jan 2019 - Jan 2022

- Undergraduate project assistant at the BAP Project “Supporting Sign Language Development of Deaf Children with Hearing Parents through Linguistically-informed Preschool Stories.” (Project Code: 14458). PI: Dr. Kadir Gökgöz
- Led two research projects that investigated AoA effects on verbal fluency and narrative abilities of deaf adult signers in Turkish Sign Language.



Boğaziçi University, Psycholinguistics Research Lab
Lab Manager June 2022 - Present

- Employed in a TUBITAK 1001 Project entitled “Use of syntactic and semantic cues in processing negative polarity items in Turkish as a first and second language.” (Project Code: #221K063). PI: Dr. Nazik Dinçtopal Deniz.
- Working as Primary Investigator in the project entitled “Use of Real-World Knowledge and Syntactic Detail in Language Comprehension by Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder.”

Codeswitch Software
Research Intern Jan 2021 - Aug 2021

- Interned for a funded research project that aims to develop a mobile application in Unity for the sign language development of deaf children (aged between 0-3) in Turkey.

PUBLICATIONS

1. Keleş, O., Atmaca, F., & Gökgöz, K. (2023). Reference tracking strategies of deaf adult signers in Turkish Sign Language. *Journal of Pragmatics*, 213, 12-35. 
2. Keleş, O. & Gökgöz, K. (2022). Expression of Aboutness Subject Topic Constructions in Turkish Sign Language (TİD) Narratives. *Hrvatska revija za rehabilitacijska istraživanja*, 58 (Special Issue), 194-205. <https://doi.org/10.31299/hrri.58.si.10>
3. Keleş, O., Atmaca, F., & Gökgöz, K. (2022). Effects of age of acquisition and category size on signed verbal fluency. *Language Acquisition*, 29(4), 361–383. (The winner of the annual prize for the Best Article Contributing to Linguistic Diversity) <https://doi.org/10.1080/10489223.2021.2023814>. 
4. Gökgöz, K. & Keleş, O. (2020). Pragmatics: 6.4. Information Structure. In Meltem Keleş (ed.), *A Grammar of Turkish Sign Language (TİD)*. 1st edn. *SIGN-HUB Sign Language Grammar Series* as part of the SignHub Project, EC, 693349.

CONFERENCES

Select Presentations

1. Bayraklı, Ö. T., Keleş, O., & Göktentürk, T. (November, 2022). *Sosyal Bilimciler İçin Veri Bilimi Üzerine Açık-Kaynaklı Kodlama Atölyesi Modeli* [An Open-source Coding Workshop Model for Teaching Data Science for Social Scientists]. International Congress on Open Learning and Distance Education (ICOLDE) 2022, Erzurum, Turkey (Online Conference) (The winner of the best presentation award).
2. Keleş, O., Atmaca F., & Gökgöz, K. (September, 2022). *Economy principle in signed narratives: Is it age-sensitive?* (Poster presentation). The 14th Theoretical Issues in Sign Language Research (TISLR): Osaka, Japan (Hybrid Conference).
3. Keleş, O. & Gökgöz, K. (August, 2022). *Scale-based Analysis of Referential Accessibility among Native and Late Signers* (Poster presentation). The Summer School of Linguistics (SSoL): České Budějovice, Czechia.
4. Keleş, O., Atmaca F., & Gökgöz, K. (June, 2021). *Age of Acquisition Effects on Reference Tracking in Turkish Sign Language* (Paper presentation). The 9th Formal and Experimental Advances in Sign Language Theory (FEAST) Colloquium: The Centre for Sign Linguistics and Deaf Studies of CUHK, Hong Kong (Online Conference).
5. Keleş, O., Atmaca F., & Gökgöz, K. (April, 2021). *Türk İşaret Dilini Edinme Yaşının Sözel Akıcılığa Olan Etkisi* (Paper presentation). 34. Ulusal Dilbilim Kurultayı: Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey (Online Conference).
6. Keleş, O. & Pekuzun, S. (March, 2021). *Emotion Word Choice Dependent on Language Mode and Proficiency* (Paper presentation). The 45th Penn Linguistics Conference (PLC45): Pennsylvania, USA (Online Conference).
7. Keleş, O. & Pekuzun, S. (February, 2021). *Effect of Cultural Orientation on Emotional Granularity* (Paper presentation). 13th Annual Meeting of the Illinois Language and Linguistics Society (ILLS13): Illinois, USA (Online Conference).
8. Keleş, O., Atmaca F., & Gökgöz, K. (November, 2020). *Age of Acquisition Effects on Verbal Fluency in Turkish Sign Language* (Poster presentation and Paper Alternate). 45th Boston University Conference on Language Development (BUCLD): Boston, USA (Online Conference).
9. Keleş, O. (February, 2019). *Assessing and Comparing Verbal Fluency in Turkish Sign Language and Turkish* (Paper presentation). Boğaziçi University Student Conference on Theoretical and Experimental Linguistics (BUSCTEL): Istanbul, Turkey.

Organization

Reviewer and session chair, [Student Conference on Linguistics 2023 \(SCOL'23\)](#), Istanbul, Turkey.

Workshop

Taught a workshop entitled “ELAN for sign language and gesture annotation”, [Student Conference on Linguistics 2023 \(SCOL'23\)](#), Istanbul, Turkey.

TEACHING**Istanbul 29 Mayıs University***English Lecturer*

Sept 2021 - March 2023

- Taught academic reading, writing, listening, and speaking to elementary, pre-intermediate, intermediate, upper-intermediate, and advanced students of English in the language preparation school.
- EGK 221. Expository Writing, taught in the Dept. of Translation and Interpreting Studies.

Boğaziçi University*Teaching Assistant in the Dept. of Linguistics*

Sep 2022 - Present

- LING 101. Introduction to Linguistics I, Instructor: Kadir Gökgöz (2023 Spring): [Syllabus](#).
- LING 105. Phonetics, Instructor: Stefano Canalis (2023 Spring): [Syllabus](#).
- LING 101. Introduction to Linguistics I, Instructor: Kadir Gökgöz (2022 Fall): [Syllabus](#).

R & Python Instructor

March 2023 - May 2023

- Teaching a 10-week-long workshop entitled “Open-Source Coding for Social Scientists” to 35 undergraduate and postgraduate students at the Faculty of Education.

Teaching Assistant in Turkish Culture and Language Program

Jun 2021 - Aug 2021

- S25. Upper Intermediate Turkish, Instructors: Kadir Gökgöz, Ömer Demirok, Belma Haznedar, Naz Bulamur

Robert College*Teacher Intern*

Oct 2020 - Jun 2021

- LP and L9 English, Instructor: Melissa Altintas

SKILLS**Training**

3rd International School on Psycholinguistics, Neurolinguistics and Clinical Linguistics at University of Novi Sad, Serbia (April 2023).

SocialComquant Workshops on Machine Learning, and Natural Language Processing & Topic Modeling with Python at Koç University, Turkey (March 2023).

The Summer School of Linguistics (with a focus on psycholinguistics methodology) at University of South Bohemia in České Budějovice, Czech Republic (August 2022).

Select Programs

LaTeX · RMarkdown · Python (experience with nltk, pandas, scikit-learn) · R (experience with tidyverse, lme4, and brms), Stan, ELAN, Praat (basic proficiency)

Select Experiment

PClbex · PsychoPy · Eyelink Experiment Builder

Languages

Turkish (native) · English (proficient) · Spanish (intermediate) · German (elementary) · Turkish Sign Language (research experience)

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