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Education

- 2014- Ph.D. in Linguistics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology [expected 2019]
Thesis: Compositional paths to *wh*-constructions
- 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

Research Interests

Syntax, semantics, morphology, and their interfaces

Publications & Manuscripts

BOOK CHAPTER

- to appear “A Typology for Correlatives: A View from the Languages of the Caucasus”, In *Handbook of Languages of the Caucasus*, OUP, ed. Maria Polinsky.
(with Balkız Öztürk)
- 2011 “The Verb in Laz”, In Öztürk, B. & M. Pöchtrager (eds.), *Pazar Laz, LINCOS-Languages of the World/Materials 484*, 42–74.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 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

- to appear “A Semantic Characterization of Turkish Nominalizations”, In *Proceedings of WCCFL 36*.
- to appear “A Modal Approach to Dative Subjects in Laz”, In *Proceedings of NELS 48*.
- 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. GLSA
- 2017 “A Compositional Semantics for Turkish Correlatives”, In *Proceedings of the 12th Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics (WAFL12)*, ed. Leyla Zidani-Eroğlu et al., MIT Working Papers in Linguistics

UNPUBLISHED MANUSCRIPTS

- Under Revision “Morphosemantics of Circumstantial Modality in Laz”, for *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*
- in prep. “The Nanosyntax of Event Composition”
- 2016 “Relative Scope in Complex DPs in Turkish”, *Ms.*, MIT

Academic Presentations

- upcoming “Difficult Imperatives in Turkish”, WAFL 14, MIT, Oct 19–21 [poster]
(with Despina Oikonomou)
- upcoming “Complementizers in Laz are attitude sensitive”, NELS 49, Cornell University, Oct 5-7 [poster]
(with Deniz Özyıldız and Balkız Öztürk)
- 2018 “Events are Entities: Evidence from Turkish Nominalizations”, WCCFL 36, 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”, NELS 48, University of Iceland, Oct 27-29
- 2016 “Free Relatives and Correlatives in Wh-in-situ”, NELS 47, UMass Amherst, Oct 14-16
- 2016 “A Compositional Semantics for Turkish Correlatives” [poster], WCCFL 34, University of Utah, Apr 29 - May 1 & GLOW 39, Universität Göttingen, Apr 5-8
- 2015 “The Logophoric Complementizer in Laz”, SLE 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](#)”, ConSOLE XXII, University of Lisbon, Jan 8-10
- 2013 “Revisiting Georgian Obstruent Clusters”, 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

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
Spring Teaching Assistant to *LING 302: Syntax and Morphology*
Instructor: Sumru Özsoy

Teaching Assistant to *LING 300: Morphology*
Instructor: Aslı Göksel

Teaching Assistant to *LING 111: Introduction to Language and Linguistics*
Instructor: Markus Pöchtrager

- 2013
Fall Teaching Assistant to *LING 321: English Turkish Contrastive Analysis*
Instructor: Meltem Kelepir
- Teaching Assistant to *ENGL 201: Structure of Modern English*
Instructors: Didar Akar, Balkız Öztürk
- 2013
Spring Teaching Assistant to *LING 111: Introduction to Language and Linguistics*
Instructor: Didar Akar
- Teaching Assistant to *LING 302: Syntax and Morphology*
Instructor: Sumru Özsoy
- 2012
Fall Teaching Assistant to *LING 111: Introduction to Language and Linguistics*
Instructor: Sumru Özsoy
- Teaching Assistant to *ENGL 201: Structure of Modern English*
Instructor: Balkız Öztürk
- 2012
Spring Teaching Assistant to *TK 204: Structure of Modern Turkish*
Instructor: Balkız Öztürk
- Teaching Assistant to *LING 111: Introduction to Language and Linguistics*
Instructor: Mine Nakipoğlu
- 2011
Fall Teaching Assistant to *LING 111: Introduction to Language and Linguistics*
Instructor: Didar Akar
- Teaching Assistant to *ENGL 201: Structure of Modern English*
Instructor: Balkız Öztürk
- 2011
Spring Teaching Assistant to *LING 300: Morphology*
Instructor: Aslı Göksel
- Teaching Assistant to *TK 204: Structure of Modern Turkish*
Instructor: Eser Taylan
- 2011-2013 Research Assistant, Boğaziçi University Scientific Research Project #5545
· *Consonant-Vowel Interactions in Turkish, Laz, and Armenian*
[Project Coordinator: Markus Pöchtrager]

Fieldwork Experience

- 2018
April Kazan and Mishar Tatar as part of the MIT International Science and Technology Project "*Quexistentials*"
[Project Supervisor: 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]

Academic Service

- 2018 Ad-hoc Reviewer for *Language and Linguistics*
- 2017-2018 MIT Ling-Lunch Co-organizer, MIT Linguistics
- 2016 Ad-hoc Reviewer for *Linguistic Inquiry, STUF - Language Typology and Universals*

Fellowships

- 2017-2018 Noam Chomsky Fellowship, MIT Linguistics

Languages

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