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EDUCATION

Middle East Technical University   September 2023 -
PhD in Cognitive Science   GPA: 4.0/4.0
Advisor: Asst. Prof. Dr. Umut Ozge & Co-Advisor: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Barbaros Yet

Middle East Technical University   September 2019 - May 2023
MSc in Cognitive Science   GPA: 4.0/4.0
Thesis: *Modeling Counterfactual Statements Using Bayesian Networks: A Case Study in Turkish*
        Advisor: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Barbaros Yet & Co-Advisor: Prof. Dr. Cem Bozsahin

Bogazici University   September 2015 - June 2019
BA in Linguistics   GPA: 3.89/4.0
Project: *On the Reliability of the SAT Procedure in Psycholinguistics Experiments:*
        A Simulation Study
        Advisor: Asst. Prof. Dr. Pavel Logacev

Sirri Yircali Anadolu Lisesi   October 2010 - June 2015
Prep. School + Quantitative   Diploma Grade: 90.64/100

EXPERIENCE

METU - Graduate School of Informatics - Cognitive Science Department October 2021 -
Research Assistant

· Assisted the following courses:

  - COGS526 - Meaning and Logic - Dr. Ceyhan Temurcu

  - COGS532 - Theoretical Linguistics - Asst. Prof. Dr. Umut Ozge

  - COGS541 - Language Acquisition - Prof. Dr. Deniz Zeyrek Bozsahin

  - COGS543 - Computational Semantics - Asst. Prof. Dr. Umut Ozge

  - COGS566 - Probabilistic Models of Cognition - Assoc. Prof. Dr. Barbaros Yet

  - COGS590/690 - Graduate Seminar - Graduate School of Informatics
· Worked as a Web Co-Chair for ISBCS 2024 and provided organizational help

METU - Language and Cognitive Development Lab   November 2019 - October 2021
TUBITAK Project Assistant

· Worked as a part of TUBITAK project 218K184 *Processing, development and semantic modelling of conditional structures in Turkish* (2019-2021). PI: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Duygu Ozge (Middle East Technical University)
· Attended several reading group meetings
· Prepared presentations for certain articles related to the project
· Provided technical support in general
· Helped other members of the lab with their projects

Unbabel   March 2019 -
Freelance Terminologist

· Translated glossaries and reviewed translation memories for clients such as Microsoft, Springer, Udemy, Wix, Logitech, TomTom, Tinder, King, Mouser Electronics, etc.
· Improved and keep improving my translation skills on the whole

METU - TURead Lab   July 2018 - August 2018
Voluntary Intern

· Worked under the supervision of PhD student Aysegul Ozkan and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Cengiz Acarturk
· Detected certain words related to an ongoing experimental study from numerous audio data in sentence format and annotated them in a precise manner on ELAN
· Reviewed and fixed audio files annotated by others
· Received training on how eye-tracking experiments are prepared and prepared a mock experiment based on Experiment Builder's templates
· Gained hands-on experience in conducting experiments

Isik University - Department of Computer Science   October 2017 - October 2018
TUBITAK Project Assistant

· Performed different tasks, mostly related to linguistics -including but not limited to creating synsets, matching antonyms, and finding other semantic relations between words, writing down definitions of words that lack one, annotating the acceptability of word - affix pairs- for TUBITAK project 116E104 *Constructing a WordNet for Turkish Using Manual and Automatic Annotation* (2017-2019). PI: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Olcay T. Yildiz (Isik University)

Bogazici University - Sign Language Lab   March 2016 - December 2016
Voluntary Assistant

· Detected signed words in video recordings and cropped/edited them for TUBITAK project 114E263 *Machine Translation and Avatar Animation from Turkish to Turkish Sign Language* (2014-2016). PI at Istanbul Technical University: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hatice Kose, PI at Bogazici University: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Meltem Kelepir Wood
· Listed the signed words in Microsoft Excel and added them to the ITU's online dictionary
· Became knowledgeable about Turkish Sign Language and sign languages in general

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Bozkurt, M. I., Yet, B. & Bozsahin, C. (2024). Revisiting Turkish Counterfactuals: A Linguistic and Causal Analysis. Poster presentation at *ISBCS 2024*.

Bozkurt, M. I., Yet, B. & Bozsahin, C. (2022). Counterfactuals, Negation, and Bayesian Inference with Categories. Poster presentation at *ISBCS 2022*.

Logacev, P., & **Bozkurt, M. I.** (2021). Statistical Power in Response Signal Paradigm Experiments. *Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society*, 43.

Bozkurt, M. I. (2019). On Nominalizers in Turkish Embedded Clauses. Talk given at *BUSCTEL 2019*.

LANGUAGES

Turkish (Native), English (C1), Spanish (B1), German (A1)

SKILLS

Programming Languages	LISP, R, Python, WebPPL, MATLAB
Software & Tools	Microsoft Office Tools, LaTeX, Adobe Premiere Pro, RStudio, SPSS, JASP, NumPy, pandas, ELAN, SR Research Experiment Builder, General Technological Prowess

HONORS AND ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

- ODTU Graduate Course Performance Award (2019 - 2020)

- Highest ranking student among the first graduates of the Linguistics BA program at Bogazici University

- 1st place in YDS (Fall 2018), Foreign Language Exam, with a 100/100 score

- 82/86/89 in ALES (Fall 2018), Selection Exam for Academic Personnel and Graduate Studies, quantitative, equally weighted, and verbal, respectively)

- Turkish Language Association Scholarship (Spring 2018 - Fall 2018)

- Surveillant at Bogazici University 2nd North Dormitory (Fall 2016 - Spring 2018)

- Sabanci Foundation University Entrance Scholarship (Fall 2015 - June 2019)

- Bogazici University Scholarship for Dormitories (Fall 2015 - June 2019)

- Certificate of High Achievement in High School (Fall 2013, Spring 2015)

- Certificate of Honor in High School (Fall 2010)

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES & HOBBIES

Football, Gaming, TV Series, Anime, Movies, Documentaries, Languages, Science Fiction and Fantasy Literature