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EXPERIENCE

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Postdoctoral researcher, New York University, Abu Dhabi, UAE Advisor: Dr. Daryl Fougnie	2022-Ongoing
Postdoctoral researcher, University of Groningen, Groningen, NL Project: <i>Hidden brain states underlying efficient representations in working memory</i> Advisor: Prof. Elkan G. Akyürek	2019–2022
Research assistant, CUNY-Brooklyn College, New York, USA Advisor: Dr. Daniel Kurylo	2014–2015

Position: Volunteer assistant in animal-vision psychophysics laboratory

Editorial experience

Junior editor, Journal of Experimental Psychology: Human Perception and Performance 2023–2024 Advisor: Prof. Isabel Gauthier

Teaching experience

Introduction to Psychology	Teaching assistant	New York University AD	2023
Thinking	Teaching assistant	New York University AD	2023
Cognition and Attention	Guest lecturer	University of Groningen	2021; 2022
Academic Skills	Lecturer	University of Groningen	2018-2019
Honors Research Practicum	Mentor	University of Groningen	2017-2018

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Cognitive Neuroscience, University of Groningen, Groningen, NL	2020
Dissertation: From stimulus to representation: Target identification in rapid serial visual	
Presentation	
Promotors: Prof. Elkan G. Akyürek & Prof. Monicque M. Lorist	
M.A., Experimental Psychology, CUNY-Brooklyn College, New York, USA	2015
Dissertation: Perceptual grouping by orientation coherence	
Supervisor: Dr. Daniel D. Kurylo	
B.A., Psychology, Ankara University, Ankara, TR	2011
Dissertation: Differences between voluntary and involuntary autobiographical memories	

Supervisor: Prof. Nurhan Er

PUBLICATIONS

Student trainees are underlined * indicates shared first authorship

Preprints and submitted papers

Akyürek, E. G., Altınok, A., & Karabay, A. Concurrent consumption of cocoa flavanols and 2024 caffeine does not acutely modulate working memory and attention.

Chen, I. *, Buchel, P. *, Karabay, A., van der Mijn, R., Mathôt, S., & Akyürek, E. G. Concealed 2023 information detection in rapid serial visual presentation with oculomotor measures. https://doi.org/10.31234/osf.io/rtvu6 Karabay, A., Wolff, M. J., Ruuskanen, V., & Akvürek, E. Behaviorally irrelevant feature matching 2023 increases neural and behavioral working memory readout: Support for activity-silent working memory. https://doi.org/10.1101/2023.09.12.557327 **Karabay, A.*,** Nijenkamp, R.*, Sarampalis, A., & Fougnie, D. Introducing ART: a new method of 2023 testing auditory memory with circular reproduction tasks. Kandemir, G.*, Wolff, M. I.*, Karabay, A., Stokes, M. G., Axmacher, N., & Akyürek, E. G. Concurrent 2022 maintenance of both veridical and transformed working memory representations. https://doi.org/10.1101/2022.10.28.514218 Wang, S., **Karabay**, A., & Akyürek, E. G. Which visual working memory model accounts best for 2022 target representation in the attentional blink? https://doi.org/10.1101/2022.09.15.508098 Fougnie, D. L., **Karabay, A.,** Alvarez, G., & Brady, T. F. If at first you don't succeed, try, try again: 2022 reveal Second chances more information working in memory. https://doi.org/10.31234/osf.io/evqtn **Iournal articles** Wang, S., Karabay, A., & Akyürek, E. G. Attentional blur and blink: Effects of adaptive attentional 2024 scaling on visual awareness. Consciousness and Cognition, 117(3), 1-15. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.concog.2023.103627 Altınok, A., **Karabay, A.**, Balta, G. de Jonge, J., & Akyürek, E.G. Effects of gamma-aminobutyric acid 2023 on working memory and attention: A randomized, double-blinded, placebo-controlled, crossover trial. **Journal** of Psychopharmacology, 37(6), 554-565. https://doi.org/10.1177/02698811231161579 Chen, I. Y., **Karabay, A.**, Mathôt, S., Bowman, H., & Akyürek, E. G. Concealed identity information detection with pupillometry in rapid serial visual presentation. *Psychophysiology*, 60(1). 1-14. https://doi.org/10.1111/psvp.14155 Altınok, A., Karabay, A., & Akyürek, E. G. Acute effects of cocoa flavanols on visual working 2022 memory: Maintenance and updating. European Journal of Nutrition, 61(3), 1665–1678. https://doi.org/10.1007/s00394-021-02767-x Karabay, A., Wilhelm, S. A., de Jonge, J., Wang, J., Martens, S., & Akyürek, E. G. Two faces of 2022 perceptual awareness during the attentional blink: Gradual and discrete. Journal of Experimental psychology: General, 151(7), 1520-1541. https://doi.org/10.1037/xge0001156 Karatas, O., Karabay, A., & Alıcı, T. The effects of long-term cocoa flavanols intake on cognitive 2022 functions and mood, and the physiological mechanisms underlying these effects: A literature review. Turkish **Psychological** Articles, *25*(49). 1-26. https://doi.org/10.31828/tpv1301996120211203m000043 **Karabay, A.,** & Kurylo, D. D. Discriminating global orientation of two element sets. *Journal of* 2020 Cognition, 3(1), 1-13. https://doi.org/10.5334/joc.127 Karabay, A., & Akyürek, E. G. Temporal integration and attentional selection of color and 2019 contrast target pairs in rapid serial visual presentation. Acta Psychologica, 196, 56-69. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.actpsv.2019.04.002 Karabay, A., Saija, J. D., Field, D. T., & Akyürek, E. G. The acute effects of cocoa flavanols on 2018 temporal and spatial attention. Psychopharmacology, 235(5), 1497-1511. https://doi.org/10.1007/s00213-018-4861-4 Karabay, A., & Akyürek, E. G. The effects of Kanizsa contours on temporal integration and attention in rapid serial visual presentation. Attention, Perception, & Psychophysics, 79(6), 1742-1754. https://doi.org/10.3758/s13414-017-1333-6

Book chapters

Karabay, A. Duyum ve algı (Sensation and Perception). In . G. ZEREN (Eds.), Fizyolojik Psikoloji 2022 (Physiological Psychology) (pp. 203–233). Eğiten Kitap. Ankara, Turkey.

Cotton, R. (2013). Learning R (Sünbül, Ö., Sünbül, S. Ö., & Karabay, A., Trans). Pegem Press. 2021 İstanbul, Turkev.

PRESENTATIONS

Talks

Invited talks

Karabay, A. Taking a snapshot of the brain: Visual impulse reveals (non)persistent neural 08/2022 activity by perturbation and increasing signal-noise ratio. CCN meeting, Ghent University in Gent, Belgium.

Conference talks

Chen, I., Mathôt, S., van der Mijn, R., Karabay, A., Bowman, H., & Akyürek, E. Concealed familiar 09/2023 face detection with EEG in rapid serial visual presentation. 23rd Conference of the European Society for Cognitive Psychology (ESCoP) in Porto, Portugal.

Wang, S., Karabay, A., & Akyürek, E. G. Attentional blur and blink: Effects of adaptive attentional scaling on visual awareness. 23rd Conference of the European Society for Cognitive Psychology (ESCoP) in Porto, Portugal.

09/2023

Akyürek, E. G., Kandemir, G., Wolff, M., Karabay, A., & Wilhelm, S. Probing latent working memory representations in EEG. 22st Conference of the European Society for Cognitive Psychology (ESCoP) in Lille, France.

08/2022

Chen, I., Buchel, P., Karabay, A., Mathôt, S., & Akyürek, E. G. Concealed familiar face detection with pupillometry in rapid serial visual presentation. 22st Conference of the European Society for Cognitive Psychology (ESCoP) in Lille, France.

08/2022

Wang, S., Karabay, A., & Akyürek, E. G. Which working memory model accounts best for target representation during the attentional blink? 22st Conference of the European Society for Cognitive Psychology (ESCoP) in Lille. France.

08/2022

Karabay, A., Wolff, M. J., Ruuskanen, V., & Akyürek, E. G. A visual impulse reveals memoranda embedded in functional connectivity: Evidence for activity-silent WM states. Symposium Interactions between sensory representations and cognitive control in working memory at the International Conference of Cognitive Neuroscience 2020 in Helsinki, Finland.

05/2022

Karabay, A., Wang, J., Wilhelm, S., Martens, S., & Akyürek, E. G. Two faces of the attentional blink: Gradual and discrete loss of perceptual awareness. 17th NVP Winter Conference in Egmond, the Netherlands.

12/2019

Karabay, A., Wang, J., Martens, S., & Akyürek, E. G. The attentional blink: Binary or gradual? 21st Conference of the European Society for Cognitive Psychology (ESCoP) in Tenerife, Spain.

09/2019

Kandemir, G., Karabay, A., & Akyürek, E. G. Decoding sensory and abstract information from activity silent brain states. 21st Conference of the European Society for Cognitive Psychology (ESCoP) in Tenerife, Spain.

09/2019

Karabay, A., Saija J., Field, D. T., & Akyürek, E.G. The acute effects of cocoa flavanols on temporal and spatial attention. The winter conference 2017 of De Nederlandse Vereniging voor Psychonomie in Egmond, the Netherlands.

12/2017

Er N., Karabay, A., Kaynar, G., Uysal, M. M., & Boyraz, F. U. Istemli & istemsiz otobiyografik anilarda yaşa bağli değişimler (Variations of voluntary and involuntary autobiographical memories depending on age). The 17th National Psychology Congress in Istanbul, Turkey.

05/2012

Karabay, A., & Cakmak, M.A. Engellenme karsısında verilen tepkiler ile kisilik tiplerinin ve yükleme çeşitlerinin ilişkisi (The relationship between frustration responses, personality types,

12/2009

and attribution). The 14th Ulusal Psikoloji Ogrencileri Kongresi (14th National Conference of Psychology Students) in Istanbul, Turkey.

Posters

Chen, I., Mathôt, S., van der Mijn, R., Karabay, A., Bowman, H., & Akyürek, E. Concealed familiar face detection with EEG in rapid serial visual presentation. <i>the 45th European Conference on Visual Perception (ECVP)</i> in Paphos, Cyprus.	08/2023
Fougnie, D., Karabay, A., Nijenkamp, R., & Sarampalis, A. Introducing ART: a new method of testing auditory memory with circular reproduction tasks. <i>The Vision Sciences Society Meeting 2023</i> in Florida, USA.	05/2023
Chen, I., Karabay, A., Mathôt, S., Buchel, P., van der Mijn, R., Bowman, H., & Akyürek, E. Concealed familiar face detection with oculomotor measures and EEG in rapid serial visual presentation. <i>The Vision Sciences Society Meeting 2023</i> in Florida, USA.	05/2023
Karabay, A. , Kandemir, G., <u>Kovács, E.R.</u> , & Akyürek, E.G. Pinging attentional task rules: Neural mechanisms underlying attending and suppressing in visual search tasks. <i>The 22st Conference of the European Society for Cognitive Psychology (ESCoP)</i> in Lille, France.	08/2022
Altınok, A., Karabay, A. , Lorist, M. M., Weiden, D., & Akyürek, E.G. The acute effects of caffeine and cocoa flavanols on working memory and attention. <i>The 22st Conference of the European Society for Cognitive Psychology (ESCoP)</i> in Lille, France.	08/2022
Chen, I., <u>Buchel, P.,</u> Karabay, A., Mathôt, S., Bowman, H., & Akyürek, E. G. Concealed information detection with pupillometry in rapid serial visual presentation. <i>The International Conference of Cognitive Neuroscience 2020</i> in Helsinki, Finland.	05/2022
Karabay, A., Wolff, M. J., <u>Ruuskanen, V.,</u> & Akyürek, E. G. Visual impulse perturbation: Neural sonar or just noise-reducer? <i>The 18th NVP Winter Conference</i> in Egmond, the Netherlands.	04/2022
Chen, I., Karabay , A. , Mathôt, S., Bowman, H., & Akyürek, E. G. Concealed identity information detection with pupillometry in rapid serial visual presentation. <i>The 18th NVP Winter Conference</i> in Egmond, the Netherlands.	04/2022
<u>Wang, S.,</u> Karabay, A., & Akyürek, E. G. (2022, April). Which working memory model accounts best for target representation in the attentional blink? <i>The 18th NVP Winter Conference</i> in Egmond, the Netherlands.	04/2022
Altınok, A., Balta, G., Karabay, A., & Akyürek, E. G. The effects of gamma-aminobutyric acid (GABA) on working memory and attention. <i>The 18th NVP Winter Conference</i> in Egmond, the Netherlands.	04/2022
Kandemir, G., Karabay, A., & Akyürek, E. G. Seeing double? Activity-silent maintenance of mental rotation products and their originals. <i>The 17th NVP Winter Conference</i> in Egmond, the Netherlands.	12/2019
Altınok, A., Karabay, A. , & Akyürek, E. G. The acute effects of cocoa flavanols on visual working memory. <i>The 21st Conference of the European Society for Cognitive Psychology (ESCoP)</i> in Tenerife, Spain.	09/2019
Kandemir, G., Karabay, A., & Akyürek, E. G. Decoding visual working memory before and after mental operations. <i>The BCN Winter Meeting</i> in Twente, the Netherlands.	02/2019
Karabay, A., & Akyürek, E. G. Target color and contrast influences temporal attention in rapid serial visual presentation. <i>The International meeting of the Psychonomics Society in Amsterdam</i> , Netherlands; <i>the 40th European Conference on Visual Perception (ECVP)</i> in Berlin, Germany.	08/2017
Karabay, A., & Akyürek, E. G. Kanizsa effects on temporal integration and attention. <i>The Heymans Symposium</i> in Groningen, the Netherlands.	04/2017
Karabay, A., & Kurylo, D.D. Perceptual grouping by orientation coherence. <i>The Science Day, Brooklyn College</i> in New York, USA.	05/2015

Er, N., **Karabay, A.**, Kaynar, G., Uysal, M. M., & Boyraz, F. U. Autobiography of aging mind: agerelated effects on voluntary and involuntary autobiographical memories. *The IX International Cognitive Neuroscience Meeting* in Istanbul, Turkey.

SUPERVISED MASTER THESES

Ruuskanen, V. *Investigating the functionality of visual impulses in decoding working memory using* 2022 *matching and non-matching impulse stimuli.* University of Groningen, the Netherlands.

Bapoğlu, O. A. *Pinging individual features of multi-feature objects: an EEG study.* University of Coningen, the Netherlands.

RELEVANT SKILLS

Technical skills: JASP (advanced); SPSS (advanced); R (advanced); Matlab (moderate/advanced); Python (moderate/advanced); OpenSesame (advanced); E-prime (advanced); MS Office (advanced); Memory modeling; EEG; Multivariate Pattern Analysis; GitHub; Classification; WordPress

Language skills: Turkish (*native*); English (*professional*); Dutch (*beginner*)

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

YLSY Fellowship from Ministry of National Education, Turkey. Complete coverage of tuition, 2011–2019 stipend, and partial coverage of research costs for masters and Ph.D. degrees (**200.000\$**).

AWARDS

Open research award for the study 'Concealed familiar face detection with pupillometry in rapid serial visual presentation', by Open Science Programme, University of Groningen, Groningen, the Netherlands.

Best poster presentation award in Searching for the Working Memory Engram workshop with the presentation 'A visual impulse reveals memoranda embedded in functional connectivity: Evidence for activity-silent WM states', Groningen, the Netherlands.

ORGANIZED WORKSHOP & SEMINARS

Searching for the Working Memory Engram, University of Groningen, the Netherlands. 05/2022 Organized an international hybrid workshop with prof. Elkan G. Akyürek.

Introduction to Python/OpenSesame, Leibniz Institute for Psychology, Germany. 08/2020 Worked as a tutor for the workshop by dr. Sebastiaan Mathôt. Topics: Introduction to Python/Numerical Python, Introduction to OpenSesame, Advanced numerical Python, Building online experiment, Collecting data, Analyzing with Python.

Mindwise Science Communication Workshop, University of Groningen, the Netherlands. 2019; 2020 Organized a workshop with Mindwise Science Communication PhD Committee.

ORGANIZATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Ph.d. and postdoc representative, Department of Experimental Psychology, University of 2021–2022 Groningen, the Netherlands.

Mind-wise science communication Ph.D. committee member, University of Groningen, the 2018–2021 Netherlands.

Psychology Ph.D. council member, University of Groningen, the Netherlands. 2016–2019

SELECTED CERTIFICATES

Teaching and mentoring in academic learning communities, Teaching Unit Psychology of 2018 University of Groningen, Groningen, the Netherlands.

Multivariate pattern analyses (MVPA) in EEG/MEG, Experimenteel-Psychologische 2018 Onderzoekschool, Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

Autumn school: Attention, Experimenteel-Psychologische Onderzoekschool, Amsterdam, the 2018 Netherlands.