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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Broad: Language acquisition, (experimental) semantics and pragmatics.

Specific: Disjunction, conditionals, ellipsis, and modality.

EDUCATION

Middle East Technical University

PhD in English Language Teaching (Language Studies Track)

Ankara, Turkey

Sept. 2025 – Present

Middle East Technical University

M.A. in English Language Teaching with a focus on Linguistics

Ankara, Turkey

Sept. 2022 – April 2025

- Thesis: Interpretation of Disjunction in Turkish-speaking Children
- CGPA: 3.93 / 4.00
- Committee: Duygu Özge Sarisoy (Supervisor), Martina Gračanin-Yüksek, Ömer Demirok
- Courses: Human Language Processing, Modern Theory of Grammar, The English Lexicon, Quantitative Methods in Language Research, Linguistic Analysis, Language Acquisition

Middle East Technical University

B.A. in Foreign Language Education with minors in Psychology

Ankara, Turkey

Sept. 2018 – June 2022

- CGPA: 3.96 / 4.00, Ranked 2nd out of 138 students
- Courses: Advanced Syntax, Introduction to Syntax, Current Issues in Linguistics, Foundations in Linguistics (I/II), Pragmatics and Language Teaching, Developmental Psychology

SUMMER & WINTER SCHOOLS

8th NYI Global Institute of Cultural, Cognitive, and Linguistic Studies

Online

Jan. 2024

5th Crete Summer School of Linguistics

Rethymnon, Crete

July 2023

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Language and Cognitive Development Laboratory, METU

Ankara, Turkey

Mar. 2023 – April 2025

Lab Manager

- Organizing meetings and weekly reading groups, managing volunteers.
- PI: Duygu Özge Sarisoy

Language and Cognitive Development Laboratory, METU

Ankara, Turkey

Dec. 2020 – June 2022

Research Assistant

- Assisted in TÜBİTAK project “Processing, development, and semantic modeling of conditional structures in Turkish” (Project No: 218K184).
- Collected and analyzed data, recruited participants, and helped design experimental materials.
- PI: Duygu Özge Sarisoy

PUBLICATIONS

Us, Enes, & Sarisoy, Duygu Özge. (under revision). *Morphological access to alternatives fails to boost scalar implicatures: Interpretation of disjunction in Turkish-speaking children.*

Us, Enes. (2025). *Verb-Stranding VP Ellipsis in Turkish.* In *Proceedings of the 18th Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics (WAFL18)*, MIT Working Papers in Linguistics.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Us, Enes and Duygu Özge Sarısoy. Morphological access to alternatives fails to boost scalar implicatures: Interpretation of disjunction in Turkish-speaking children. Poster at the *Boston University Conference on Language Development (BUCLD 50)*, Boston University (Online), 6-9 November 2025.

Us, Enes and Duygu Özge Sarısoy. Revisiting Turkish X-marking: An Experimental Rating Study. Talk at the *Conditional Constructs Across World Languages*, INALCO, 29-31 October 2025.

Us, Enes and Duygu Özge Sarısoy. Ambiguity or Implicature: Interpretation of disjunction in Turkish-speaking children. Poster at the *The 11th Biennial Experimental Pragmatics Conference (XPRAG 2025)*, University of Cambridge, 17-19 September 2025.

Us, Enes. Verb-Stranding VP Ellipsis in Turkish. Talk at the *18th Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics (WAFL18/SICOGG26)*, Jeonbuk National University, August 22–24, 2024.

Us, Enes. Verb-Stranding VP Ellipsis in Turkish. Talk at the *Konstanz Linguistics Conference (KLC)*, University of Konstanz, March 21–22, 2024.

Us, Enes, Elif Yılmaz and Deniz Zeyrek-Bozşahin. Production of Conditionals in English and Turkish-speaking Children. Poster at the *10th International Symposium on Brain and Cognitive Science (ISBCS)*, Middle East Technical University, June 1, 2024.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

TOBB University of Economics and Technology

English Language Instructor

Ankara, Turkey

Sept. 2022 – Present

- Taught English as an academic language to different levels of students in English Language Preparatory Program.
- Offered academic writing and speaking courses to undergraduate-level students.

METU GVO School

Intern Teacher

Ankara, Turkey

Sept. 2021 – June 2022

- Observed and taught English classes at the secondary level.

AWARDS & GRANTS

Paula Menyuk Travel Award, Boston University Conference on Language Development (2025)

TÜBİTAK Graduate Student Scholarship (2023–2024).

TÜBİTAK Undergraduate Researcher Scholarship (2020–2021).

TEV (Turkish Education Foundation) METU Scholarship (2018–2022).

SERVICE

METU Workshop on Conditional and Causal Reasoning (METU–WCCR)

Organizing Committee Member

Muğla, Turkey

2022 – Mar. 2023

SKILLS

Languages: Turkish (Native), English (Proficient), German (Beginner, *Deutsches Sprachdiplom Stufe I*)

Programming & Experimental Design: R, CHILDES, PCIBex, L^AT_EX