Onur Keleş

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Interested in language acquisition, psycholinguistics, and sign languages.

*References available upon request

Education

Boğaziçi University	**Istanbul, Turkey**
BA, Foreign Language Education, *Current GPA: 4.0*	Sep 2017 - Jun 2021
Beylikdüzü Cahit Zarifoğlu Anatolian High School	**Istanbul, Turkey**
High School Valedictorian, Foreign Languages, *GPA: 93.97*	Sep 2013 - Jun 2017

Research Experience

Codeswitch Software   **Istanbul, Turkey**
Research Intern   Jan 2021 - Present

- Writing reports on the acquisition of sign language structures.
- Preparing forms and surveys for the assessment of sign language vocabulary among deaf children.

Boğaziçi University, Psycholinguistics Research Lab   **Istanbul, Turkey**
Lab Member   Nov 2020 - Present

- Working on a project that investigates how individuals on the autism spectrum process sentences.

Boğaziçi University, Dept. of Linguistics   **Istanbul, Turkey**
Undergraduate Project Assistant   Jan 2019 - Jan 2021

- Lead two research projects in the Sign Language Lab, where I investigate age of acquisition effects on verbal fluency and narrative abilities of deaf adult signers in Turkish Sign Language.
- Helped graduate students annotate linguistic data using ELAN.

Boğaziçi University, Dept. of Foreign Language Education   **Istanbul, Turkey**
Undergraduate Departmental Assistant   Feb 2020 - June 2020

- Involved in the organization of the first BU Sociolinguistics Research Group Student Seminars.

Professional Experience

ENACT Communities, Languages, and Activities App   **Newcastle, England**
Co-production facilitator   March 2021 - Present

- Completed a 30-hour Virtual Learning, Teaching, and Training Activity organized by the ENACT project co-funded by the EU and hosted online by Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona.
- Facilitating language learning and intercultural interaction among individuals from different ethnic groups in co-production workshops in Istanbul.

FluentKid   **Istanbul, Turkey**
Co-founder & Head of Material Development   Dec 2020 - Present

– One of the co-founders of Fluentkid, an online English learning platform, where we offer one on one ESL lessons.

– Heading the material development team where I prepare ESL materials for different age groups.

Robert College   **Istanbul, Turkey**
Practice Teacher   Oct 2020 - Present

– Observing and student teaching 9th grade English classes three hours a week.

International American Academy of English   **Istanbul, Turkey**
English Teacher   Oct 2019 - Present

– Teaching English three hours a week to a group of senior high school students to assist them with their preparation for the university entrance exam (YDT).

Volunteer Work

Dil Atölyesi · Yıldız Technical University   **Istanbul, Turkey**
Director of the Science Department   Sep 2020 - Present

– Organizing research methodology workshops (teaching R, LaTeX, and bibliography managers) for undergraduate and graduate students in Istanbul.

English Teacher   Jun 2019 - Feb 2020

– Taught English twelve hours a week to a class of intermediate level undergraduate students.

Sesli Betimleme Derneği   **Istanbul, Turkey**
Audio Description Writer   Oct 2018 - Jun 2019

– Volunteered in Audio Description Association's project, Description Bank, and provided written descriptions of movie posters, characters, logos and emblems for the visually-impaired.

Publications

Gökgöz, K. & Keleş, O. (2020) Pragmatics: 6.4. Information Structure. In Meltem Kelepir (ed.), A Grammar of Turkish Sign Language (TİD). 1st edn. (SIGN-HUB Sign Language Grammar Series). (https://www.sign-hub.eu/grammar)

Papers under review and in progress

Keleş, O., Atmaca, F., & Gökgöz, K. *Age of Sign Language Acquisition Matters: Evidence from Verbal Fluency.* Manuscript in progress.

Keleş, O., Atmaca, F., & Gökgöz, K. *Age of Acquisition Effects on Reference Tracking in Signed Narratives.* Manuscript in progress.

Conference Presentations

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).

Keleş, O., Pekuzun, S., Bağban A. S., Cebeci, E., & Kaya, C. (May, 2021). *Culture as a Predictor for Emotion Word Choice* (Paper presentation). 14. Dilbilim Öğrenci Konferansı: Hacettepe University, Ankara, Turkey (Online Conference).

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).

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).

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).

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).

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.

Skills

Languages:	**Turkish:** native **English:** proficient **Spanish:** intermediate **Turkish Sign Language:** fieldwork & research
Software:	**R:** experience with tidyverse, magrittr, lme4, brms, and twitteR packages **LaTeX:** intermediate knowledge **Python:** rudimentary knowledge **ELAN:** experience with sign language annotation

Achievements

Awards:	TÜBİTAR Star Scholarship (∼ 4500 ₺)
Certificates:	"Digital Skills Certificate" issued by the ENACT Project (EU) "Anatomy: Neuroanatomy" issued by UMich "Fundamental Neuroscience for Neuroimaging" issued by JSU "The Data Scientist's Tool Box" and "R Programming" issued by JSU "Turkish Sign Language (120 hours)" issued by Ministry of Education "EF SET English Certificate (C2)" awarded by EF SET
Test Scores:	ALES (2021): 83/100, YDS (2019): 97.5/100, YÖKDİL (2018): 100/100