



# Özge Drama

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## Short Bio

I am interested in simulation, modeling, control, and optimization in the context of robotics. Currently, I am finalizing my Ph.D. on postural stability in bipedal robotic locomotion at the Max Planck Institute. Prior to my Ph.D., I worked as a research engineer on motor simulation and control at Maxon Motor AG. I received my M.Sc. in Robotics, Systems and Control at ETH Zurich and my B.Sc. in Mechatronics Engineering at Sabancı University, where I focused on control theory in connection to quadruped robot locomotion.

## Skills

### Languages

- Turkish: Native
- English: Advanced (TOEFL IBT:113)
- German: Level C1
- Japanese: Level A2.2

### Programming

- C++, Python
- CI/CD, docker, git, (c)make
- MATLAB, Simulink, LabVIEW
- SolidWorks, SolidCAM, AutoCAD
- Comsol Multiphysics
- Xilinx ISE, dSPACE
- SIMATIC Manager (PLC)

## Work Experience

- 2015-2017 **Research and Development Engineer** Sachseln, Switzerland  
Maxon Motor AG
- Modeling, simulation, and improvement of DC brush motors
  - Research on DC motor loss reduction
  - Scanning electron microscopy analysis of motor parts
  - Motor selection for customer projects

## Education

- 2017-2021 **Ph.D. candidate in Dynamic Locomotion Group** Stuttgart, Germany  
Max Planck Institute for Intelligent Systems  
Thesis: Control Mechanisms for Postural Stability and Trunk Motion in Bipedal Running: A Study for Humans, Avians, and Bipedal Robots
- 2017-2021 **IMPRS-IS Scholar** Stuttgart, Germany  
International Max Planck Research School for Intelligent Systems
- 2012-2015 **M.Sc. in Robotics, Systems and Control** Zurich, Switzerland  
ETH Zurich  
Thesis: Trajectory Optimization for Fall Recovery of a Quadruped Robot
- 2008-2012 **B.Sc. in Mechatronics Engineering** İstanbul Turkey  
Sabancı University with 100% Merit Scholarship  
Ranking: 4<sup>th</sup>/51  
Thesis: ZMP-based Trajectory Generation for a Quadruped Robot
- 2004-2008 **Bursa Anatolian High School** Bursa, Turkey

## Publications

### Journal Papers

- 2020 **Virtual point control for step-down perturbations and downhill slopes in bipedal running**  
Drama, Ö. and Badri-Spröwitz, A.  
Frontiers in Bioengineering and Biotechnology
- 2020 **Postural stability in human running with step-down perturbations: an experimental and numerical study**  
Drama, Ö., Vilemeyer J., Badri-Spröwitz, A., and Müller R.  
Royal Society Open Science
- 2020 **Trunk pitch oscillations for energy trade-offs in bipedal running birds and robots**  
Drama, Ö. and Badri-Spröwitz, A.  
Bioinspiration & Biomimetics

### Conference Papers

- 2019 **Trunk pitch oscillations for joint load redistribution in humans and humanoid robots**  
Drama, Ö. and Badri-Spröwitz, A.  
IEEE-RAS International Conference on Humanoid Robots
- 2011 **ZMP reference trajectory generation with preview control for a quadruped robot**  
Fidan K., Akbaş T., Eskimez E., Özel S., Adak K., Drama Ö., Konukoğlu M., Yılmaz G., and Erbatur K.  
Turkey Automation Conference

## Hobbies

- Ballet education: 6 years
- Piano education: 13 years
- Vocal training: 3 years

## Presentations and Abstracts

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| 2020 | VP above or below? A new perspective on the story of the virtual point<br>Drama Ö. and Badri-Sprowitz A.<br>Dynamic Walking Conference |
| 2018 | Impact of trunk orientation for dynamic bipedal locomotion<br>Drama Ö. and Badri-Sprowitz A.<br>Dynamic Walking Conference             |
| 2017 | Linking mechanics and learning<br>Heim S., Grimminger F., Drama Ö., and Badri-Sprowitz A.<br>Dynamic Walking Conference                |

## Practical Experience

### Internships

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| 2013<br>Sep– Feb | Robert Bosch GmbH<br>Schwieberdingen, Germany                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Implementation of a field oriented control mechanism for a permanent magnet synchronous machine in real-time</li><li>• Electromagnetic interference reduction using spread spectrum technique</li></ul> |
| 2011<br>Jun–Sep  | DMS (Digitale Mess- und Steuersysteme) AG<br>Stuttgart, Germany | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Design of an air ventilation and heating/cooling system for industrial building automation.</li></ul>   |
| 2010<br>Aug–Sep  | Figes A.Ş.<br>Bursa, Turkey                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Physical modeling of multidomain systems and control design acceleration using Simulink and Simscape</li></ul>  |
| 2010<br>Jun–Aug  | Bosch San. ve Tic. A.Ş.<br>Bursa, Turkey                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Design of an obliqueness measurer for valve body of HDEV series fuel injector using Autodesk Inventor</li></ul>   |

### Summer schools

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| 2020 | MEMMO: Memory of motion summer school | Virtual                          |
| 2017 | PhD summer school on learning systems | ETH Zurich, Switzerland          |
| 2015 | Robotics summer school                | Tohoku University, Sendai, Japan |

### Seminars

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| 2018-2021 | IMPRS-IS soft skill seminars<br>Stuttgart, Germany   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Intercultural communication</li><li>• Poster design and presentation</li><li>• Voice &amp; language: How to communicate more easily and effectively</li><li>• Media training: Science communication</li><li>• Leadership training</li></ul> |
| 2016      | Embedded control and monitoring using LabVIEW<br>National Instruments  | Switzerland   |
| 2015      | Foundations and applications of small electrical motors<br>WDI Wissensforum, Technical University of Ilmenau | Germany   |
| 2011-2012 | Proficiency in mechatronics education<br>FESTO and Boğaziçi University                                       | İstanbul, Turkey  |
| 2009      | IMES AutoCAD education   | Bursa, Turkey   |