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Employment

2024–	**Substitute professor (Vertretungsprofessor)** Universität Stuttgart
2021–2024	**Postdoctoral researcher** Universität Konstanz Project: MECORE: Cross-linguistic investigation of meaning-driven combinatorial restrictions in clausal embedding

Education

2014–2021	**PhD in Linguistics** University of Massachusetts, Amherst
2011–2014	**MA in Cognitive Science** ("Cogmaster") École Normale Supérieure, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris V **Diplôme de l'École Normale Supérieure** École Normale Supérieure, Department of Cognitive Science
2012–2013	**Visiting graduate student** UCLA Linguistics
2010–2011	**BA in Philosophy** Paris West University, Nanterre La Défense
2008–2010	**Classes Préparatoires aux Grandes Écoles** ("khâgne hypokhâgne") Lycée Condorcet, Paris

Summer schools
– CreteLing 1 & 2, Rethymnon
– ESSLLI 28, Bolzano
– SPIRIT summer school on complex clauses, Göttingen
– African Linguistics School 4, Yamoussoukro
– Languages and Linguistics of the Mediterranean, Cagliari
– NYI 2015, Saint Petersburg

Writing

Papers

in prep	A causal explanation for the contrafactive gap With Tom Roberts Submitted to *Linguistics & Philosophy*
	Clauses can be modifiers, or arguments: Evidence from alternations in factivity and answer-orientedness in Turkish and Japanese With Wataru Uegaki Submitted to *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*

When can non-veridical preferential predicates take questions?
With Ciyang Qing, Floris Roelofsen, Wataru Uegaki & Maribel Romero
Submitted to *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*

Operationalizing focus-sensitivity in a cross-linguistic context
With Ciyang Qing, Floris Roelofsen, Wataru Uegaki & Maribel Romero
Submitted to *Natural Language Semantics*

2025   How context and focus modulate form-meaning mismatches in speech reports
Proceedings of WCCFL 41
With Ciyang Qing Floris Roelofsen, Maribel Romero, & Wataru Uegaki.

2023   Two question-embedding strategies and answer-orientedness
Proceedings of SALT 33
With Wataru Uegaki

On the prosodic exponence of universal quantification in Turkish relative clauses
Languages special issue *Theoretical Studies on Turkic Languages*
With Ömer Demirok

A Crosslinguistic Database for Combinatorial and Semantic Properties of Attitude Predicates
Proceedings of the ACL Special Interest Group on Typology (SIGTYP)
With Ciyang Qing, Floris Roelofsen, Wataru Uegaki & Maribel Romero.

2022   Event plurality and quantifier scope across clause boundaries
Proceedings of SALT 32
With Morwenna Hoeks Jonathan Pesetsky & Tom Roberts

Why neg-raising requires stativity.
In *Proceedings of the 23rd Amsterdam Colloquium.*
With Paloma Jeretič

Range in the use and realization of BIN in African American English.
Language & Speech
First authors: Green, Lisa, Kristine Yu, Anissa Neal, Ayana Whitmal, Tamira Powe

2020   Should I move for focus and contrastive topic.
Comments on "Focus and Contrastive Topic in Questions and Answers, with Particular Reference to Turkish" (Kamali & Krifka) in *Theoretical Linguistics.*

Anissa Neal, Ayanna Whitmal, Lisa Green, Kristine Yu & Deniz Özyıldız. Investigation of the Effect of Contextual Factors on BIN Production in AAE. In *University of Pennsylvania Working Papers in Linguistics*: Vol. 26.

2019   Deniz Özyıldız. Potential answer readings expected, missing. In Paloma Jeretič & Yağmur Sağ (eds.), *Proceedings of the 4th workshop on Turkic and languages in contact with Turkic.*

Ömer Demirok, Deniz Özyıldız & Balkız Öztürk. Complementizers with attitude. In Maggie Baird & Jonathan Pesetsky (eds.), *Proceedings of the North East Linguistics Society 49.*

2018   Deniz Özyıldız, Travis Major & Emar Maier. Communicative reception reports as hearsay: Evidence from indexical shift in Turkish. In Richard Stockwell et al. (eds.), *Proceedings of the 36th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics.* Cascadilla Proceedings Project.

Deniz Özyıldız. Not all Turkish possessors are anti-subject oriented. In Theodore Levin & Ryo Masuda, *Proceedings of the 10th Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics.* MIT Working Papers in Linguistics.

2017   Deniz Özyıldız. Attitude reports with and without true belief. In Dan Burgdorf et al. (eds.), *Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory 27.*

Deniz Özyıldız & Rodica Ivan. The Somali Microscope: Personal Pronouns, Determiners and Possession. In Vera Hohaus & Wanda Rohde (eds.), *Proceedings of TripleA 3.* Univer-

sity of Tübingen.

Rodica Ivan & Deniz Özyıldız. The temporal presuppositions of Somali definite determiners. In Robert Truswell et al. (eds.), *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 21*.

2016 Deniz Özyıldız. Knowledge reports without truth. In Marisa Köllner & Ramon Ziai (eds.), *Proceedings of the ESSLLI 2016 student session.*

Kristine Yu & Deniz Özyıldız. The absolutive particle *ia* in Samoan. In Emily Clem et al. (eds.) *Proceedings of the 42nd annual meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society.*

Book chapters

2023 Quantifiers.
Encyclopedia of Turkic Languages and Linguistics, Brill

2017 Quantification in Turkish.
Handbook of Quantifiers in Natural Language: Volume II, Springer

Manuscripts

2018 Unique proportions
Rejected from Snippets

2015 Move to mI, but only if you can
Submitted to *Proceedings of the 11th Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics*

2012 When I is not me: A preliminary study of shifted indexicals in Turkish.

Generals papers and theses

2021 The event structure of attitudes
PhD thesis

2017 Factivity and prosody in Turkish attitude reports
Second generals paper
Knowledge reports with and without true belief
First generals paper

2014 Online data collection for the study of shifted indexicals in Turkish
MA thesis

Presentations

Invited

2025 Title TBA
BerlinBrnoVienna student conference

Title TBA
MorphoSynSem colloquium, Universität Potsdam

On embedded clauses as modifiers
Semantics Group, NYU

De *diye*
10th Workshop on Turkic and Languages in Contact with Turkic (Tu+ 10), USC

A causal explanation for the contrafactive gap
Workshop on How we do (not) talk about mistaken beliefs, Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf
with Tom Roberts

2024 Composing with clauses, from the perspective of Turkish

Theoretical Linguistics Colloquium, Universität Wien

Complement clauses in Turkish: How much *say*ing is necessary?
IMMAGES workshop, Tübingen

Descriptions of mental states and events
Complement Clauses Côte d'Azur speaker series

Descriptions of mental states and events
Newcastle Linguistics Seminar Series

Aspect shapes the meaning of attitude reports.
Workshop on the (De-)composition and modification of attitude predicates at the DGfS Annual Meeting, Bochum.

2023   Stative and eventive attitude reports.
Working on Language in the Field lab, Harvard

Stative and eventive attitude reports
Bochum Language Colloquium

Composing with clauses, in Turkish and beyond
Meaning and Grammar Reading Group, University of Edinburgh

Thoughts
Linguistics Circle, University of Edinburgh

Bad attitudes: Impossible meanings and the false belief gap
Meaning Language and Cognition Seminar, Universiteit van Amsterdam
with Tom Roberts

2022   Embedded questions and aspect
Universität Konstanz Colloquium

2021   Question embedding, neg-raising, and lexical aspect
MECORE kickoff workshop, online

2020   Biliefs
Rutgers colloquium

2019   Embedded clauses in Turkish: Different paths to composition.
Relativization, Nominalization, Complementation workshop, University of Toronto

2018   Unselected questions
Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics 14, MIT

2017   Factivity and prosody in Turkish attitude reports
MIT Ling lunch

Knowledge reports without true belief
NYU Semantics Group

Abstract reviewed talks

2025   Ciyang Qing, Deniz Özyıldız, Maribel Romero & Wataru Uegaki. *Wondering hopefully/fearfully*: How do desires and inquisitive attitudes interact? SALT 35. May 20–22. Harvard.

2024   Travis Major & Deniz Özyıldız. Bare clauses in Turkish are syntactic complements. Tu+9. Mar. 23–24, Cornell.

Kajsa Djärv & Deniz Özyıldız. Worries. Workshop on the (De-)composition and modification of attitude predicates at the DGfS Annual Meeting. Feb. 28–Mar. 1, Bochum.

2023   Deniz Özyıldız & Tom Roberts. Bad attitudes: Impossible presuppositions and the false belief gap. Fourteenth International Tbilisi Symposium on Logic, Language and Computation. Sept. 18–22, Telavi.

Deniz Özyıldız & Tom Roberts. Bad attitudes: Impossible presuppositions and the false

belief gap. SuB 28. Ruhr Universität Bochum. Sept. 6–8, 2023.

Deniz Özyıldız & Wataru Uegaki. Two kinds of question-embedding strategies & veridicality alternations. SALT 33. May 12–14 2023, Yale.

2023   Deniz Özyıldız, Ciyang Qing, Floris Roelofsen, Wataru Uegaki & Maribel Romero. A Crosslinguistic Database for Combinatorial and Semantic Properties of Attitude Predicates. ACL Special Interest Group on Typology (SIGTYP) workshop. May 6 2023, Dubrovnik, Croatia (presented online).

2023   Paloma Jeretič & Deniz Özyıldız. Perfectivity disrupts neg-raising. NELS 53. Jan. 12–14, Göttingen.

2022   Paloma Jeretič & Deniz Özyıldız. Why neg-raising requires stativity. The 23rd Amsterdam Colloquium. Dec. 19–21, UvA.

Deniz Özyıldız, Ciyang Qing, Floris Roelofsen, Maribel Romero & Wataru Uegaki. Crosslinguistic patterns in the selectional restrictions of preferential predicates. GLOW 45. Apr. 26–29 2022, QMUL.

Morwenna Hoeks, Deniz Özyıldız, Jonathan Pesetsky & Tom Roberts. Event plurality and quantifier scope across clause boundaries. SALT 32. June 8–10 2022, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México & El Colegio de México.

2020   Deniz Özyıldız. Embedded clauses in Turkish: Both argumenthood and modification are paths to composition. LSA Annual Meeting. Jan. 2–5 2020, New Orleans.

2019   Lisa Green, Kristine Yu, Ayana Whitmal, Anissa Neal, Alejna Brugos, Deniz Özyıldız. The prosody and meaning of BIN constructions in African American English. New Ways of Analyzing Variation 48. Oct. 10–12 2019, University of Oregon.

Deniz Özyıldız. Two questions about embedded questions. Workshop on Turkic and languages in contact with Turkic 4. Feb. 16–17, NYU & Rutgers.

Deniz Özyıldız. Describing and accounting for a 'prosodic factivity alternation' in Turkish. Experimental and Theoretical Advances in Prosody 4. Oct. 11–13 2018, UMass Amherst.

Deniz Özyıldız, Travis Major & Emar Maier. Communicative reception reports as hearsay: Evidence from indexical shift in Turkish. West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics 36. Apr. 20–22 2018, UCLA.

Deniz Özyıldız. Overt Quantifier Raising derives factivity and its prosody. Penn Linguistics Conference 42. Mar. 23–35 2018, UPenn.

2017   Deniz Özyıldız. Factivity and prosody in Turkish attitude reports. Workshop on Turkish, Turkic, and the languages of Turkey 3. Nov. 18–19 2017, UCLA & USC.

Deniz Özyıldız. Knowledge reports without true belief. Semantics and Linguistic Theory 27. May 11–14 2017, University of Maryland.

2016   Deniz Özyıldız. Knowledge reports with(out) true belief. Workshop on Turkish, Turkic and the languages of Turkey 2. Nov. 18–20 2016, Indiana University Bloomington.

Deniz Özyıldız. Knowledge reports without truth. ESSLLI 28 Student Session, Aug. 18 2016, Bolzano.

Rodica Ivan & Deniz Özyıldız. The temporal presuppositions of Somali definite determiners. Definiteness across languages. June 22–24 2016, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México & El Colegio de México.

Deniz Özyıldız & Rodica Ivan. Pronouns under the Somali Microscope. The Semantics of African, Asian and Austronesian Languages 3. July 6–8 2016, Tübingen.

Rodica Ivan & Deniz Özyıldız. The Temporal Presuppositions of Somali Definite Determiners. The Semantics of African, Asian and Austronesian Languages 3. July 6–8 2016, Tübingen.

Deniz Özyıldız & Rodica Ivan. The Somali microscope: Personal pronouns, determiners, possession. Annual Conference on African Linguistics 47. Mar. 23–26 2016, UC Berkeley.

Kristine Yu & Deniz Özyıldız. Emergence of tonal absolutive case marking in Samoan. Berkeley Linguistics Society 42. February 5–7 2016, UC Berkeley.

2015   Deniz Özyıldız. Move to mI, but only if you can. Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics 11. June 4–6 2015, University of York.

Abstract reviewed posters

2023   Ciyang Qing, Deniz Özyıldız, Floris Roelofsen, Maribel Romero, & Wataru Uegaki. How context and focus modulate form-meaning mismatches in speech reports. WCCFL 41. May 5–7 2023, UC Santa Cruz (presented online).

2022   Morwenna Hoeks, Deniz Özyıldız, Jonathan Pesetsky & Tom Roberts. Event plurality and quantifier scope across clause boundaries. GLOW 45. Apr. 26–29 2022, QMUL.

2018   Ömer Demirok, Deniz Özyıldız & Balkız Öztürk. Complementizers in Laz are attitude sensitive. North East Linguistic Society 49. Oct. 5–7 2018, Cornell.

Deniz Özyıldız. A prosodic factivity alternation explained by clause movement. Semantics and Linguistic Theory 28, May 18–20 2018, MIT.

Kouneli, Maria & Deniz Özyıldız. Graded nominal tense in Kipsigis. Annual Conference on African Linguistics 49, Mar. 22–25 2018, Michigan State University.

2017   Deniz Özyıldız. Knowledge reports without true belief. Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics 13. May 25–28 2017, International Christian University, Tokyo.

2016   Deniz Özyıldız & Rodica Ivan. The Somali microscope: Personal pronouns, determiners, possession. Definiteness across Languages. June 22–24 2016, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México & El Colegio de México.

Deniz Özyıldız. *Say what: A Turkish word order restriction explained by prosody. Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics 12. May 13–15 2016, Central Connecticut State University.

2014   Deniz Özyıldız. Not all Turkish possessors are anti-subject oriented. Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics 10. May 2–4 2014, MIT.

Other presentations

2024   The MECORE database. MECORE closing workshop. June 19–21 2024, Konstanz.
With Ciyang Qing, Floris Roelofsen, Wataru Uegaki & Maribel Romero

When can non-veridical preferential attitude predicates take questions? MECORE closing workshop. June 19–21 2024, Konstanz.
With Ciyang Qing, Floris Roelofsen, Wataru Uegaki & Maribel Romero

2016   Deniz Özyıldız. Factivity alternates, at least in Turkish. East Coast 5. Apr. 16 2016, MIT.

Deniz Özyıldız. What can't you move to the right in Turkish, and why. Phonology in New England. Apr. 9 2016, NYU.

Deniz Özyıldız. Move to mI, but only if you can. East Coast 5. Apr. 11 2016, Harvard & MIT.

Deniz Özyıldız. A parallel OT analysis of exceptional stress in Turkish. Phonology in New England. Apr. 4 2016, Yale.

2014   Deniz Özyıldız. Online data collection for the study of shifted indexicals in Turkish. Southern New England Workshop on Semantics. Nov. 15 2014, UMass Amherst.

2012   Deniz Özyıldız. When I is not me: A preliminary account of shifted indexicvity in Turkish. California Universities Semantics and Pragmatics 5. Oct. 27–28 2012, UCSD.

Teaching

At Uni Stuttgart

SoSe 2025 Advanced semantics: Clausal subordination
Advanced semantics: Tense and aspect
Language Variation: The sounds and structures of English varieties

WiSe 2024 Advanced semantics: Attitude reports
Advanced semantics: Event semantics
Language and cognition: Introduction to psycholinguistics

At Uni Konstanz

WiSe 2023 Intonation and meaning
SoSe 2023 Semantics 1
Co-taught with Maribel Romero

At UMass

Spring 2021 Teaching Assistant for Ling 389 "Introduction to African American English"
Instructor: Lisa Green

Spring 2020 Teaching Assistant for Ling 101 "People and their language"
Instructor: Magda Oiry

Fall 2019 Grader for Ling 201 "Introduction to Linguistic Theory"
Instructor: Kimberly Johnson

Spring 2019 Primary instructor for Ling 201 "Introduction to Linguistic Theory"

Fall 2018 Research Assistant for Kristine Yu, work on AAE prosody

Spring 2018 Teaching Assistant for Ling 397S "Linguistics of Sign Language"
Instructor: Vincent Homer

Fall 2017 Teaching Assistant for Ling 510 "Introduction to Semantics"
Instructor: Peter Alrenga

Spring 2017 Teaching Assistant for Ling 201 "Introduction to Linguistic Theory"
Instructor: Troy Messick

Fall 2016 Teaching Assitant for Ling 101 "People and their language"
Instructor: John Kingston

2015–2016 Research Assistant for Kristine Yu (Fall & Spring), work on Samoan prosody

Elsewhere

2024 Intonation and meaning
35th European Summer School for Logic Language and Information
Co-taught with Kajsa Djärv
Leuven

Event semantics & Intonation and meaning
Eastern Generative Grammar 2024
Braşov

2023 Semantic properties and combinatorial restrictions of attitude predicates
Co-taught with Ciyang Qing
34th European Summer School for Logic Language and Information
University of Ljubljana

2017 & 2018 Teaching Assistant for "Introduction to Semantics"
Instructor: Rajesh Bhatt

The Crete Summer School of Linguistics
University of Crete, Rethymnon

Advising

At Uni Stuttgart

SoSe 2025   Raheleh Soltani
MA thesis topic: Resumptive pronouns in Farsi
Lea Schmidt (Uni Hohenheim)
MA thesis topic: Digital media in English Language Teaching
Doruk Işıldak
BA thesis topic: A nanosyntactic approach to Turkish derivational morphology

At Uni Konstanz

WiSe 2024   Katharina Mattes
MA thesis: "Staying north or going south? A diachronic perspective on the emerging
FOOT-STRUT-split in the West Midlands"
First advisor: Massimiliano Canzi

SoSe 2023   Leah Doroski
MA thesis: "Neg-raising: Intensity of the attitude"
First advisor: Maribel Romero

Service

Volumes Edited

2018   Faruk Akkuş, İsa Kerem Bayırlı & Deniz Özyıldız (eds.). Proceedings of the 1st Workshop
on Turkish, Turkic, and the languages of Turkey. UMass GLSA publications.

2015   Thuy Bui & Deniz Özyıldız (eds.). Proceedings of North East Linguistic Society 45. UMass
GLSA publications.

Ad-hoc reviews

Papers

2025   Semantics and Pragmatics, Linguistics and Philosophy, Cambridge Handbook of Natural
Language Modality, Glossa, Natural Language and Linguistic Theory, Journal of Linguistics

2024   Glossa, Dilbilim Araştırmaları Dergisi (Journal of Linguistics Research), Italian Journal of
Linguistics, Lingvisticæ Investigationes, Proceedings of Tu+ 9, Journal of Semantics, Natural Language Semantics, Oxford Handbook of Non-Canonical Questions, Semantics and
Pragmatics

2023   Natural Language Semantics, Topoi, Philosophical Studies

2022   Dil Dergisi, Snippets, Linguistic Inquiry, Linguistics & Philosophy, Symposium on Logic
and Algorithms in Computational Linguistics, Languages, Journal of Semantics

2021   Linguistics & Philosophy, Glossa, Proceedings of Tu+6

2020   The Linguistic Review, Theoretical Linguistics, Glossa

2019   Proceedings of the 4th Workshop on Turkic and languages in contact with Turkic, Glossa,
Journal of Semantics, Dilbilim Araştırmaları Dergisi (Journal of Linguistics Research)

2017   Proceedings of the 2nd Workshop on Turkish, Turkic, and the languages of Turkey

| 2015 | Journal of Asian and African Studies, Poznań Studies in Contemporary Linguistics |
| 2014–2015 | Lingua |

Abstracts

2025	ESSLLI 36
2024	SALT 34, AAA 11, 6th Boğaziçi Student Conference on Linguistics, ESSLLI 35, Amsterdam Colloquium 2024, Tu+ 10
2023	SuB 28, ESSLLI 34, WAFL 17, LSA 2024, DGfS 2024, GLOW in Asia XIV, NELS 54, Konstanz Linguistics Conference, Tu+9, DGfS
2022	ESSLLI 33, GLOW in Asia XIII, Theoretical Linguistics and Languages of the Caucasus 1, NELS 53, Amsterdam Colloquium 2022, Tu+8
2021	ESSLLI 32, Sensus 2, NELS 52, Tu+7
2020	NELS 51, SuB 25 (Workshop on the Semantics of Understudied Languages and linguistic Fieldwork), Web Summer School in Logic Language, and Information (WeSSLLI), Brussels Conference on Generative Linguistics, Tu+6
2019	AAA 6, ESSLLI 31, NELS 50, NaP, Tu+5, ConCALL-4
2018	WCCFL 36, ESSLLI 30, Tu+4
2017	LENLS14, ESSLLI 29, AAA4, ConCALL-3
2016	Tu+2, ConSOLE XXV
2015	ConSOLE XXIV

Organization

2025	The EGG
2024	MECORE closing workshop. Jun. 19–21, Konstanz (with Maribel Romero, Ciyang Qing, Floris Roelofsen & Wataru Uegaki)
2020	Sensus: Constructing meaning in Romance. Apr. 18–19 2020, UMass Amherst (with Ana Arregui, María Biezma, and Vincent Homer) [postponed to Sept. 26–27, 2020]
2018	Experimental and Theoretical Advances in Prosody 4. Oct. 11–13 2018, UMass Amherst (for Meghan Armstrong-Abrami, Mara Breen, Heather Pon-Barry, Kristine Yu)
	East Coast 5. Apr. 28, UMass Amherst (with Jyoti Iyer)
2016	NELS 47. Oct. 14–16, UMass Amherst (with Thuy Bui, Alexander Goebel, Rodica Ivan, Leland Kusmer, Jon Ander Mendia, Ethan Poole & Ekaterina Vostrikova)
2015	1st Workshop on Turkish, Turkic, and the languages of Turkey. Nov. 21–22, UMass Amherst (with Faruk Akkuş)
2012 & 2014	Member of the organization committee for the "Forum des Sciences Cognitives"
2013–2014	Treasurer of Fresco French federation of young researchers and students in cognitive science
2011–2012	Treasurer of Cognivence Parisian association for students in cognitive science

Languages

I'm a native speaker of Turkish and near-native in English and French. I can get by increasingly in German and Dutch, and decreasingly in Spanish and Italian. I've taken more than one term of Russian and ASL and can decipher Greek and Latin with the help of a dictionary. I've worked first hand on Akan, Somali, Yalálag Zapotec, and Haitian Creole, and in collaboration on Kipsigis, Laz, and Samoan.

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