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## Personal Information

Date of Birth 26 July 1976  
Citizenship Turkish

Place of Birth Ankara, Turkey  
Marital Status Married

## Education

- Sep 2010 **PhD**, *Cognitive Science, Middle East Technical University*, Ankara, Turkey.  
Dissertation Title: “Grammar and Information: A Study of Turkish Indefinites”  
Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Cem Bozşahin.
- Jan 2003 **MSc**, *Cognitive Science, Informatics Institute, Middle East Technical University*, Ankara, Turkey.  
Dissertation Title: “A Tune-Based Account of Turkish Information Structure”  
Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Cem Bozşahin.
- Jan 1999 **BSc**, *Chemical Engineering, Middle East Technical University*, Ankara, Turkey.  
Graduation Project Title: “Computer Aided Design of a Nitric Acid Distillation Column”.

## Academic and Professional Experience

- Jan 2016– **Assistant Professor**, *Cognitive Science Department, Informatics Institute, Middle East Technical University*, Ankara, Turkey.
- Sep 2015– **Instructor**, *Cognitive Science Department, Informatics Institute, Middle East Technical University*, Ankara, Turkey.  
Dec 2015
- Mar 2015– **Post-doctoral visitor**, *Cognitive Science Department, Informatics Institute, Middle East Technical University*, Ankara, Turkey.  
Aug 2015
- Apr 2014– **Post-doctoral researcher**, *Institute of German Language and Literature 1, University of Cologne*, Cologne, Germany.  
Feb 2015  
DFG Project: “Indefinites in Discourse”,  
PI: Prof. Dr. Klaus von Heusinger
- Jan 2013– **Post-doctoral visitor**, *Harvard University*, Cambridge, USA.  
Feb 2014  
Host: Prof. Dr. Jesse Snedeker
- Jun 2011– **Post-doctoral researcher**, *SFB 732: “Incremental Specification in Context”, Institute of General Linguistics, University of Stuttgart*, Stuttgart, Germany.  
Dec 2012  
Project C2: “Case and Referential Context”  
PI: Prof. Dr. Klaus von Heusinger
- Jan 2011– **Post-doctoral fellow**, *Department of Psychology, Harvard University*, Cambridge, USA.  
May 2011  
Host: Prof. Dr. Jesse Snedeker
- Sep 2010– **Instructor**, *Informatics Institute, Middle East Technical University*, Ankara, Turkey.  
Jan 2010  
COGS 515 Artificial Intelligence for Cognitive Science  
COGS 501 Linguistics and Formal Languages (co-taught)
- Oct 2007– **Visiting Post-graduate Student**, *Institute for Communicating and Collaborative Systems, University of Edinburgh*, Scotland, UK.  
Oct 2008  
Host: Prof. Dr. Mark Steedman
- Sep 2000– **Research & Teaching Assistant**, *Informatics Institute, Middle East Technical University*, Ankara, Turkey.  
Sep 2007  
METU Turkish Corpus Project ([www.ii.metu.edu.tr/~corpus](http://www.ii.metu.edu.tr/~corpus))  
METU-Sabancı Turkish Dependency Treebank Project ([www.ii.metu.edu.tr/~corpus/treebank/](http://www.ii.metu.edu.tr/~corpus/treebank/))  
Developed a corpus query workbench in Java, used by many Turkish linguists.  
TA for courses *Theoretical Linguistics, Linguistics and Formal Languages, Programming and Logic, Computational Linguistics*  
Co-taught *Programming and Logic*

Feb 1999– **Chemical Engineer**, *Güral Cam Art & Craft Glass Factory*, Kütahya, Turkey.  
Feb 2000 Combustion engineer, enterprise resource planning (BAAN).

## Research Interests

Logical/formal and empirical (corpus, experimental) approaches to natural language semantics and pragmatics (focusing on the semantics and pragmatics of nominal expressions, information structure, and its relation to intonation).

Computation of compositional semantics in the form of Discourse Representation Structures via Combinatory Categorical Grammar.

Combinatory Logic as a model of computation in cognition and language.

Foundations of natural language semantics (the tension and interaction between the principle of contextuality and the principle of compositionality).

## Publications

Özge, U., Özge, D., and von Heusinger K. (2016). Strong indefinites in Turkish: Salience structure and referential persistence. In A. Holler and Katja Suckow (eds.) *Empirical Perspectives on Anaphora Resolution*. Linguistische Arbeiten, de Gruyter.

Özge, U. (2014). Review of *Combinatory Linguistics* by Cem Bozsahin. *Dilbilim Araştırmaları Dergisi*, 2014/1, 103–111.

Özge, U. (ed.) (2013a). *Proceedings of the 8th Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics*. MIT Working Papers in Linguistics, Cambridge, MA.

Özge, U. (2013b). What does it mean for an indefinite to be presuppositional? In G. Bezhanishvili, S. Löbner, V. Marra, F. Richter (eds.) *Logic, Language, and Computation - 9th International Tbilisi Symposium on Logic, Language, and Computation, Tbilisi 2011*, pages 138–154. Revised Selected Papers. Lecture Notes in Computer Science 7758, Springer, Berlin.

Özge, U. (2013c). "Strong" Indefiniteness and Topicality. In E. Chemla, V. Homer, G. Winterstein (eds.) *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 17*, pages 399–408, published online at [semanticsarchive.net](http://semanticsarchive.net)

Özge, U. (2012). Notes on focus projection in Turkish. In É. Kincses-Nagy and Mónika Biacsi (eds.) *The Szeged Conference: The proceedings of the 15th International Conference on Turkish Linguistics*, pages 389–399, University of Szeged, Szeged, Hungary.

Özge, U. (2011). Turkish indefinites and accusative marking. In A. Simpson (ed.) *Proceedings of the 7th Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics, MITWPL #63*, pages 253–267. MITWPL, Cambridge, MA.

Özge, U. (2010). *Grammar and Information: A Study of Turkish Indefinites*. Ph.D. thesis, Middle East Technical University. URL: [etd.lib.metu.edu.tr/upload/12612641/index.pdf](http://etd.lib.metu.edu.tr/upload/12612641/index.pdf)

Özge, U. and Bozsahin, C. (2010). Intonation in the grammar of Turkish. *Lingua*, 120, 132–175.

Özge, U. (2009). Linear order, focus, and pronominal binding in Turkish. In S. Ay, O. Aydın, I. Ergenç, S. Gökmen, S. İşsever, and D. Peçenek (eds.) *Essays on Turkish Linguistics: Proceedings of the 14th International Conference on Turkish Linguistics*, pages 131–141, Harrasowitz Verlag, Wiesbaden.

Özge, U. (2006). Word order, prosody and information structure in Turkish. In S. Yağcıoğlu and A. C. Değer (eds.) *Advances in Turkish Linguistics: Proceedings of the 12th International Conference on Turkish Linguistics*, pages 25–35. Dokuz Eylül University Press, İzmir.

Özge, U. and Say, B. (2004). Development of a corpus workbench for the METU Turkish Corpus. In M. T. Lino, M. F. Xavier, F. Ferreira, R. Costa, and R. Silva, (eds.) *Proceedings of the 4th Language Resources and Evaluation Conference, Lizbon, Portugal*, pages 223–225.

Say, B., Zeyrek, D., Oflazer, K., and Özge, U. (2004). Development of a corpus and a treebank for present-day written Turkish. In K. İmer and G. Doğan (eds.) *Current Research in Turkish Linguistics: Proceedings*

of the 11th International Conference on Turkish Linguistics, pages 183–192. Eastern Mediterranean University Press, Gazimağusa.

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## Recent Conference & Workshop Presentations

Özge, U. and von Heusinger, K. (2017). Inferrable and partitive indefinites in topic position Paper presented at DGfS 2017, 8-10 March 2017, Saarland University.

Torregrossa, J., Özge, U. (2016). Varieties of D-linking: A view from Italian and Turkish. Poster in Going Romance 48, 8-10 December 2016, University of Frankfurt .

Özge, U. and von Heusinger, K. (2014). Two types of inferrable indefinites. Poster in RefNet Workshop on Psychological and Computational Models of Reference Comprehension and Production, Edinburgh, August 2014.

Özge, U. (2014). Turkish DOM and presuppositionality. Mini-workshop on “Case-marking and word order in Turkic”, Cologne, May 23, 2013.

Özge, D., Özge, U., and von Heusinger, K. (2013). Turkish optional case marking as an indicator of discourse salience. DGfS Workshop “Information structural evidence in the race for salience”, Göttingen, March 2013.

Özge, D., Özge, U., and von Heusinger, K. (2012). Discourse Structuring Potential of optional accusative marking in Turkish. Poster in Architectures and Mechanisms for Language Processing (AMLAP). Italy, Sep 2012.

Özge, U. (2012). On the “strength” of indefinites. Sinn und Bedeutung 17, Paris, Sep 2012.

von Heusinger, K. and Özge, U. (2011). Specificity, referentiality and discourse prominence. International Workshop “Dimensions of Grammar” in honor of Paul Kiparsky, University of Konstanz, 2 August 2011.

Özge, U. (2011). Notes on distributivity in Turkish plural indefinites. Workshop “ ‘Quantification’ by Anna Szabolcsi”, University of Stuttgart, 15 July 2011.

Özge, U. (2010). On Turkish singular indefinites. Workshop “Specificity from Theoretical and Empirical Perspectives”, University of Stuttgart, 31 August 2010.

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## Recent Invited Talks

On the semantics of Turkish accusative indefinites.  
University of Cologne, Cologne, 4 Feb 2014.

On the “strength” of indefinites: Topicality, scope, presuppositionality.  
Language & Cognition Seminar, Harvard University, Cambridge, 10 Dec 2013.

On the “strength” of indefinites.  
Ankara Linguistic Circle, Middle East Technical University, Ankara, 28 Dec 2012.

(with D. Özge) Accusative indefinites in Turkish: Forward and backward perspectives.  
Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, 20 Dec 2012.

On the “strength” of indefinites: A view from Turkish.  
Heinrich-Heine University, Düsseldorf, 9 Feb 2012.

CCG and flexible word order: An introduction  
University of Göttingen, Göttingen, 17 Jan 2012.

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## Grants

Apr 2014– Apr 2017 Research Project Grant awarded by German Science Foundation (DFG) for the project “Indefinites in Discourse” (€400K/3yrs, GZ: HE 6893/14-1), co-written with Klaus von Heusinger (PI).

Sep 2007– Sep 2008 Doctoral Research Grant awarded by The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK).

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## Organizational Duties

- May 23, 2014 Organization of a mini-workshop on “Case marking and word order in Turkic”, University of Cologne
- Jun 2012– Design and co-supervision of a publication database on semantics and related topics, University of Stuttgart, University of Cologne (with Chiara Gianollo).
- May 18–20th, 2012 Co-organization of the 8th Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics, University of Stuttgart (with Klaus von Heusinger and Jaklin Kornfilt).
- Sep 2009– Co-organization of Ankara Linguistic Circle Seminars at the Middle East Technical University Cognitive Science Department (with Duygu Özge).
- Jan 2010

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## Languages

- Turkish **Native**
- English **Fluent**
- German **Intermediate (A2/B1)**

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## Computer skills

- Languages Advanced: Java, Python, Prolog, Lisp; Intermediate: shell scripting, Haskell, R
- Software Vim (incl. scripting), L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Praat, MMAX2, E-prime

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