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INTERESTS *morphological planning in sentence production, processing of case, formal models of response bias, typological variability of morphophonology and algorithmic models of linearization, adjectival morphology and degree semantics, documenting un(der)represented languages*


EDUCATION **University of Maryland**, College Park, MD 2022-present
Ph.D., Linguistics (advisors: [Colin Phillips](#) & [Ellen Lau](#))
Certificate in NACS (Neuro and Cognitive Sciences)


University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA, USA Fall 2025
Visiting Researcher, Linguistics (hosts: Shota Momma, Faruk Akkuş)
Area of Study: *Morphological planning, response bias, and A-bar dependencies in Turkish*


Boğaziçi University, Turkey 2017-2022
M.A. in Linguistics (advisor: [Pavel Logačev](#))
Thesis title: *Agreement Attraction in Turkish*
GPA: 4.00/4.00


Masaryk University, Czechia Spring 2020
Visiting Researcher, Linguistics (host: [Pavel Caha](#) & Michal Starke)
Area of Study: *case containment in Turkish, adjectival structure*

Boğaziçi University, Turkey 2012-2017
B.A. in Translation Studies
Minor in *Spanish-Turkish translation*
Exchange student in *UCLA Linguistics*
GPA: 3.76/4.00; High Honor Graduate

REFEREED ARTICLES [1] **Türk, Utku**. 2026. (In)sensitivity to surface-level heuristics: A case from Turkish verbal attractors. *Submitted to Cognition*. 

[2] Xu, X. and **Türk, Utku** and Dods, A. and Tian, X. and Lau, E.. 2025. Non-visually-derived mental objects tax ‘visual’ pointers. (*submitted*). [*preprint*]. 

[3] **Türk, Utku** and Logačev, Pavel. 2024. Agreement attraction in Turkish: The case of genitive attractors. *Language, Cognition and Neuroscience*. 

[4] **Türk, Utku** and Atmaca, Furkan and Özateş, Şaziye Betül and Berk, Gözde and Bedir, Seyyit Talha and Köksal, Abdullatif and Öztürk Başaran, Balkız and Güngör, Tunga and Özgür, Arzucan. 2022. Resources for Turkish dependency parsing: Introducing the BOUN Treebank and the BoAT annotation tool. *Language Resources and Evaluation*. 

CHAPTERS [1] **Türk, Utku**. 2025. Controlling morphosyntactic competition through phonology. *Nanosyntax and the Lexicalization Algorithm* (pp. 411–440). Eds. P. Caha, K. De Clercq, & G. Vanden Wyngaerd. *Oxford University Press*.

[2] Canalis, Stefano and Özdemir, Semra and **Türk, Utku** and Tunçer, Ümit Can. 2024. The phonological nature of the Turkish front glide. *Selected Essays on Turkish Linguistics: The Anadolu Meeting*.

CONFERENCE PUBLICATIONS [1] **Türk, Utku** and Hirsch, Aron. 2025. Towards a theory of scope rigidity: A case of focus sensitive question particles. *Proceedings of TU+10 (10th Workshop on Turkic and Languages in Contact with Turkic)*.

[2] **Türk, Utku** and Hirsch, Aron. 2025. Syntactic alternatives in Turkish polar questions. *Pro-*

ceedings of the 49th Penn Linguistics Conference (PLC 49).

- [3] **Türk, Utku** and Demirok, Ömer. 2021. Hypothetical comparison in Turkish. *Proceedings of the 6th Workshop on Turkic and Languages in Contact with Turkic*. ■■■■
- [4] **Türk, Utku** and Caha, Pavel. 2021. Nanosyntactic analysis of Turkish cases. *Proceedings of the 6th Workshop on Turkic and Languages in Contact with Turkic*.
- [5] **Türk, Utku**. 2020. Tackling the augmentative puzzle in Turkish. *Proceedings of the 5th Workshop on Turkic and Languages in Contact with Turkic*. ■■■■
- [6] **Türk, Utku** and Bayar, Kaan and Özercan, Ayşegül Dilara and Öztürk, Görkem Yiğit and Özateş, Şaziye Betül. 2020. First steps towards Universal Dependencies for Laz. *Proceedings of the Fourth Workshop on Universal Dependencies (UDW 2020)*. 📄
- [7] **Türk, Utku** and Atmaca, Furkan and Özateş, Şaziye Betül and Köksal, Abdullatif and Öztürk Başaran, Balkız and Güngör, Tunga and Özgür, Arzucan. 2019. Turkish treebanking: Unifying and constructing efforts. *Proceedings of the 13th Linguistic Annotation Workshop*. 📄
- [8] **Türk, Utku** and Atmaca, Furkan and Özateş, Şaziye Betül and Öztürk Başaran, Balkız and Güngör, Tunga and Özgür, Arzucan. 2019. Improving the annotations in the Turkish Universal Dependency Treebank. *Proceedings of the Third Workshop on Universal Dependencies (UDW, SyntaxFest 2019)*. 📄

IN PREPARATION
/ SUBMITTED

- [1] **Türk, Utku**. In preparation. Review of "Linguistic Illusions: A Case Study on Agreement Attraction" by Dan Parker. *For Linguist List*.
- [2] **Türk, Utku**. In preparation. Response bias in Turkish agreement attraction. 🗣️
- [3] **Türk, Utku**. In preparation. Agreement attraction under uncertainty: A case of register manipulation. 🗣️
- [4] Bakay, Özge and **Türk, Utku** and Demiray, Duygu and Dillon, Brian. In preparation. Tracking structural cues or relying on probabilistic inference in Turkish agreement? 🗣️
- [5] Neu, Eva, **Türk, Utku** and Bakay, Özge. In preparation. Effects of frequency in non-local derivational compositionality in Turkish. 🗣️
- [6] **Türk, Utku**. In preparation. Quantifying the cross-linguistics effects of syncretism on agreement attraction. 🗣️

INVOLVEMENT
IN RESEARCH
PROJECTS

As a researcher

- [1] Project title: *The Role of Working Memory in Sentence Processing* (Funded by Boğaziçi University (BAP), grant code: 17B12SUP1, 2017-2021).
Principal Investigator: **Asst. Prof. Pavel Logačev**.
Analysis of behavioral data from psycholinguistic experiments testing topics including response bias, grammaticality illusions, shallow processing, discourse effects. (R, Stan, brms, tidyverse, IbexFarm, git, OpenSesame, EyeLink)
- [2] Project title: *Deep Learning Based Turkish Dependency Parsing* (Funded by The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey, grant code: 117E97, 2018-2019).
Principal Investigator: **Assoc. Prof. Arzucan Özgür**; Project partners: **Prof. Tunga Güngör** and **Prof. Balkız Öztürk**.
Lead annotator in Universal Dependencies project for Turkish. Creating annotation guidelines for Turkish in the Universal Dependencies framework. (Python, CoNLL-U, udpipes, git, bash, Dependency Parsing, LSTMs, transformer)
- [3] Project title: *Greek and Turkish in Contact: Morphosyntactic Change and its Sociological Causation* (Funded by European Commission, grant code: 120C061, 2020-2022).
Principal Investigator: **Prof. Aslı Göksel & Dr. Konstantinos Sampanis**, Cooperator: **Asst. Prof. Metin Bağrıaçık**.
Statistical analysis of the corpus and geospatial data. Sociolinguistic annotation of the first Cappadocian Greek treebank. (CoNLL-U, udpipes, tidyverse, geospatial analysis)

TEACHING
EXPERIENCE

University of Oxford, UK

- *Workshop Instructor* at the Department of Linguistics 2024
SUMMER '24 : Workshop on Sentence Production and Employing Production Experiments



University of Maryland, College Park, MD


- *Graduate Assistant* at the Department of Linguistics 2022-present
SPRING '25 Ling 200: Introduction to Linguistics
FALL '24 Ling 440: Grammars & Cognition
SPRING '24 Arhu 299: Machine Learning in Language and Art [sy1]
FALL '23 Ling 240: Language & Mind [sy1]
- *Experimental Instructor* at the Department of Linguistics 2024
FALL '24 Ling 640: Psycholinguistics

Boğaziçi University, Turkey

- *Teaching Assistant* at the Department of Linguistics 2018-2022
SPRING '22 Ling 360: Computational Methods in Linguistics [sy1]
SPRING '22 Ling 314: Syntax & Semantics of Turkish [sy1]
FALL '21 Ling 101: Intro to Linguistics [sy1]
FALL '21 Ling 203: Syntax [sy1]
SPRING '21 Ling 101: Intro to Linguistics [sy1]
SPRING '21 Ling 314: Syntax & Semantics of Turkish [sy1]
SPRING '21 Ling 484: Comp. Methods in Linguistics [sy1]
FALL '20 Ling 101: Intro to Linguistics [sy1]
FALL '20 Ling 203: Syntax [sy1]
FALL '20 Ling 411: Linguistic Methodology [sy1]
SPRING '20 Ling 202: Morphology [sy1]
SPRING '20 Ling 206: Language Typology
FALL '19 Ling 101: Intro to Linguistics [sy1]
FALL '19 Ling 313: Phonology & Morphology of Turkish [sy1]
SPRING '19 Ling 101: Intro to Linguistics [sy1]
SPRING '19 Ling 314: Syntax & Semantics of Turkish [sy1]
FALL '18 Ling 313: Phonology & Morphology of Turkish [sy1]
SPRING '18 Ling 101: Intro to Linguistics [sy1]
SPRING '18 Ling 102: Intro to Linguistics II [sy1]
SPRING '12 Ling 102: Intro to Linguistics II
- *Class Assistant* at the Turkish Language and Culture Program 2018-2019
SUMMER 2019 S25: Upper Intermediate Turkish Classes
SUMMER 2018 S30: Advanced Turkish Classes

TALKS





















- [1] **Türk, Utku.** 2025. Turkish register manipulation eliminates grammaticality asymmetry in attraction and challenges retrieval based accounts. *Talk presented at the 38th Annual Conference on Human Sentence Processing (HSP 2025), University of Maryland, College Park, MD.* 
- [2] **Türk, Utku** and Hirsch, Aron. 2025. Syntactic alternatives in Turkish polar questions. *Talk presented at PLC 49 (40th Penn Linguistics Circle), University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA.* 
- [3] **Türk, Utku.** 2025. Register modulates grammaticality asymmetry in Turkish agreement attraction. *Talk presented at TU+10 (10th Workshop on Turkic and Languages in Contact with*

Turkic), University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA. 




- [4] Lewis, Sadira and **Türk, Utku**. 2025. Superiority effects with adjuncts in Turkish. *Talk presented at the Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting (LSA 2025), Philadelphia, PA.* 
- [5] **Türk, Utku** and Lau, Ellen and Phillips, Colin. 2024. When do we plan agreement in our speech: Case from agreement attraction in unaccusatives. *Talk presented at Puzzles of Agreement.* 
- [6] **Türk, Utku** and Logačev, Pavel. 2023. Novel analysis of response bias challenges representational accounts in attraction. *Talk presented at Human Sentence Processing (HSP 2023), University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA.*  
- [7] Sampanis, Konstantinos and **Türk, Utku** and Gülsün, Umut. 2021. Defining borrowing hierarchies in the light of sociolinguistic and geodemographic causation: Contact-induced morphosyntactic change in Asia Minor Greek. *Talk presented at SLE 54 (Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea); online.* 
- [8] **Türk, Utku** and Atmaca, Furkan and Özateş, Şaziye Betül and Berk, Gözde and Bedir, Talha and Köksal, Abdullatif and Öztürk Başaran, Balkız and Güngör, Tunga and Özgür, Arzucan. 2020. The more the merrier: A new dependency treebank for Turkish. *Talk presented at ICTL 20 (International Conference on Turkish Linguistics); online (Eskişehir, Turkey).*
- [9] Canalis, Stefano and Özdemir, Semra and **Türk, Utku** and Tunçer, Ümit Can. 2020. The phonological nature of the Turkish front glide. *Talk presented at ICTL 20 (International Conference on Turkish Linguistics); online (Eskişehir, Turkey).*
- [10] **Türk, Utku** and Demirok, Ömer. 2021. Hypothetical comparison in Turkish. *Also presented at TU+6 (online, University of Toronto) on 2021-02-19..*   
- [11] **Türk, Utku**. 2021. When vowel harmony has a say in morpho-syntax: A case from suspended affixation. *Talk presented at ConSOLE 29, University of Leiden; online.*  
- [12] Canalis, Stefano and Özdemir, Semra and **Türk, Utku** and Tunçer, Ümit Can. 2021. When glides are obstruents, or Turkish [j]. *Talk presented at the 18th Old World Conference in Phonology (OCP 18); online (Ibiza).*  
- [13] **Türk, Utku** and Logačev, Pavel. 2020. The role of shallow processing in agreement attraction. *Talk presented at Linguistic Evidence 2020, Universität Tübingen, Germany.*  
- [14] **Türk, Utku** and Atmaca, Furkan and Özateş, Şaziye Betül and Öztürk Başaran, Balkız and Güngör, Tunga and Özgür, Arzucan. 2019. Improving the annotations in the Turkish Universal Dependency Treebank. *Also presented at the 33rd National Linguistics Conference (Mersin University, Turkey) 2019-05-09/2019-05-10..*  
- [15] **Türk, Utku**. 2019. Decomposing Turkish augmentatives. *Talk presented at the 16th Workshop on Syntax, Semantics, and Phonology, Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Spain.*  
- [16] **Türk, Utku**. 2019. Is accusative case really the case? *Talk presented at the 13th Linguistics Student Conference, Ankara University, Turkey.* 
- [17] **Türk, Utku** and Dikmen, Furkan. 2019. Obligatory adjuncts within Turkish impersonals. *Talk presented at the 13th Linguistics Student Conference, Ankara University, Turkey.* 
- [18] **Türk, Utku**. 2020. Effects of vowel characteristics in suspended affixation with root allomorphy. *Also listed as a short talk in the CV.*  
- [19] **Türk, Utku** and Logačev, Pavel. 2020. Response bias manipulation in Turkish agreement attraction. *Also listed as a short talk in the CV.*  
- [20] **Türk, Utku**. 2024. Timing of agreement in verb planning. *Talk presented at the UMass/UMD Psycholinguistics Mixer.*
- [21] **Türk, Utku**. 2024. Maybe, kind NPs are special? *Talk presented at the UMD Psycholinguistics Workshop.*
- [22] **Türk, Utku**. 2022. Hypothetical comparisons.
- [23] **Türk, Utku**. 2023. Sources of bias in psycholinguistic data. *Talk presented at Language Science Lunch Talks, University of Maryland Language Science Center.* 
- [24] **Türk, Utku** and Logačev, Pavel. 2020. The role of shallow processing in agreement attraction. *Talk presented at BLC (Boğaziçi Linguistic Circle).*

- [25] **Türk, Utku**. 2019. Is accusative case really the case? *Talk presented at Boğaziçi University Student Conference on Theoretical and Experimental Linguistics (BUSCTEL 2019)*.

POSTERS
(REFEREED)

- [1] **Türk, Utku** and Hirsch, Aron. 2025. Towards a theory of scope rigidity: A case of focus sensitive question particles. *Poster presented at TU+10 (10th Workshop on Turkic and Languages in Contact with Turkic)*, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA.
- [2] **Türk, Utku** and Hirsch, Aron. 2025. Turkish allows covert scrambling. *Poster presented at TU+10 (10th Workshop on Turkic and Languages in Contact with Turkic)*, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA. 
- [3] **Türk, Utku** and Phillips, Colin. 2024. Speech timing evidence on the (in)dependence of root and inflection access in production. *Poster presented at Human Sentence Processing (HSP 2024)*, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI. 
- [4] Dods, Allison and Macdonald, Allison and **Türk, Utku** and Mancha, Sebastián and Phillips, Colin. 2024. Is the octopus regenerating?: Comparing timing effects in sentence recall and picture description tasks. *Poster presented at Human Sentence Processing (HSP 2024)*, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI. 
- [5] **Türk, Utku**. 2023. Obviation problem in Turkish. *Poster presented at TU+8 (8th Workshop on Turkic and Languages in Contact with Turkic)*, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.  
- [6] **Türk, Utku** and Caha, Pavel. 2021. Nanosyntactic analysis of Turkish cases. *Poster presented at TU+6 (6th Workshop on Turkic and Languages in Contact with Turkic)*; online (University of Toronto).   
- [7] **Türk, Utku** and Bayar, Kaan and Özercan, Ayşegül Dilara and Özateş, Şaziye Betül. 2020. First steps towards Universal Dependencies for Laz. *Associated short paper in UDW 2020 proceedings..*  
- [8] **Türk, Utku** and Logačev, Pavel. 2020. The role of shallow processing in agreement attraction. *Poster presented at the 33rd Annual CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing*; online (Amherst, MA).   
- [9] Özdemir, Semra and **Türk, Utku**. 2020. An investigation into the nature of the Turkish glide [j]. *Poster presented at TU+5 (5th Workshop on Turkic and Languages in Contact with Turkic)*, University of Delaware, USA.  
- [10] **Türk, Utku**. 2020. Tackling the augmentative puzzle in Turkish. *Poster presented at TU+5 (5th Workshop on Turkic and Languages in Contact with Turkic)*, University of Delaware, USA.  
- [11] **Türk, Utku** and Atmaca, Furkan and Özateş, Şaziye Betül and Köksal, Abdullatif and Öztürk Başaran, Balkız and Güngör, Tunga and Özgür, Arzucan. 2019. Turkish treebanking: Unifying and constructing efforts. *Associated paper in LAW XIII proceedings..*  
- [12] **Türk, Utku**. 2019. Nanosyntax of augmentative in Turkish: Interfix -cI- analysis. *Poster presented at the 4th American International Morphology Meeting (AIMM4)*, Stony Brook University, NY. 
- [13] **Türk, Utku**. 2019. Nanosyntax of augmentative in Turkish: Interfix -cI- analysis. *Poster presented at the 13th Linguistics Student Conference*, Ankara University, Turkey.

TUTORIALS

- [1] **Türk, Utku**. generating consistent linguistic experiment materials with AI. 
- [2] **Türk, Utku**. saving pcibex recordings to s3 with a python lambda. 
- [3] **Türk, Utku**. montreal forced aligner workflow for pcibex production experiments. 

SKILLS

- Modern languages
 - ◊ Turkish: native
 - ◊ English: proficient
 - ◊ Spanish: proficient in reading
- Programming & Experimenting
 - ◊ R & Stan & L^AT_EX & Python & JS
 - ◊ OpenSesame & IbexFarm

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- LSC Mini-grant (2500 USD), University of Maryland, College Park (2025)
- ARHU Summer Fellowship (1500 USD), University of Maryland, College Park (2023 & 2024)
- [Flagship Fellowship \(60000 USD\)](#), University of Maryland, College Park. (2022 - 2027)
- Travel Grant for DGfs Summer School - XPrag.de Summer 2019.
- 1.5 year research grant by [The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey](#) for Deep Learning Based Turkish Dependency Parsing project.
- Faculty of Arts and Sciences Conference Travel Grant, Boğaziçi University. Spring 2019.
- 5 year grant. Merit-based Government Funding for Higher Education, only given to top 100 students (2012 – 2017)

SERVICE

- Reviewing
 - *Journal Article Reviewer*, Journal of Memory and Language, Glossa Linguistics, Glossa Psycholinguistics
 - *Reviewer*, Advances in Iranian Linguistics III
 - *Software Reviewer*, rOpenSci, pangoling R package. [review available here](#).
 - *Reviewer*, Computational Psycholinguistic Meeting 2025
 - *Reviewer*, DM meets Nano 2025
 - *Proceedings reviewer*, 5th/6th/11th Workshop on Turkic and Languages in Contact with Turkish. [LSA Archive](#).
- Conference Service
 - *Organization Committee*, MayFest Production 2026
 - *Organization Committee*, Human Sentence Processing (HSP) Conference (2025)
 - *Organization Committee*, MayFest Constraints on Meaning 2025
 - *Conference chair*, Student Conference on Linguistics, Istanbul, Turkey. [SCOL 2022](#)
 - *Conference chair*, [BUSCTEL 2020: Boğaziçi University Student Conference in Theoretical and Experimental Linguistics](#). Department of Linguistics, Boğaziçi University
 - *Co-organizer and Reviewer*, [BUSCTEL 2019](#)
 - *Co-organizer and Reviewer*, [BUSCTEL 2018](#)
- Administrative work
 - *Senator*, University of Maryland (2025 - ongoing)
 - *Organizer*, B_{behavioral, aby, rain, it}Ling Workshop, University of Maryland Linguistics (2024 - ongoing)
 - *Graduate Student Representative*, University of Maryland Linguistics (2024-2025)
 - *Board Member*, University of Maryland Language Science Center Graduate Student Board. (2023 - 2025)
 - *Committee Member*, University of Maryland Linguistics Colloquium Committee. (2023 - 2025)