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## EDUCATION

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### PhD, Cognitive Psychology

September 2018 - Present

*Koç University, Istanbul, Turkey*

- Advisor: Assoc. Prof. Tilbe Gökşun

### BA, Psychology

September 2012 - June 2017

*Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey*

- Graduated with high honors

### Erasmus Program

September 2016 - January 2017

*Autonoma de Madrid University, Madrid, Spain*

- Enrolled in courses on Neurocognitive disorders in adulthood, Acquisition of knowledge, Child psychopathology, and Spanish language

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE & TRAININGS

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### Baby and Child Development Lab

January 2018 – June 2018

*Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey*

- Worked as an experimenter in the Ph.D. thesis study of Sibel Bilge Kancal “The Relation of Children’s Shame-Proneness to Parenting Behaviors, Maternal and Child Characteristics.”

### Language and Cognition Lab

September 2017 - Present

*Koç University, Istanbul, Turkey*

- Provided help in the study “Birectional Effects of L1 and L2 on Motion Event Conceptualization in Early Childhood” conducted by Post-doctoral research fellow Aslı Aktan Erciyes.
- Provided help in the study “Developing Transmedia Puzzle Play to Facilitate the Spatial Skills of Preschoolers: A Child-Centered Approach to Design” conducted by Ph.D. student Gökçe Elif Baykal.
- Provided help in the study “Effects of Learning a Second Language: Motion Event Descriptions in Speech and Gesture” conducted by Assistant Professor Tilbe Gökşun and Post-doctoral research fellow Aslı Aktan Erciyes.
- Provided help in the Master Thesis Study of Hazal Kartalkanat “Investigating the Effects of Gesture on Children’s Spatial and Event Memory”
- Took part in “L2TOR Project” as one of the experimenters that control robots to teach children English adjectives.

## **VOLUNTEER WORKS & PUBLICATIONS**

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### **Hera Project – Grand Challenges Canada fund                      May 2018 – September 2018**

- Worked as the project assistant in this project that aims to develop and test HERA, a mobile application that tracks refugee women’s hospital visits and treatment records to facilitate increase in uptake of timely vaccinations and prenatal care.

### **Nepal Project – initiated by MEDAK    October 2017 – February 2018**

- Run different statistical analyses based on the data that were collected during three different field studies in Nepal.
- Took part as one of the authors of the article: “Child Health, Parasites and Lower Socioeconomic Status: Outcomes of a Long-Term Voluntary Health Screening, Intervention and Training Study in Rural Nepal” – recently submitted to International Journal of Public Health.

### **SOSyria    June 2017 – August 2018**

#### **Formation of first aid training kit for Arabic speaking refugee mothers**

- Run the statistical analyses of the data that were collected from Syrian women before and after the training.
- Took part as one of the authors of the ongoing article: “Evaluation of a First Aid Training Program for Arabic Speaking Refugee Mothers in Turkey: Knowledge and Correct Attitude Gain & Acceptability of Such Training Programs”
- <http://sosyria.com>

### **Medical Rescue Association (MEDAK)    June 2016 – September 2018**

- Volunteered on number of field studies about seasonal workers and refugee children in Turkey as well as health facilities in Nepal.
- Volunteered as the data analyst of the association.

## **SKILLS & LANGUAGES**

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**Computer:** Microsoft Office, SPSS program, PsychoPy, ELAN, MATLAB (beginner)

**Language:** Turkish (Native), English (Fluent), Spanish (Fluent), Japanese (Intermediate)