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EDUCATION

2016 – Present	Ph.D in Cognitive Psychology Koç University, Istanbul, Turkey Advisor: Assoc. Prof. Tilbe Göksun
2013- 2016	M.A. in Cognitive Psychology Koç University, Istanbul, Turkey Co-Advisors: Assoc. Prof. Tilbe Göksun and Assoc. Prof. Fuat Balcı
2012	Florida State University (Exchange Program) Tallahassee, Florida, USA
2008- 2013	B.A. in Psychology (with Full Merit Scholarship) Koç University, Istanbul, Turkey
2008- 2013	B.A. in Business Administration (with Full Merit Scholarship) Koç University, Istanbul, Turkey
2003 – 2008	Kadiköy Anatolian High School

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Multimodal language processing, gesture production and comprehension, gesture use in people with focal brain injury, individual differences in multimodal language processing, language and thought, event representations and early language development.

HONORS & AWARDS

2010	Dean's Honor Roll Koç University, Istanbul
2008 – 2009	Vehbi Koc Scholar Koç University, Istanbul
2008 – 2012	TEV Outstanding Achievement Scholarship

Turkish Educational Foundation (TEV)

2008 - 2013 **Full Merit Scholarship for B.A.**
Koç University, Istanbul

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 01/2013 – Present **Graduate Research Assistant**
Language and Cognition Lab, Koç University, Istanbul, Turkey
Supervisor: Assoc. Prof. Tilbe Gökşun
- 01/2015 – 04/2015 **Visiting Researcher**
Neuroplasticity Lab, Bioscience Research Collaborative, Rice University, Houston, TX
Supervisors: Randi Martin & Simon Fischer-Baum
- 06/2012 – 01/2013 **Graduate Research Assistant**
Language and Communication Development Lab, Koc University, Istanbul
Supervisor: Prof. Aylin Küntay
- 06/2011 – 06/2012 **Undergraduate Research Assistant**
Language and Communication Development Lab, Koc University, Istanbul
Supervisor: Prof. Aylin Küntay
- 06/2011 – 06/2012 **Undergraduate Research Assistant**
Project Title: The Positive Youth Development Project (PERGEL)
Supervisors: Prof. Çiğdem Kağıtçıbaşı, Assoc. Prof. Nazlı Baydar, Assoc. Prof. Zeynep Cemalcılar

TEACHING EXPERIENCE (*as teaching assistant*)

- Fall 2018 Language-Thought Interfaces (PSYC 614; Assoc. Prof. Tilbe Gökşun)
- Spring 2018 Cognitive Development (PSYC 206; Assoc. Prof. Tilbe Gökşun)
- Fall 2017 Cognitive Neuropsychology (PSYC 453; Assoc. Prof. Tilbe Gökşun)
- Spring 2016 Cognitive Science (PSYC 348; Assoc. Prof. Tilbe Gökşun)

Fall 2016	Learning and Cognition (PSYC 205; Prof. Aylin Küntay)
Fall 2015	Cognitive Neuropsychology (PSYC 453; Assoc. Prof. Tilbe Göksun)
Fall 2014	Research Methods & Statistics (PSYC 301; Assoc. Prof. Tilbe Göksun)
Spring 2014	Bilingual Language-Thought Interface (graduate course; Prof. Aylin Küntay)
Fall 2013	Introduction to Psychology (PSYC 100; Assoc. Prof. Nazlı Baydar)

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

PUBLICATIONS

Özer, D., Tansan, M., Özer, E. E., Malykhina, K., Chatterjee, A., & Göksun, T. (2017). The effects of gesture restriction on spatial language in young and elderly adults. In G. Gunzelmann, A. Howes, T. Tenbrink, & E. Davelaar (Eds.), *Proceedings of the 38th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society* (pp. 1471-1476). Austin, TX: Cognitive Science Society.

Özer, D., Kranjec, A., Balcı, F., & Göksun, T. (2017). The effects of duration words and spatial-temporal metaphors on perceived duration In G. Gunzelmann, A. Howes, T. Tenbrink, & E. Davelaar (Eds.), *Proceedings of the 38th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society* (pp. 1477-1482). Austin, TX: Cognitive Science Society.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Göksun, T. & **Özer, D.** (2016) Nesnelerdeki Değişim ve Yer-Yön Kavramı: Çocuklarda Mekansal Uzamsal Algının Gelişimsel Süreçleri. Bilişsel Gelişim (Ed. Aydın, Ç., Göksun, T., Küntay, A. & Tahiroğlu, D.) İstanbul: Koç Üniversitesi Yayınları

TALKS

Özer, D. & Göksun, T. (2018, November). The role of working memory in speech-gesture integration. The talk given at the 20th Conference of the National Psychological Association, Ankara, Turkey.

Özer, D., Chatterjee, A. & Göksun, T. (2018, July). Differential roles of gestures on spatial language in patients with speech deficits and elderly. The talk given at the 8th Conference of the International Society for Gestural Studies, Cape Town, South Africa.

POSTERS

- Özer, D.**, Chatterjee, A. & Göksun, T. (2018, November). The differential role of gestures in people with and without speech impairments. Poster presented at the 20th Conference of the National Psychological Association, Ankara, Turkey.
- Tansan, M., **Özer, D.**, Ilıca, D., & Göksun, T. (2018, July). Individual differences in gesture production during spatial tasks. Poster presented at the 8th Conference of the International Society for Gestural Studies, Cape Town, South Africa.
- Özer, D.**, Tansan, M., Özer, E. E., Malykhina, K., Chatterjee, A., & Göksun, T. (2017, July). The effects of gesture restriction on spatial language in young and elderly adults. Poster presented at 38th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society, London, UK.
- Özer, D.**, Kranjec, A., Balçı, F., & Göksun, T. (2017, July). The effects of duration words and spatial-temporal metaphors on perceived Poster presented at the 38th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society, London, UK.
- Özer, D.**, Chatterjee, A. & Göksun, T. (2017, June) *The Effects of Medium of Encoding on Silent Gestures: Evidence from Young and Elderly Adults*. Poster presented at Language as a Form of Action Conference, DComm Project, Rome, Italy.
- Akhavan, N., **Özer, D.**, Altınok, N., Ger, E., Lizskowski, U., Kuntay, A. & Goksun, T. (2015, January) *Infant point following predicts later language development: Evidence from Turkish*. Poster presented at 2015 Budapest CEU Conference on Cognitive Development, Budapest, Hungary
- Özer, D.**, Akhavan, N., Altınok, N., Savas, O., Lizskowski, U., Kuntay, A. & Goksun, T. (2015, March) *Pointing the right way: The role of infant and caregiver gestures on language development in Turkish*. Poster presented at 2015 Biannual Meeting of Society for Research in Child Development, Philadelphia, PA.
- Özer, D.**, Bostan, I., Chatterjee, A. & Goksun, T. (2015, March) *Describing and gesturing causal events : Evidence from focal brain-injured patients*. Poster presented at 2015 Annual meeting of Cognitive Neuroscience Society, San Fransisco, CA.
- Özer, D.**, Bostan, I., Chatterjee, A. & Goksun, T. (2015, July) *Describing and gesturing causal events: Evidence from focal brain injury*. Poster presentation at 2015 Cognitive Science Conference, Pasadena, CA.

TRAINING & SKILLS

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September 2016 Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS) Certification Course
Maastricht University, Holland

SKILLS

Language Turkish (Native), English (Fluent), French (Intermediate)

Computer SPSS, MATLAB, R Studio, MPlus, e-PRIME, MINITAB, ELAN