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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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**Broad:** Language acquisition, (experimental) semantics and pragmatics.

**Specific:** Disjunction, conditionals, ellipsis, and modality.

## EDUCATION

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### Middle East Technical University

*PhD in English Language Teaching (Language Studies Track)*

Ankara, Turkey

*Sept. 2025 – Present*

### Middle East Technical University

*M.A. in English Language Teaching with a focus on Linguistics*

Ankara, Turkey

*Sept. 2022 – April 2025*

- Thesis: Interpretation of Disjunction in Turkish-speaking Children
- CGPA: 3.93 / 4.00
- Committee: Duygu Özge Sarısoy (Supervisor), Martina Gračanin-Yüksek, Ömer Demirok
- Courses: Human Language Processing, Modern Theory of Grammar, The English Lexicon, Quantitative Methods in Language Research, Linguistic Analysis, Language Acquisition

### Middle East Technical University

*B.A. in Foreign Language Education with minors in Psychology*

Ankara, Turkey

*Sept. 2018 – June 2022*

- CGPA: 3.96 / 4.00, Ranked 2nd out of 138 students
- Courses: Advanced Syntax, Introduction to Syntax, Current Issues in Linguistics, Foundations in Linguistics (I/II), Pragmatics and Language Teaching, Developmental Psychology

## SUMMER & WINTER SCHOOLS

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### 8th NYI Global Institute of Cultural, Cognitive, and Linguistic Studies

Online

*Jan. 2024*

### 5th Crete Summer School of Linguistics

Rethymnon, Crete

*July 2023*

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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### Language and Cognitive Development Laboratory, METU

*Lab Manager*

Ankara, Turkey

*Mar. 2023 – April 2025*

- Organizing meetings and weekly reading groups, managing volunteers.
- PI: Duygu Özge Sarısoy

### Language and Cognitive Development Laboratory, METU

*Research Assistant*

Ankara, Turkey

*Dec. 2020 – June 2022*

- Assisted in TÜBİTAK project “Processing, development, and semantic modeling of conditional structures in Turkish” (Project No: 218K184).
- Collected and analyzed data, recruited participants, and helped design experimental materials.
- PI: Duygu Özge Sarısoy

## PUBLICATIONS

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Us, Enes, & Sarısoy, Duygu Özge. (under revision). *Morphological access to alternatives fails to boost scalar implicatures: Interpretation of disjunction in Turkish-speaking children.*

Us, Enes. (2025). *Verb-Stranding VP Ellipsis in Turkish.* In *Proceedings of the 18th Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics (WAFL18)*, MIT Working Papers in Linguistics.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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**Us, Enes** and Duygu Özge Sarısoy. Morphological access to alternatives fails to boost scalar implicatures: Interpretation of disjunction in Turkish-speaking children. Poster at the *Boston University Conference on Language Development (BUCLD 50)*, Boston University (Online), 6-9 November 2025.

**Us, Enes** and Duygu Özge Sarısoy. Revisiting Turkish X-marking: An Experimental Rating Study. Talk at the *Conditional Constructs Across World Languages*, INALCO, 29-31 October 2025.

**Us, Enes** and Duygu Özge Sarısoy. Ambiguity or Implicature: Interpretation of disjunction in Turkish-speaking children. Poster at the *The 11th Biennial Experimental Pragmatics Conference (XPRAG 2025)*, University of Cambridge, 17-19 September 2025.

**Us, Enes**. Verb-Stranding VP Ellipsis in Turkish. Talk at the *18th Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics (WAFL18/SICOGG26)*, Jeonbuk National University, August 22–24, 2024.

**Us, Enes**. Verb-Stranding VP Ellipsis in Turkish. Talk at the *Konstanz Linguistics Conference (KLC)*, University of Konstanz, March 21–22, 2024.

**Us, Enes**, Elif Yılmaz and Deniz Zeyrek-Bozşahin. Production of Conditionals in English and Turkish-speaking Children. Poster at the *10th International Symposium on Brain and Cognitive Science (ISBCS)*, Middle East Technical University, June 1, 2024.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### **TOBB University of Economics and Technology**

*English Language Instructor*

Ankara, Turkey

*Sept. 2022 – Present*

- Taught English as an academic language to different levels of students in English Language Preparatory Program.
- Offered academic writing and speaking courses to undergraduate-level students.

### **METU GVO School**

*Intern Teacher*

Ankara, Turkey

*Sept. 2021 – June 2022*

- Observed and taught English classes at the secondary level.

## AWARDS & GRANTS

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**Paula Menyuk Travel Award**, Boston University Conference on Language Development (2025)

**TÜBİTAK Graduate Student Scholarship** (2023–2024).

**TÜBİTAK Undergraduate Researcher Scholarship** (2020–2021).

**TEV (Turkish Education Foundation) METU Scholarship** (2018–2022).

## SERVICE

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### **METU Workshop on Conditional and Causal Reasoning (METU–WCCR)**

*Organizing Committee Member*

Muğla, Turkey

*2022 – Mar. 2023*

## SKILLS

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**Languages:** Turkish (Native), English (Proficient), German (Beginner, *Deutsches Sprachdiplom Stufe I*)

**Programming & Experimental Design:** R, CHILDES, PCIBex, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X