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Research Interests

Primary: Syntax — nominalizations, case theory (differential argument marking), ellipsis (sluicing, VPE), copular clauses, and clefts

Secondary: Semantics — genericity, habituality, and imperfective

Education

PhD in Linguistics	2022 –
University of California, Santa Cruz	
PhD Studies in English Language Teaching, Language Studies	2020 – 2022
Middle East Technical University	
MA in English Language Teaching, Language Studies	2017 – 2020
Middle East Technical University	
BA in Foreign Language Education	2013 – 2017
Middle East Technical University	

Employment

Instructor at Department of Foreign Languages	2017 – 2019
TOBB University of Economics and Technology	
<i>taught English for Academic Purposes (EAP) courses and language skill classes in the Preparatory English Program</i>	

Papers

Conference Proceedings

Kiper, Sebahat Yağmur. (2022). [The position of the Q-like particle ki in Turkish and consequences for sluicing](#). *Proceedings of the Northwest Linguistics Conference 37*, Vancouver, BC: UBCWPL

Manuscripts

Kiper, Yağmur. (in progress). Genericity and habituality of aorist and imperfective in Turkish. *Second Qualifying Paper*. Committee: Roumyana Pancheva (chair), Pranav Anand, Jess H. K. Law

Kiper, Yağmur. (2024). Low sluicing is VPE. *First Qualifying Paper*. Committee: Maziar Toosarvandani (chair), Mia Gong, Roumyana Pancheva

Kiper, Yağmur. (2020). [In the case of sluicing](#). *MA Thesis*. (awarded best thesis 2021 at METU). Committee: Martina Gračanin Yüksek (chair), Bilal Kırkıcı, İsa Kerem Bayırılı

Edited Volumes

Webster, Niko, **Yağmur Kiper**, Huolin Wang, & Larry Lyu. (to appear). Proceedings of the 41st West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL41).

Presentations

Peer-reviewed

- Kiper, Yağmur.** (2025). Low sluicing is VPE. *Talk at the 101st Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA)*. January 9–12, Philadelphia
- Kiper, S. Yağmur.** (2021). (Mis)matches in Turkish sluicing constructions. *Short Talk at Architectures and Mechanisms for Language Processing (AMLaP)*. September 2–4, Université de Paris (online)
- Kiper, S. Yağmur.** (2021). Connectivity in Turkish sluicing. *Talk at the 23rd Seoul International Conference on Generative Grammar*. August 11–13, Sogang University (online)
- Kiper, S. Yağmur.** (2021). The position of the Q-like particle *ki* in Turkish and consequences for sluicing. *Talk at the 37th Annual Northwest Linguistics Conference (NWLC 37)*. May 14–16, University of British Columbia (online)
- Karakaş, Sercan, **S. Yağmur Kiper**, & Ayşe Gül Özay. (2017). Applicability of subset/superset principle in the acquisition of relative clauses by Turkish learners of English. *Poster at the 31st National Conference on Turkish Linguistics*. May 12–13, Anadolu University
- Kiper, S. Yağmur.** (2017). L1 Turkish transfer in the acquisition of L2 English definite article. *Talk at the 11th Student Conference on Linguistics (DÖK 11)*. April 20–21, Mersin University
- Kiper, S. Yağmur.** (2016). L1 Turkish transfer in the acquisition of L2 English definite article. *Talk at the T.W.I.S.T. Conference in Linguistics (TWISTx10)*. April 22, Leiden University

Invited

- Kiper, Yağmur.** (upcoming). Differential Subject Marking in Turkish (tentative). *Talk at the Syntax and Morphology Circle (SMircle)*. May 23, Stanford University

Experience

Teaching Experience

TEACHING ASSISTANT AT UC SANTA CRUZ	2023 –
LING 113: Syntax II	Spring 2025
LING 116: Semantics II	Winter 2025
LING 53: Semantics I	Summer 2024, Fall 2024
LING 50: Introduction to Linguistics	Spring 2024
LING 80D: Language and Mind	Winter 2024
LING 112: Syntax I	Fall 2023
RESEARCH ASSISTANT AT MIDDLE EAST TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY	2019 – 2022
FLE 433: Advanced Syntax	Spring 2022
FLE 485: Pragmatics and Language Teaching	Spring 2022
FLE 337: Aspects of Bilingualism and Multilingualism	Spring 2021, Spring 2022
FLE 134: Contextual Grammar	Fall 2021
FLE 307: Language Acquisition	Fall 2021
FLE 333: Introduction to Syntax	Fall 2021
FLE 261: Linguistics II	Spring 2021
FLE 146: Linguistics I	Fall 2020
FLE 425: School Experience	Fall 2020

FLE 420: Practice Teaching	Spring 2020
FLE 426: The English Lexicon	Spring 2020
FLE 251: Critical Reading and Writing	Fall 2019

Mentorship

Mentor, SLUG Career Mentorship Program , UC Santa Cruz	2024 –
Speaker, Applying to Grad School Workshop, Department of Linguistics at UC Santa Cruz	2024

Non-degree Training

The 5th Crete Summer School of Linguistics (CreteLing) University of Crete	2023
The NY-St. Petersburg Institute of Linguistics, Cognition and Culture (NYI), online	2021
DGfS xPrag Summer School, Leibniz-Centre General Linguistics (ZAS)	2019
Erasmus Exchange in British and American Studies, University of Konstanz	2016

Fellowships, Grants & Awards

Humanities Summer Fellowship, UC Santa Cruz Humanities Institute (\$3500)	2024
Humanities Summer Fellowship, UC Santa Cruz Humanities Institute (\$5000)	2023
Regents Fellowship, UC Santa Cruz Department of Linguistics (\$24000)	2022 – 2023
Graduate Student Success Fellowship, UC Santa Cruz Humanities Institute (\$1500)	2022
Middle East Technical University Graduate Thesis Award	2021
Tuition Fellowship for NYI Summer School (\$225, declined)	2020
National Scholarship Program for MA Students, the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK) (\$9000)	2017 – 2019
Erasmus+ Grant for the Student Exchange Program, Turkish National Agency and European Union (€2000)	2016

Service

Member, Equity in Linguistics (EquiL), UC Santa Cruz	2024 –
Coordinator, Syntax & Semantics Circle (S-Circle), UC Santa Cruz	2023 – 2024
Organizing Committee Member, The 41st West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL41), UC Santa Cruz	2023
Member, Linguistics Events Committee, UC Santa Cruz	2022 – 2024
Technological Support Coordinator, Middle East Technical University	2021 – 2022
Co-organizer, Formal Linguistics Meetings, Middle East Technical University	2021 – 2022
Co-organizer, 34th National Conference on Turkish Linguistics (UDK 34), Middle East Technical University	2020 – 2021
Co-organizer, Colloquium Talk Series in Linguistics & Literature, Middle East Technical University	2016 – 2017
Co-founder, Language Studies Society, Middle East Technical University	2016

Skills

Languages	Turkish (native), English (fluent), German (intermediate), Korean (basic), Khalkha Mongolian (research)
Programming	Python, R
Software	IBM SPSS, L ^A T _E X, OpenSesame, Praat