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Education

- 2013-
2019 Ph.D. in Linguistics, Rutgers University
Thesis: The Semantics of Number Marking: Reference to Kinds, Counting, and Optional Classifiers
Committee: Veneeta Dayal (chair), Simon Charlow, Mark Baker, Gennaro Chierchia
- 2010-
2013 M.A. in Linguistics, Boğaziçi University
Thesis: The Verbal Functional Domain in the Denizli Dialect of Turkish
Committee: Aslı Göksel (chair), Meltem Kelepir, Martina Gračanin Yüksek
- 2006-
2010 B.A. in Foreign Language Education, Middle East Technical University

Research Interests

AREAS

Semantics, Syntax-Semantics Interface, Experimental Semantics, Morphology

TOPICS

Bare Nouns, Classifiers and Numerals; Measurement; Definiteness/Indefiniteness; Pseudo-incorporation; Distributive, additive, and scalar partitives; Event Semantics; Embedded Questions and SAY-verbs; Light Verb Constructions

LANGUAGES

Turkish, English, Persian, and Western Armenian

Publications & Manuscripts

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- To
appear
2020
- Yağmur Sağ. Bare Singulars and Singularity in Turkish, *Linguistics & Philosophy*.
- Agata Renans, Yağmur Sağ, F. Nihan Ketrez, Lyn Tieu, George Tsoulas, Raffaella Folli, Hanna de Vries, and Jacopo Romoli. Plurality and Cross-linguistic Variation: An Experimental Investigation of the Turkish Plural, *Natural Language Semantics* 28 pp. 307-342.

REVIEW PAPERS

- 2020
- Veneeta Dayal and Yağmur Sağ. Determiners and Bare Nouns, *Annual Review of Linguistics. Volume 6*.

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

- 2020
- Yağmur Sağ. The Curious Case of Measure Semantics. In *Proceedings of The 55th Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society (CLS 55)*.
- 2018
- Yağmur Sağ. The Semantics of Turkish Numeral Constructions, In *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 22 (SuB 22)*, ZAS, Berlin/Postdam.
- 2018
- Yağmur Sağ. Person Agreement in the Denizli Dialect of Turkish, In *Proceedings of the 10th Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics (WAFL 10)*, MITWPL.
- 2017
- Yağmur Sağ. Verbal Head Incorporation in Turkish, In *Proceedings of the 12th Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics (WAFL 12)*, MITWPL.
- 2017
- Yağmur Sağ. Complex Predication via Phrasal Adjunction to a Head Category, In *Proceedings of the 34th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 34)*, Cascadilla Proceedings Project.
- 2015
- Yağmur Sağ. The Spell-out of Combined Predicate Structures in Turkish: A Nano-syntactic Analysis, In *Ankara Papers in Turkish and Turkic Linguistics. TURKOLOGICA:103*. Harrassowitz Verlag. Wiesbaden.
- 2013
- Yağmur Sağ. Denizli Ağzında Tümcisel Tümeçlerin Yapısı: Ölçünlü Türkçe ile Karşılaştırmalı bir Çalışma. [The structure of Sentential Complements in the Denizli Dialect: A Comparison with Standard Turkish], In *Proceedings of the 26th Dilbilim Kurultayı (All-Turkey Linguistics Conference)*, Süleyman Demirel Üniversitesi.

2013 Yağmur Sağ. Copula in Turkish, In *Proceedings of the 8th Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics (WAFL 8)*, MITWPL.

EDITED VOLUMES

2019 Paloma Jeretič and Yağmur Sağ (eds). *Proceedings of the Workshop on Turkic and Languages in Contact with Turkic: Vol. 4*. Linguistic Society of America.

MANUSCRIPTS

2021 Yağmur Sağ. On the (non-)optionality of the Turkish classifier *tane*. Ms.

2021 Yağmur Sağ and Ömer Demirok. Getting even without “even” in Turkish. Ms.

OTHER OUTPUT

2016 Yağmur Sağ. On the Semantics of Classifiers: A New Perspective from an Optional Classifier Language, Turkish. Qualifying Paper, Rutgers University.

2016 Yağmur Sağ. Complex Predicate Formation via Adjunction to a Head Category: Evidence from Light Verb Constructions in Turkish. Qualifying Paper, Rutgers University.

2013 Yağmur Sağ. The Verbal Functional Domain in the Denizli Dialect of Turkish. M.A. Thesis, Boğaziçi University.

Academic Presentations

TALKS

2021 On the (non-)optionality of the Turkish classifier *tane*. The 6th Workshop on Turkic and Languages in Contact with Turkic (Tu+ 6), University of Toronto, Feb, 19-20.

2019 The Curious Case of Measure Semantics. The 55th Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society (CLS 55), The University of Chicago, May, 16-18.

2017 The Semantics of Numeral Constructions in Turkish. Sinn und Bedeutung 22 (SuB 22), ZAS, Berlin/Postdam, September, 7-10.

2017 The Semantics of Numeral Constructions in Turkish. RULing XII, Rutgers University, May, 5.

- 2017 Turkish, an Optional Classifier Language with Plurals. The 41st Penn Linguistics Conference (PLC 41), UPenn, March, 24-26.
- 2016 Turkish, an Optional Classifier Language with Plurals. MACSIM 6, CUNY, October, 1.
- 2016 The Semantics of Number in Turkish. RULing XI, Rutgers University, April, 2.
- 2015 Complex Predicate Formation via Adjunction to a Head Category: Evidence from Light Verb Constructions in Turkish. Turkish, Turkic and the Languages of Turkey (Tu+ 1), UMass, Amherst, November, 21-22.
- 2015 Light Verb Constructions in Turkish. RULing X, Rutgers University, May, 2.
- 2014 Person Agreement in the Denizli Dialect of Turkish. RULing IX, Rutgers University, April, 11-12.
- 2012 The Copula and the Embedded Structure in Denizli Dialect of Turkish: A Nano-syntactic Analysis. The 16th International Conference on Turkish Linguistics (ICTL 16), Middle East Technical University, September, 18-21.
- 2012 Koşacın Denizli Ağzındaki Yeri ve İşlevi [The position and function of the copula in the Denizli Dialect]. 26. Ulusal Dilbilim Kurultayı (the 26th All-Turkey Linguistics Conference), Süleyman Demirel Üniversitesi, May, 24-26.
- 2012 The Nominalized Complements in Two Dialects of Turkish: Evidence from the copula. Boğaziçi Linguistic Circle (BLC), Boğaziçi University, May 9.
- POSTERS
- 2019 The Curious Case of Measure Semantics. MACSIM 8, NYU, April, 6.
- 2019 On the (Non-)optionality of the Turkish Classifier. Workshop on Identifying (In)definiteness, Yale University, March, 29-30 [invited].
- 2018 Pseudo-incorporation as Sub-event Kind Formation. The 14th Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics (WAFL 14), MIT, October 19-21.

- 2016 Verbal Head Incorporation in Turkish. The 12th Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics (WAFL 12), Central Connecticut State University, May, 12-15.
- 2016 Complex Predication via Phrasal Adjunction to a Head Category. The West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics 34 (WCCFL 34), The University of Utah, April, 29 - May, 1.
- 2016 Pseudo-verb Incorporation via Phrasal Adjunction to Vo. The 40th Penn Linguistics Conference (PLC 40), UPenn, March, 18-20.
- 2014 Person agreement in the Denizli dialect of Turkish. The 10th Workshop on Altaic Formal Languages (WAFL 10), MIT, May 2-4. [Winner of the Best Poster Award]
- 2012 The Nominalized Complements in Two Dialects of Turkish: Evidence from the copula. The 8th Workshop on Formal Altaic Linguistics (WAFL 8), Stuttgart University, May, 18-20.

Fieldwork Experience

- 2018-
2019 Fieldwork on Western Armenian in New Jersey and Istanbul
Project: Bare Noun and Classifier Semantics in Western Armenian
- 2017-
2019 Fieldwork on Persian in New Jersey
Project: Bare Noun and Classifier Semantics in Persian
- 2012-
2013 Fieldwork on the Denizli dialect of Turkish in Denizli-Çameli
Project: The Verbal Functional Domain in the Denizli Dialect of Turkish (M.A. thesis)

Projects

- 2020-
2019-
2020 Indefinites - *Yale University*
A medical project: Identifying linguistic problems of patients with schizophrenia
- *Marmara University Research Hospital* - Istanbul, Turkey

Employment & Teaching Experience

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

LECTURER

- 2022
Spring *Topics in Semantics [Bare Nominals] (Ling 207r)*, taught with Gennaro Chierchia [graduate]
Knowledge of Meaning (Ling 106) [undergraduate]
- 2021
Fall *Semantic Theory I (Ling 116)* [graduate]
The Science of Language: An Introduction (Ling 101) [undergraduate]

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

LECTURER

- 2021
Spring *Introduction to Language and Linguistics (LIN 201)* [undergraduate]
- 2020
Fall *Introduction to Language and Linguistics (LIN 201)* [undergraduate]

QUEENS COLLEGE, CUNY

ADJUNCT ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

- 2021
Spring *Advanced English Syntax (Syntax II) (LCD 220)* [undergraduate]
- 2020
Fall *English Sentence Structure I (Syntax I) (LCD 120)* [undergraduate]
- 2020
Spring *Advanced English Syntax (Syntax II) (LCD 220)* [undergraduate]

YALE UNIVERSITY

- 2020- Research Associate (contractor) for the project on *Indefinites* conducted by Veneeta Dayal

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY

- 2019
Fall Visiting Scholar
- 2017
Spring Instructor to *Introduction to the Study of Language (LING 101)* [undergraduate]
- 2016
Fall Instructor to *Introduction to the Study of Language (LING 101)* [undergraduate]
- 2016
Spring Instructor to *Introduction to Linguistics (LING 201)* [undergraduate]
- 2015
Fall Teaching Assistant to *Introduction to Linguistics (LING 201)* [undergraduate]

EFL/ESL EXPERIENCE

- 2011-
2013 EFL Instructor, Yıldız Technical University
taught grammar, reading, writing, listening, speaking courses
- 2012 Material Development Coordinator, Yıldız Technical University
Duties: Developing and improving course materials
- 2010 Intern EFL Instructor, IDV Özel Bilkent Okulları (Bilkent Collage)
Spring
- 2009 Intern EFL Instructor, The Inholland University of Applied Sciences, The Netherlands
Spring

Academic Service

REVIEWING

- 2021 Project: *NSF*
- 2020 Article: *Glossa*, Conference: *Tu+6*
- 2020 Article: *Natural Language & Linguistic Theory*
- 2018 Article: *Journal of Semantics*
- 2018 Conference: *ConCALL*, *Tu+4*, *Tu+5*

OTHER SERVICE

- 2018-
2019 Co-organizer of 4th Workshop on Turkic and Languages in Contact with Turkic
(*Tu+4*), New York University and Rutgers University, February 16-17, 2019.
- 2018 RULing XIII Co-organizer (Annual student-run Linguistics Conference at Rutgers)
- 2016-
2017 St@r Co-organizer (Syntactic Theory at Rutgers- reading group)
- 2013-
2019 Member of Linguistics Graduate Student Association (LGSA)
- 2014-
2015 Colloquium Co-organizer

Awards & Grants

- 2018-
2019 Andrew W. Mellon Dissertation Completion Fellowship
- 2017-
2018 TA/GA Professional Development Fund

- 2017 Mellon Summer Research Grant
- 2014- Mellon Summer Research Grant
2015
- 2014 Best Poster Award. The 10th Workshop on Altaic Formal Languages (WAFL 10),
MIT. May, 2-4
- 2013- Excellence Fellowship for Doctoral Study at Rutgers University
2017

Tech Skills

HTML, Python, \LaTeX , Praat, R, ibex

Languages

Turkish (native), English (fluent), Persian (intermediate)