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EDUCATION

- 2024 – *Present* **Ph.D. Psychology** at International Psychoanalytic University of Berlin, Germany
DAAD – Research Grant for Doctoral Programs
Thesis Title: “(Auto)Biographical Reasoning in Life Stories of Selves, Close Others, and Fictional Characters and Reconstruction of Life Stories”. Supervised by Prof. Dr. Tilmann Habermas
- 2020 – 2023 **M. Sc. Psychology** at Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey
Developmental Psychology Track, CGPA: 3,94
Thesis Title: “Adolescents’ Personal and Vicarious Life Stories: Thematic Coherence, Interpretations, and Connections”. Supervised by Assoc. Prof. Başak Şahin Acar
- 2014 – 2020 **B. Sc. Psychology** at Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey CGPA: 3,37
- 03/2019 – 07/2019 **Exchange semester** at University of Göttingen, Göttingen, Germany, Erasmus+ European Mobility
- 2010 – 2014 **Mehmet Emin Resulzade Anatolian High School**, Ankara, Turkey CGPA: 3,61

WORK & RESEARCH EXPERIENCES

- 10/2023 – 07/2024 **R&D Specialist – YUPPO - Parenting Assistant Tool, Remote**
- Developing content for a mobile app, focusing on child development and parenting for parents with children aged 0-6.
 - Optimizing the application's interface to enhance user experience.
- 03/2021 – 01/2024 **Research Assistantship - METU Child and Adolescent Development Laboratory, Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK), Ankara, Turkey**
- Project title: Mother-Father-Child Triads’ Play and Memory Conversations: The Effects of Gender and Parents' Gender Ideologies, with Assoc. Prof. Başak Şahin Acar
 - Responsible for project designing, grant application, data collection, data coding, project report writing.
- 09/2020 – 08/2023 **Research Assistantship - Clinical Psychology Laboratory of Ankara University, Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK), Ankara, Turkey**
- Project title: Effective Parenting within the Framework of Domains of Socialization Approach, with Assoc. Prof. Dilek Saritaş Atalar
 - Responsible for data collection, coding schema development, coding of the interviews, quantitative and qualitative data analysis, writing project reports, developing a new scale
- 06/2022 – 06/2022 **Rapporteur - Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH**
- Qudra 2 - Social Cohesion Dialogue Event Series, Gaziantep
 - Responsible for reporting and documenting the event, communicating the results to the technical team

- 10/2021 – 12/2021 **Erasmus+ Traineeship - Max Planck Institute for Human Cognitive and Brain Sciences, Leipzig, Germany**
- Minerva Fast Track Group Milestones of Early Cognitive Development, with Dr. Charlotte Grosse Wiesmann
 - Responsible for task designing, data collection, and data coding in multiple studies.
- 06/2018 – 08/2020 **Research Assistantship – METU Child and Adolescent Development Laboratory, Ankara, Turkey**
- Multiple projects in Development Psychology, Prof. Başak Şahin Acar
 - Responsible for data collection (children, parents, grandparents), conducting structured interviews, transcriptions.
- 10/2019 – 03/2020 **Research Assistantship – METU Child Development Laboratory, Ankara, Turkey**
- Project title: Turkey Family, Child, and Adolescent Project, with Prof. Sibel Kazak Berument
 - Responsible for conducting pilot studies to improve tablet-based measurements.
- 01/2019 – 03/2019 **Laboratory Assistantship – Bilkent University Child Development Laboratory (Bil-Ge), Ankara, Turkey**
- Project title: The Relation between Change in Mothers' Discourse across Repeated Storytellings and Theory of Mind, with Asst. Prof. Hande Ilgaz
 - Responsible for transcriptions of interviews, observed the study process.
- 07/2018 – 08/2018 **Internship – Private Mavi Barış Special Education and Rehabilitation Center, Ankara, Turkey**
- Observed 90 children with different developmental disorders, such as down syndrome or autistic spectrum disorders. Participated in different therapy sessions such as sensory integration and speech-language therapy. Learned to write evaluation reports.

SKILLS

Statistics: SPSS, R, Mplus, Jamovi, JASP, first experiences in Matlab	Qualitative Data Analysis: NVivo
Other Software: MS Office, Audacity, Blender, Labvanced	Data Acquisition: EEG, Qualtrics, first experiences in fNIRS and Eye-Tracking
Language: Turkish (native), English (C2), German (A2.2)	

TEACHING

- Teaching Assistant – Workshop in Developmental Psychology, Spring Semester, 2022 METU

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

• Theater

Tiyatro Keşif – Theater Company, Co-founder and member since 2018, Participated International Bursa Theater Festival for Children and Young People. Appeared on “The Story of a Seagull and the Cat Who Taught Her How to Fly”

METU Players – Theater Community, Member between 2014-2019, Appeared on plays Momo (2016), Days of Commune (2017), V. Frank (2018). Organizer and participant of METU Theatre Festival (2014-2019)

Drama Workshop – AKA-DER, Volunteer work, Summer, 2017 Organized drama workshop for children