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Boğaziçi University
Department of Linguistics
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EDUCATION

University of Michigan

1991-1998

Ph. D. in linguistics

Advisors: John M. Swales (Program in Linguistics) and Priscilla S. Rogers (Business School, Communications Program)

Dissertation title: Patterns and Variations in Contemporary Written Business Communications in Turkey: A Genre Study of Four Companies

Advanced coursework includes discourse analysis, genre analysis, psycholinguistics, typology, syntax and phonology.

Boğaziçi University

1987-1990

M. A. in linguistics

Thesis title: Wh-questions in Turkish

Boğaziçi University

1982-1987

B. A. in English Language and Literature

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Boğaziçi University

1998- present

Associate professor

2013-present

Assistant professor

1998-2013

Courses taught:

Undergraduate level courses:

LING 111 Introduction to Linguistics,

LING 101 Introduction to Linguistics I

LING 102 Introduction to Linguistics II

ENGL 201 Structure of Modern English,

LING 203 Syntax,

LING 321 Turkish-English Contrastive Analysis,

TK 204 Structure of Modern Turkish,

LING 341 Sociolinguistics,

LING 408 Language and Gender,

LING 483 Narrative Analysis,

LING 492 Introduction to Discourse Analysis,

LING 495 Conversation Analysis,

LING 496 Language and Identity,

Graduate level courses:

LING 583-584 Discourse Analysis,
LING 553 Sociolinguistics,
LING 58T Language and Interaction .

Instructor of Turkish as a foreign language

1998-2009

Teaching courses on grammar, speaking, reading and writing skills at all levels, preparing course teaching and assessment materials for the Turkish Language and Culture Program

MA theses supervised:

Bedir, Seyyit Talha (2022) Pragmatics of Impersonal Pronouns in Turkish

Tunçer, Ümit Can (2022) Turkish Memes and Their Users: Indexicality and Identity Through Language Play

Akkaya, Seda Tuğçe (2022) (co-advisor) Gender Representations in Recent advertisements: A Multi-modal Analysis. (Universite Sorbonne Nouvelle Paris 3)

Yeniler, Yılmaz (2021) (co-advisor) Interpreting Gender in turksih Archeology and Ancent Historiography: A Crticial Discourse Analysis.

Kavaklı, S. Başak (2020) Media Representation of Migration to Turkey: A Diachronic Perspective.

Özbey, Can (2019) A Corpus Analysis of Negation in Turkish.

Akgün, Erdem (2019) The Cosmopolitanization of Culinary “Consumption”: Steakhouses as Instances of the Culture Industry.

Kısa – Kaz , Nagihan (2018) (Co-advisor) A Tripartite Division of Stative Verbs in Turkish.

Powell, Lance (2018) A Framework for Understanding and Detecting Harrassment in Social VR.

Özbarlas, Zeynep (2016) The Role of Narrative in Creating the Ideal Woman: The Case of Hayat Magazine.

Yıldırım, Ali Utku (2015) Fan by Proxy: Cross-Cultural Media Fandom in Turkey.

Sorma, Mediha Pınar (2014) Fragile Identities: Prostitutes as Signifiers of Patriarchy and Heteronormativity in Turkey.

Arıcan, Aysu (2013) 'The Mad' spotted? The Politics of Mad Identity Through Discursive Themes on “Mahallenin Delisi”.

Kaya, Neşe (2011) Ambivalent Belongings: A Discourse Analysis of Second Generation Cretan Immigrants in Cunda.

İkizoğlu, Didem (2010) Direct Reported Speech: Positioning and Relational Identity Work.

Humphrey, Alys (2010) Establishing Legitimacy: Persuasion and Organizational Identity.

Can, Ayşegül (2008) Impoliteness on Internet Interaction: Rhetorical Strategies Used in Political Discussion Forums.

Koçbaş, Dilara (2006) Expository Writing in Turkish: A rhetorical Approach to Coherence and Cohesion.

Erdem, Bilgen (2005) Conversational Humor in Peer Groups.

Çağlar, Özge (2004) Interactional Dynamics in Medical Encounters: The Participant Roles and Identities.

PhD Dissertation Committees:

Akın, Gülay (ongoing) Kaybolma Tehlikesi Altındaki bir Dile Karşı Tutumlar: Türkiye’de Çamlıhemşin , Hemşin ve Hopa’da Yaşayan Hemşinlilerin durumu . (ODTÜ)

Şentürk, Hakan (2022) Identity Construction and Negotiation among EFL Learners: A Case Study (Boğaziçi University)

Saygı, Hasret (2019) Everyday Interactions between Local and Refugee Women in a Turkish Town: Identity Construction and Negotiation. (Boğaziçi University)

Yurdaün, Cihan (2014) Three ways of Looking at Negative Capability: William Carlos Williams, John Berryman Mark Strand. Boğaziçi University

Güven, Mine (2004) Adverbials in Turkish: The Third Parameter in Aspectual Interpretation. Boğaziçi University.

Administrative duties:

Associate professor representative at the faculty council	Spr'21-
Chair, Department of Linguistics	Spr'19 – Spr'20
Academic adviser for senior students	2018-
Academic adviser for MA students	2016-2017
Academic adviser for first and second year students	2015-17
Member, Humanities Committee	2015- 2020
Vice-chair, Department of Linguistics	Fall 2014- Spr2016
Vice-chair, Department of Western Languages And literatures	Fall 2013–Fall 2014
Administrative coordinator of HUM 101-102	Fall 2009-2013
Director of The Language Center (Dil Uygulama ve Araştırma Merkezi)	2003- 2008
Coordinator of the Turkish Language and Culture program	2008
Member of YADYOK Executive Committee	2005-2007
Academic advisor of the first and second year students	1999-2009

Koç University 1998- 2004

Adjunct professor

Course taught:

Comm 320 Effective business communications

University of Michigan

Business School 1996 -1997

Senior writing consultant

Grading Business School Writing Assessment, having individual consultation sessions with MBA students

Department of Near Eastern Studies 1991-1997

Instructor

Turkish 151-152 Elementary Turkish (course design, materials production, instruction, and grading)

Center for North African and Middle Eastern Studies 1991-1997

Teaching Assistant

Turkish 251-252 Intermediate Turkish (conducting conversation hours)

Eastern Consortium Summer Program 1993-1995

Instructor

Intermediate Turkish (course design, materials production, instruction and grading)

English Language Institute 1992

Grader

Academic English courses

Boğaziçi University 1987-1991

Department of Western Languages and Literatures

Research Assistant

tutoring, grading, leading discussion/problem sessions for Ling 111 Introduction to Linguistics course and various administrative duties

Instructor

Elementary and intermediate level courses in Turkish Language and Culture Program and winter courses

PUBLICATIONS

Akar, D., Öztürk, B., Göksel, A. and M. Keleş (2020) Common Ground Management and Inner Negation in One: The Case of *Hani*. In Zeyrek, D. and U. Özge (eds) *Discourse Meaning: The View from Turkish*. De Gruyter: Mouton. (pp 57-77)

Akar, D. and B. Öztürk (2020) The discourse marker *hani* in Turkish. In Modicum and Duplatre (eds) *Information-Structural Perspective on Discourse Particles*. Amsterdam: John Benjamins Publishing Company. (pp: 251-276)

Güven, M., Akar, D., Öztürk, B. and M. Keleş (eds) (2016) *Exploring The Turkish Linguistic Landscape: Essays in Honor of Eser Erguvanlı-Taylan*. Amsterdam: John Benjamins.

Akar, D. and L. Martı (2015) *Söylem Çözümlemesi*. in Seggie and Bayyurt eds. *Nitel Araştırma: Yöntem, Teknik, Analiz ve Yaklaşımları*. İstanbul: Anı Yayıncılık. (pp. 242-252)

Kechriotis, C., Akar, D., Keleş, M. and B. Öztürk (eds) (2014) *Dilbilim Araştırmaları Dergisi Special Issue: A Festschrift for Prof. A. Sumru Özsoy*. 2014/II. İstanbul: Boğaziçi Üniversitesi Yayınevi.

Akar, D. (2011) Impersonalization and agency: The linguistic strategies of distancing the self from traumas. in Erguvanlı-Taylan and Rona (eds) *Puzzles of Language: Essays in Honor of Karl Zimmer*. Harrassowitz (pp 187-200)

Kaya, N. and D. Akar (2011) Ambivalent belongings: Constructing identities in immigrant discourse. In Ciapiela, K. (ed.) *Personal Identity through a Language Lens*. Lodz Studies in Language. Peter Lang Publishing. (pp.43-54)

- Koçbaşı, D. and D. Akar (2007) Açıklayıcı metinlerde bağıllık oluşturma yöntemi olarak göndergelerin gelişimsel izleği. *Dilbilim Araştırmaları*. İstanbul: Boğaziçi Üniversitesi Yayınevi.17-32
- Özsoy, S., Akar, D., Demiralp, M. Erguvanlı-Taylan, E. and A. Aksu-Koç (eds.) (2003) *Studies on Turkic Linguistics*. İstanbul: Boğaziçi University Press.
- Shatz, M., Diesendruck, G., Martinez-Beck, I., and Akar, D. (2003) The influence of language and socioeconomic status on children's understanding of false belief. *Developmental Psychology* 39(4):717-729.
- Akar, D. (2002) The macro contextual factors shaping business discourse: the Turkish case. *International Review of Applied Linguistics* 40: 305-322.
- Akar, D. (2000) Gereğinin yapılmasını rica ederim: İş yazışmalarında kullanılan istek biçimleri. *Dilbilim Araştırmaları*. İstanbul: Simurg Yayınevi. .9-16.
- Akar, D. (2000) Wh-questions in Turkish. In Rona, B. (Ed) *Current Issues in Turkish Linguistics volume II*. Ankara: Hitit Publications. 67-74.
- Akar, D. and L. Louhiala-Salminen (1999) Towards a new genre: A comparative study of business faxes. In Bargiela-Chiappini, F and C. Nickerson (eds) *Writing Business: Genres, Methods, and Languages*. Essex, UK: Longman.pp.207-226
- Taylan, E. and D. Akar (1997) *Kayıp Çanta: Öykü Yabancılar için Türkçe Başlangıç Düzeyi*. İstanbul: Boğaziçi Üniversitesi Yayınları.
- Akar, D, Jill D. Dowdy, Stephanie Lindemann, Ana Cristina Ostermann, John M. Swales, & Jens C. Türp. (1996) A linguistic analysis of patient letters to the TMJ Association: Preliminary results. *The TMJ Report*: Summer 1996, 2-4.
- Akar, D. (1988) Interjections in Turkish. In Koç, S. (ed) *Proceedings of the IV. International Conference on Turkish Linguistics*. Ankara: Middle East Technical University. 265-274

PRESENTATIONS

Invited talks:

- Akar, D. (2018)
- Akar, D. (2017) Gökten üç elma düşmüş: Biri anlatana, biri anlatıya, biri de nitel araştırmacıya. *Sosyal Bilimlerde Nitel Araştırmalar Sempozyumu*. İstanbul Üniversitesi Psikoloji bölümü (23-24 Mart 2017)
- Akar, D. (2016) Anlatılar, Yaşam Öyküleri: Dil Üzerinden kurgulanan kimlikler. Dokuz Eylül Üniversitesi Dilbilim topluluğu, İzmir. (11 Mart 2016)
- Akar, D. (2015) Konuşma Çözümlemesi ve Sınıf-içi Etkileşim Alanına Katkıları. Anadolu Üniversitesi, Yabancı Diller Merkezi. Eskişehir. (30 nisan 2015)

Conferences:

- Akar, D. (2022) Ladino: Status and Attitude in a Multilingual Community. Presented at the International Colloquium on Endangered Languages. Istanbul, Turkey.
- Hüsünbeyi, M. Akar, D. Özgür, A. (2022) Identifying Hate Speech Using Neural Networks and Discourse Analysis Techniques. In *Proceedings of the First Workshop on Language Technology and Resources for a Fair, Inclusive, and Safe Society within the 13th Language Resources and Evaluation Conference*, pages 32–41, Marseille, France. European Language Resources Association.
- Tunçer, Ü.C., Akar, D. (2022) Sosyal Medyadaki Türkçe İnternet Mimlerinin Dilsel ve Belirtisellik Çözümlemesi. Presented at 35. Ulusal Dilbilim Kurultayı, Konya, Turkey.
- Topçu, İ.N. ,Akar, D. (2022) Sıkıcı ama Eğitimi? Standart Türkçeye karşı tutumlar üzerine bir çalışma. Presented at 35. Ulusal Dilbilim Kurultayı, Konya, Turkey.
- Hüsünbeyi, M. Akar, D. Özgür, A. (2021) Hate Speech Detection in Turkish Texts via Neural Networks and Discourse Analysis Techniques. Presented at ICTL'20 International Conference on Turkic Linguistics, Eskişehir, Turkey.
- Martı, L. and D. Akar (2019) Response Tokens in Turkish Conversation. presented at 15th IPrA (International Pragmatics association) Conference, Hong Kong, China.
- Sevgi, H. Dinç, B., Akar, D. ,Öztürk, B., Arslan-Kechriotis, C., Kontovas, N. and A. Göksel (2019) İstanbul'un Miras Dillerinin Türkçe ile etkileşimi. presented at 33. Ulusal Dilbilim Kurultayı, Mersin, Turkey.
- Akar, D. and L. Martı, (2018) Intricacies of Being Negative: Response Tokens in Turkish. Presented at LANSI 2018 (Language and Social Interaction), New York, USA.
- Öztürk-Başaran, B. and D. Akar (2018) The Discourse Particle *Hani* in Turkish.b Presented at SLE 2018 (Societas Linguistica Europaea) Tallinn, Estonia.
- Özbey, C. and D. Akar (2018) Multiple Negation in turksih and its Pragmatic Properties. Presented at ICTL'19 International Conference on Turkic Linguistics. Astana, Kazakhstan.
- Akar, D. nd L. Martı (2018) Negative Response Tokens in Turkish. Presented at ICTL'19 International Conference on Turkic Linguistics. Astana, Kazakhstan.
- Akar, D. and C. Özbey (2018) Multiple Negation as an Epistemic Stance Marker. Presented at GURT 2018 (Georgetown University Round Table in Linguistics), Washington D.C., USA.
- Özbey, C. and D. Akar (2017) A corpus analysis of double negatives in Turkish. Presented at Pragmatics of Negation: Aspects of Communication, Stockholm, Sweden.

- Topaloğlu, S. and D. Akar (2017) Weight-loss narratives in Turkish: Linguistic representations of morality and body perceptions. Poster presented at ICTL 28 (International conference on Turkic Languages), Adana, Turkey.
- Akar, D. and D. Bozkurt (2014) Rhetorical questions in everyday talk: A Conversation Analytic approach. Presented at ICTL 27 (International Conference on Turkic Languages), Rouen, France.
- Akar, D. (2014) The gendered construction of the “mad” as a social identity. Presented at 8th International Gender and Language Association Conference, Vancouver, Canada.
- Akar, D. (2012) Moral stance markers and identity in the stories of victims of domestic abuse. Presented at 7th International Language and Gender Association Conference, Sao Leopoldo, Brazil.
- Sorma, M. and D. Akar (2012) Transgendered Body as the Signifier of ‘Ideal’ Woman . Presented at 7th International Language and Gender Association Conference, Sao Leopoldo, Brazil.
- Akar, D. (2011) Authorial Stance and Politeness in academic book reviews. Presented at 6th International Symposium on Politeness: Corpus Approaches, METU, Ankara, Turkey.
- Akar, D. (2011) Moral stance as a means of creating causality and identity in life stories. Presented at 12th International Pragmatics conference, Manchester, UK.
- Kaya, N and D. Akar (2010) Ambivalent belongings: constructing identities in immigrant discourse. Presented at Personal Identity Through a Language Lens Conference, Lodz, Poland.
- İkizoğlu, D. and D. Akar (2010) Direct reported speech: Positioning and relational identity work. Presented at Personal Identity Through a Language Lens Conference, Lodz, Poland.
- Akar, D. (2009) “...And then the rape happened”’: Distancing and agency in the narratives of domestic violence. Presented at 11th International Pragmatics conference, Melbourne, Australia.
- Akar, D. (2009) Victims or survivors?: The identity construction in the narratives from a women’s’ shelter . Presented at 37th NAES Conference, San Diego, USA.
- Koçbaşı, D. and D. Akar (2007) Development of global structure in expository texts: Interaction of genre, coherence and literacy. Presented at 10th International Pragmatics Conference, Göteborg, Sweden.
- Akar, D. (2004) Not you, not me, but the company: The discourse participants in business correspondence. Presented at The 24th Annual International Conference of The Poetics and Linguistics Association. New York University. New York, NY, USA.

- Akar, D. and B. Erdem (2004) When the joke fails: Gender differences in handling failed humorous attempts. Presented at CLPG - International Conference on Language, Politeness and Gender University of Helsinki, Finland.
- Akar, D. (2001) The macro contextual factors shaping business discourse: the Turkish case. Presented at ABC European Convention, Dresden, Germany.
- Akar, D. and I. Bař (1999) Host"il"ing women: Construction of gendered identities in a radio talk show. Presented at International Symposium: Talking Gender and Sexuality, Aalborg, Denmark.
- Akar, D. (1999) Gereęinin yapılmasını rica ederim: İş yazışmalarında kullanılan istek biçimleri. Presented at XIII. Dil Bilim Kurultayı. Boęaziçi University, Istanbul.
- Akar, D. and L. Louhiala-Salminen (1999) Towards a new genre: A comparative study of business faxes. Presented at AAAL Conference, Orlando, Florida.
- Shatz, M., Martinez, I., Diesendruck, G. and D. Akar (1995) The influence of language on children's understanding of false belief. Presented at Biennial Meeting of the Society for Child Development . Indianapolis, Indiana.
- Akar, D. (1994) The role of the language in children's understanding of the mind. Presented at Turkish Studies Colloquium, University of Michigan.
- Akar, D. (1990) Wh-Questions in Turkish. Presented at the V. International conference on Turkish Linguistics. University of London.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

European Commission - EuropeAid

2021 - 2024

Utilizing Digital Technology for Social Cohesion, Positive Messaging and Peace by Boosting Collaboration, Exchange and Solidarity

Co-investigator

Boęaziçi University BAP project

2007- 2011

Identity construction in the narratives of female victims of domestic abuse

Boęaziçi University BAP project

2004- 2007

SLI (Specific Language Impairment) in Turkish

A project with Mine Nakipoęlu-Demiralp and Ayře Gürel on the description and diagnosis of SLI in Turkish

University of Michigan

1992-1995

Department of Psychology

The role of language in the development of theory of mind

A cross-linguistic project with Marilyn Shatz, Ivelisse Martinez, and Gill Diesendruck providing information on Turkish, preparing and carrying out the experiment in Turkey, coding and analyzing the data.

University of Michigan

1994

Harlan-Hatcher Graduate Library

Ottoman project

inventory, transliteration, classification, and card-cataloging of the Ottoman Collection at the Harlan-Hatcher Graduate Library

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Member of the national scientific committee for the 1st International conference on Applied Linguistics in Turkey.

Reviewed abstracts for 26th and 27th ICTL conferences. 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018, 2020..

Participated in the organization of Caucasus: Theory and Typology conference as a member of the organizing committee, 2012

Participated in the organization of 11th conference of ESSE as a member of the Academic Program Committee 2010-2012

Participated in the organization of PALA 2003 conference in Istanbul as a member of the steering committee, 2001-2003

Reviewed articles for *Dilbilim Araştırmaları*, 2000- present

Participated in the organization of the X. International Conference on Turkish Linguistics Conference (2000) and X. Dilbilim Kurultayı, 1999

Reviewed article for *English for Specific Purposes Journal*, 1996

Reviewed abstracts for AAAL Conference, 1995

Represented American Association of Turkish Teachers at the ACTFL conference, 1995.

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

Rackham one-term dissertation fellowship, 1997.

Rackham dissertation research travel grant, 1996

Morley scholarship, 1996.

Block grants, Program in Linguistics, 1991-1995