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## Education

- 2013- Ph.D. in Linguistics, Rutgers University [expected 2019]  
Thesis: The Semantics of Bare Nouns, Measurement, 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, Experimental Semantics, Syntax-Semantics Interface, Morphology

### TOPICS

Bare Noun Semantics, Classifier Semantics, Numeral Semantics, Semantics of Measurement, Definiteness/Indefiniteness, Distributivity, Scope, Pseudo-incorporation, Event Semantics, Embedded Questions and SAY-verbs, Light Verb Constructions

### LANGUAGES

Turkish, English, Persian, and Western Armenian

## Publications & Manuscripts

### JOURNAL ARTICLES

- Under Review Yağmur Sağ. Bare Singulars and Singularity in Turkish, *Linguistics and Philosophy*.
- Under Review Agata Renans, Yağmur Sağ, Lyn Tieu, Nihan Ketrez, Hanna de Vries, Raffaella Folli, George Tsoulas, and Jacopo Romoli. Plurality and Cross-linguistic Variation: An Experimental Investigation of the Turkish Plural, *Natural Language Semantics*.
- in prep. Yağmur Sağ. The Curious Case of Measure Semantics.

### REVIEW PAPERS

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

### CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

- 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 Tümcemel Tümlerlerin 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.

#### OTHER OUTPUT

in prep. Yağmur Sağ, Ümit Atlamaz, and Jane Grimshaw. Syntax-Semantics Interface of Embedded Questions and *DIYE* Particle in Turkish.

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

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

## Employment & Teaching Experience

### LINGUISTICS AT RUTGERS UNIVERSITY

- 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-Spring Intern EFL Instructor, IDV Özel Bilkent Okulları (Bilkent Collage)
- 2009-Spring Intern EFL Instructor, The Inholland University of Applied Sciences, The Netherlands

## Academic Service

### REVIEWING

- 2018 Article: *Journal of Semantics*  
2018 Conference: *ConCALL, Tu+4*

### 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- 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
- 2014-2015 Mellon Summer Research Grant

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

## Tech Skills

HTML, Python,  $\text{\LaTeX}$ , Praat, R, ibex

## Languages

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