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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Psychological Science 09/2019 - present
Koc University, Istanbul, Turkey
Advisor: Prof. Aylin C. Küntay

B.A. in Psychology 09/2014 - 06/2018
Istanbul University, Istanbul, Turkey
GPA: 3.49/4.00 (graduated with honors degree)

RESEARCH INTEREST

Cognitive development, language acquisition, word learning, lexical processing, gesture, infancy

HONORS & AWARDS

Bursary (€1500) October 2023
Many Paths to Language (MPaL) Conference, Nijmegen, The Netherlands

Travel Award (\$1000) July 2022
International Conference on Infant Studies (ICIS), Ottawa, Canada

Fee Waiver January 2022
13th Budapest CEU Conference on Cognitive Development, Budapest, Hungary

Postgraduate Scholarship for PhD studies September 2019 - present
Koç University, Istanbul, Turkiye

Honor in B.A. Psychology June 2018
Istanbul University, Istanbul, Turkiye

PUBLICATIONS

Ertaş, S., Koşukulu-Sancar, S., Ger, E., Lizskowski, U., & Küntay, A. C. (2023). Relation of infants' and mothers' pointing to infants' vocabulary measured directly and with parental reports. *Infancy*.

Ger, E., **Ertaş, S.**, Koşukulu-Sancar, S., Küntay A. C., & Lizskowski, U. (2023). Correlates of infant pointing frequency in the first year. *Infancy*.

Ertaş, S., Küntay A. C., & Aktan-Erciyes, A. (2023). Mothers' estimation errors for their infants' word comprehension: effects on mothers' verbal input and infants' receptive vocabulary. Manuscript in preparation.

Yıldız, E., Koşukulu-Sancar, S., **Ertaş, S.**, Küntay, A. C., Uzundağ, B. A. (2023). Joint attention in infancy predicts referential communication in toddlerhood. Manuscript submitted for publication.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Ertaş, S., Küntay, A. C., Aktan-Erciyes, A., (2023, January). Mothers' estimation errors for their infants' receptive vocabulary: Effects on mothers' verbal input and infants' language skills. Poster to be presented at the 14th annual Central European University Conference on Cognitive Development, Budapest, Hungary.

Ertaş, S., Küntay, A. C., Aktan-Erciyes, A., (2022, Eylül). Bebeklerin kelime bilgisini ölçerken anne raporu ile göz izleme bulgularının karşılaştırılması.(Poster). Gelişim Sempozyumu, İstanbul.

Ertaş, S., Ger, E., Koşukulu S., & Küntay, A. C. (2021, November). The role of infants' point-following skills on the relation between mothers' pointing and infants' word comprehension. Poster to be presented at the Boston University Conference On Language Development (BUCLD, virtual).

Ertaş, S., Koşukulu S., Ger, E., & Küntay, A. C. (2020, November). The relation of infants' and mothers' pointing to infants' word knowledge and language processing speed. Poster to be presented at the Boston University Conference On Language Development (BUCLD, virtual).

Ertaş, S., Koşukulu S., Ger, E., & Küntay, A. C. (2020, July). Infants' and mothers' pointing predicts infants' word knowledge and language processing speed. Poster presented at the 22nd biennial International Congress of Infant Studies (ICIS, virtual).

Ertaş, S., Önsal C. (2018, Kasım). Disleksi tanısı almış çocuklar ile tanı almamış çocuklarda fonolojik farkındalığın ses-şekil uyumuna etkisi. (Poster). 20. Ulusal Psikoloji Kongresi, Ankara.

Ertaş S. (2018, Kasım). Mizaç türünün 5 yaşındaki çocuklarda sosyal problem çözme becerilerine etkisi. (Poster). 20. Ulusal Psikoloji Kongresi, Ankara.

Ertaş, S., Karakelle, Ş.S. (2018, Kasım). 48-66 aylık çocuklarda sözdizimi anlama becerisinin gelişimi ile zihin kuramı ilişkisi. (Poster). 20. Ulusal Psikoloji Kongresi, Ankara.

Ertaş, S., Karakelle, Ş.S. (2018, Temmuz). 48-66 aylık çocuklarda sözdizimi anlama becerisinin gelişimi ile zihin kuramı ilişkisi. 22. Ulusal Psikoloji Öğrencileri Kongresi, Kayseri.

Ger, E., **Ertaş, S.**, Evsen, S., Gülpınar, G., & Küntay, A. (2018, January). Infants' index-finger pointing frequency is related to their point-following beyond immediate visual field. Poster presented at the eighth annual Central European University Conference on Cognitive Development, Budapest, Hungary.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Language & Communication Development Lab

09/2019 - present

Graduate Research Assistant

Koc University, Istanbul, Turkey

Supervisor: Prof. Aylin C. Küntay

Department of Psychology

09/2018 - 07/2019

Research Assistant

Zurich University, Switzerland

Project Title: Syntactic or morphological bootstrapping? A cross-linguistic study

Supervisor: Ebru Ger

Language, Cognition & Development Lab

02/2018 - 06/2018

Undergraduate Research Assistant

Ozyegin University, Istanbul, Turkey

Project Title: Event representations in speech, gesture and cognition

PI: Ercenur Ünal

Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics

06/2017 - 07/2017

Summer Research Assistant

Radboud University, Nijmegen, The Netherland

Title 1: Effects of delayed sign language acquisition by deaf children and adults

Title 2: Title: Event representations in speech, gesture and cognition

PI: Aslı Özyürek

Supervisor: Ercenur Unal & Dilay Karadöller

Language & Communication Development Lab

06/2016 - 05/2017

Undergraduate Research Assistant

Koc University, Istanbul, Turkey

Title: BebeGöz: Bebeklerin Gelişim, Öğrenme ve Zihinsel Süreçleri

PI: Aylin C. Küntay

Supervisor: Ebru Ger & Hilal Şen

TEACHING EXPERIENCE (As a Teaching Assistant)

Koç University, Department of Psychology

PSYC 301: Research Methods in Psychology (Prof. Nazlı Baydar)	Fall 2023
PSYC 305: Personality Theories (Assoc. Prof. Gizem Erdem)	Spring 2023
PSYC 206: Lifespan Development (Assoc. Prof. Tilbe Göksun)	Fall 2022
PSYC 206: Lifespan Development (Prof. Bilge Selçuk)	Spring 2020, Fall 2020 & 21
PSYC 372: Clinical Psychology (Asst. Prof. Ayşe Altan Atalay)	Fall 2019

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Conference Reviewer 14th Budapest CEU Conference on Cognitive Development	2023
Organizing Committee Member 3rd Symposium on Developmental Psychology	2022

INTERNSHIP AND WORK EXPERIENCE (As a Teaching Assistant)

ELC for Kids Program Psychology Mentor <i>Koc University, Istanbul, Turkey</i> <i>Supervisor: Selin Sayar Oliver</i>	06/2017 - 08/2017
ELC for Kids Program Psychology Mentor <i>Koc University, Istanbul, Turkey</i> <i>Supervisor: Hande Altıllar</i>	06/2016 - 08/2016
Renkli Kalpler Pre-School and Day Care Center Intern Psychologist <i>Istanbul, Turkey</i> <i>Supervisor: Linda Taşçı</i>	02/2016 - 06/2016
Istanbul Family Councelling Center Intern Psychologist <i>Istanbul Turkey</i> <i>Supervisor. Yaprak Zararsız</i>	09/2015 - 01/2016

LANGUAGE AND COMPUTER SKILLS

Language: Turkish (Native)

English (Advanced)

German (Beginner)

Computer: Programming: Python (Intermediate)

Data Analysis: SPSS, Jamovi, Mplus, R, Elan

MS Office: Excel, Word, Powerpoint