

# Begüm Yılmaz

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## Education

- 2021 – Present** Koç University, Istanbul, Turkey  
M.A. in Cognitive Psychology
- 2015 – 2021** Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey  
B.A. in Philosophy  
GPA: 3.58/4.00, High Honor Student
- 2019** Tilburg University, Tilburg, The Netherlands  
Erasmus+ Program, Exchange Student  
Recipient of Erasmus+ Scholarship for six months

## Posters

**Yılmaz B.**, Doğan I., Demir-Lira E., Göksun T. (2022). *Okul Öncesi Çocuklarda Jest Kullanımının Nesne Saymadaki Rolü* [The Role of Gestures in Counting in Preschool Children], 3. Gelişim Psikolojisi Sempozyumu, [3<sup>rd</sup> Symposium on Developmental Psychology], Istanbul, Turkey.

Dinç-Arıcan B., Balcı B., **Yılmaz B.**, Akınkoç İ., Topal M. A., Algan A., & Harma M. (2022). *Is It Possible to Predict Break-up Based on Individual and Relational Factors?* 2022 SPSP Convention. San Francisco, USA.

Lefkeli, D., **Yılmaz B.**, & Gürhan-Canlı, Z. (2021). *Trust Us, We Use AI: Disclosing Information to AI Decreases Consumers' Trust in Brands*. The Association for Consumer Research Conference. Seattle, USA.

## Experience

- 2021 – Present** Teaching Assistant, Koç University  
PSYC 220: Brain and Behavior (Fall 2021/2022, Fall 2022/2023)  
PSYC 321: Social Cognitive Neuroscience (Spring 2021/2022)
- 2022 - Present** Graduate Research Assistant, Koç University  
Language and Cognition Lab
- Working on an intervention study in collaboration with the University of Iowa which aims to understand the developmental trajectory of mathematic abilities and gesture usage.

- Managing the website and social media accounts of the lab.

**2021 – Present**

*Graduate Research Assistant, Koç University  
Social Minds Lab*

- Conducting research on the effect of being watched by others and oneself via Zoom.
- Managing the social media accounts of the lab.

**2018 – 2021**

*Co-founder of Yakın İlişkiler – [yakiniliskiler.com](http://yakiniliskiler.com)*

An initiative co-founded with Dr. Gizem Sürenkök that creates and maintains a reliable source about relationships by reviewing current scientific literature.

- Worked as an editor and co-authored 50+ articles.
- Reviewed close relationships literature.
- Managed the Twitter account and reached 1+ million users monthly.

**2020 – 2021**

*Undergraduate Research Assistant, Koç University  
Social Minds Lab*

- Attended weekly lab meetings and presented research ideas.
- Presented papers related to metacognitive abilities and engaged in article evaluation and discussion.

**2020 – 2021**

*Undergraduate Research Assistant, Kadir Has University  
Communication and Relationships Research Lab*

- Performed literature reviews on various topics and curated scientific content for social media.
- Data preprocessing and analysis via SPSS, Audacity, Praat for the grant awarded TÜBİTAK project “Formation of Adult Attachment Bonds: Development of Behavioral And Physiological Synchrony.”

**2020 Fall**

*Research Assistant*

“Investigation of Inequity Avoidance Behavior in the Frame of Morality as Cooperation Theory,” A thesis study by Ph.D. student Büşra Aktaş.

- Onboarding and coordinating participants for research (via PsychoPy), collecting and organizing participants’ data.

**2019 Summer**

*Boğaziçi University Ayvalık Summer School*

Organized philosophy workshops with children living in the rural areas of Ayvalık, Turkey.

## 2019 Spring

*Voluntary Research Assistant for a MSc student project*

- A thesis study by MSc student Faranak Gholampour regarding mother-baby bonding of Turkish, Moroccan, and Dutch people.
- Conducted face-to-face surveys with Turkish mothers who live in the Netherlands.

## 2015 – Present

*Private Tutoring*

Math, English, Science, and Spanish for middle school students.

## Events & Activities

### 2022

3. Gelişim Psikolojisi Sempozyumu, [3<sup>rd</sup> Symposium on Developmental Psychology], Istanbul, Turkey.

- Organization Committee Support Team Member.

### 2015 – 2019

*Boğaziçi University Social Service Club (BUSOS)*

- Board Member, Project Coordinator, Member of the Supervisory Board, Active Membership.
- Worked in “Deniz Yıldızı” project, which aims to create equal opportunities for disadvantaged children who cannot receive a proper education.
- Organized BUSOS Human Rights Day seminars and workshops.
- Organized BUSOS 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 13<sup>th</sup> Children’s Festival.

### 2019

*The Self in Psychiatry Workshop, Amsterdam*

- Attended a workshop organized by the study group Philosophy & Psychiatry, with financial support from the Dutch Research School in Philosophy (OZSW) at Vrije University Amsterdam.

## Additional Information

### Languages

- Turkish (Native)
- English (Advanced)
- Spanish (Intermediate)

### Software & Tools

SPSS, Jamovi, Audacity, Qualtrics, Praat, PsychoPy.