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Education

PhD Cognitive Psychology

Koç University, Turkey

Supervisor: Assoc. Prof. Tilbe Gökşun

Sep 2019 – Present

MSc Human Cognitive Neuropsychology

University of Edinburgh, UK

Thesis Title: Language and Cognition in Healthy and Pathological Brain Ageing:

Evidence from the Bulgarian-Turkish minority

Supervisor: Dr. Thomas Bak

Class of Award: Distinction (72%)

Sep 2018 – Sep 2019

BA Psychology

Double Major in BA Humanities and Social Sciences

Işık University, Turkey

Grade: 3.86/4.00

Oct 2012 – June 2017

BSc (Hons) Psychology (ERASMUS+)

Cardiff Metropolitan University, UK

Grade: First (71%)

Sep 2015 – June 2016

Research Interests

Gestures and Creativity, Mental Imagery, Bilingualism and Cognitive functions, Clinical and Cognitive Neuropsychology

Research and Teaching Experience

EFPSA – Journal of European Psychology Students

Associate Editor

June 2021 – Present

Koç University, Istanbul, Turkey

Research and Teaching Assistant

- PSYC352 Language and Cognition, *Teaching Assistant*, Spring 2022
- PSYC453 Cognitive Neuropsychology, *Teaching Assistant*, Spring 2021
- PSYC445 Cognitive Development, *Teaching Assistant*, Fall 2020 & Fall 2021
- PSYC201 Scientific Methods in Behavioral and Social Sciences, *Teaching Assistant*, Spring 2020
- PSYC 100 Introduction to Psychology, *Teaching Assistant*, Fall 2019

Sep 2019 – Present

American Cultural Association Language Schools, Istanbul, Turkey

English Teacher (Levels A1 - C1; private and group classes)

Oct 2017 – Sep 2018

Işık University, Istanbul, Turkey

Undergraduate Volunteer Research Assistant

Affective Cognition Lab (Assoc. Prof. Robert W. Booth)

Nov 2013 – May 2015

Publications and Conference Presentations

Hyusein, G. & Göksun, T. (*under review*). The creative interplay between hand gestures, convergent thinking, and mental imagery.

Hyusein, G. & Göksun, T. (2022, July). The Creative Interplay between Hand Gestures, Convergent Thinking, and Mental Imagery. Poster Presentation at the International Society for Gesture Studies 2022 Conference (ISGS 2022), Chicago, USA.

Hyusein, G. & Göksun, T. (2022, May). The Role of Hand Gestures in Creative Thinking and Creative Imagery. Poster Presentation at the 8th International Symposium on Brain and Cognitive Science (ISBCS 2022), Virtual Conference, Istanbul, Turkey.

Hyusein, G., Yalçın, M., & Göksun, T. (2022, May). Can Hand Gestures Enhance Creative Imagery?. Poster presentation at the 7th Annual Meeting of the Society for the Neuroscience of Creativity (SfNC 2022), Virtual Conference, USA.

Hyusein, G. & Göksun, T. (2021, Sep). El jestlerinin ve zihinsel imgelemenin yaratıcı düşünme becerileri üzerindeki etkisi. Poster Presentation at the 6th National Experimental-Cognitive Psychology Symposium, Istanbul, Turkey.

Hyusein, G., Türkmen, İ., Yalçın, M., Özdemir, S., & Göksun, T. (2021). Does encouraging gesture use help us connect remote associations?: The role of mental imagery. *Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society*, 43. Retrieved from <https://escholarship.org/uc/item/5tb378zv>

Hyusein, G., Türkmen, İ., Yalçın, Ö., Özdemir, S., Göksun, T. (2021, July). Does encouraging gesture use help us connect remote associations?: The role of mental imagery. Poster Presentation at the 43rd Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society (CogSci 2021), Virtual Conference, Vienna, Austria.

Hyusein, G., Özdemir, S., Türkmen, İ., Yalçın, Ö., Göksun, T. (2021, May). Understanding the role of hand gestures in creative idea generation and across domains of creativity. Virtual Talk at the 12th Dubrovnik Conference on Cognitive Science (DUCOG2021), Virtual Conference, Dubrovnik, Croatia.

Husein, G., Kurtuluş, A., Yurtsever, T., & Peker, M. (2019). Dual identities: Language, cognitive flexibility, and creativity. How acculturation strategies affect cognitive functions. *British Psychological Society North East Branch Bulletin No 9 Spring 2019*.

Hyusein, G., & Hume, I. (2016, April). Are Psychopaths Mind-Blinded? Or Do Psychopathic Individuals Exhibit Deficits in Theory of Mind?. Talk at the BPS Welsh Branch Annual Student Conference, Swansea, UK.

Honors, Awards, and Scholarships

Koç University Postgraduate Scholarship for PhD studies

Sep 2019 – Present

Türkiye Scholarships Success Scholarship Program

Oct 2020 – June 2021

Principal's Go Abroad Fund

University of Edinburgh, UK

Summer research project abroad grant

May 2019 – Sep 2019

Drever Trust MSc Scholarship

University of Edinburgh, UK

Master's degree tuition fees – accepted

Sep 2018 – Aug 2019

QS Academic Excellence Scholarship

Master's degree tuition fees - declined

Sep 2018 – Aug 2019

High Honor in <i>BA Psychology</i> (ranked 3rd in the graduating cohort)	June 2017
High Honor in <i>BA Humanities and Social Sciences</i> (ranked 2nd in the graduating cohort)	
Erasmus+ grant for studying and internship abroad Cardiff Metropolitan University, UK Media Academy Cardiff, UK	Sep 2015 – Sep 2016
CardiffMetAward with special achievements in GlobalMind-Set Psychological Literacy Award in Applied Psychology Cardiff Metropolitan University, UK	April 2016

Other Relevant Work and Volunteering Experience

3. Developmental Psychology Symposium, Istanbul, Turkey <i>Organizing Committee Support Team Member</i>	September 2022
Nazım Hikmet Social Entrepreneurship Summer School, Kocaeli, Turkey <i>Presenter and Workshop Leader</i> “Creativity Exercise and Solving a Case Study”	September 2022
University of Edinburgh Learning & Teaching Conference, Edinburgh, UK <i>Workshop Moderator</i> “What is a global curriculum and how can we achieve it?” (Virtual Conference) “Joys, Challenges, and Opportunities of a Global University” (In-person conference)	June 2020/2021
University of Edinburgh, UK <i>Student Ambassador/ Go Abroad Peer-Support Project Team Leader</i>	Sep 2018 – Aug 2019
European Federation of Psychology Students' Associations (EFPSA) <i>Better Together Project Local Coordinator for Istanbul, Turkey</i>	Sep 2017 – Dec 2017
Media Academy Cardiff, UK <i>Criminal Justice Student Placement in the Triage Project*</i> * in collaboration with The South Wales Police department.	June 2016 – Sep 2016
Headway Cardiff, Rookwood Hospital Wellbeing Centre, UK <i>Volunteer Support Worker</i>	Feb 2016 – Sep 2016
Student Volunteering Cardiff, Iorwert Jones Rehabilitation Centre, UK <i>Mental Health Project Volunteer</i>	Oct 2015 – May 2016
Işık University, Istanbul, Turkey <i>Managing Editor of Psiko-Medya (Psychology Students' Bulletin)</i>	Oct 2014 – May 2015

Professional Memberships

Society for the Neuroscience of Creativity (2020 - present), Cognitive Science Society (2021)

Language and Research Software Skills

Languages - **Bulgarian** (native), **Turkish** (native-like), **English** (fluent), **German** (basic)

Research Software - R, SPSS, Jamovi, Mplus, ELAN