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## Education

- 2014-  
2019 Ph.D. in Linguistics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
Thesis: [Scope Theory Revisited: Lessons from pied-piping in \*wh\*-questions](#)  
Co-supervisors: Danny Fox, Sabine Iatridou, Norvin Richards, Roger Schwarzschild
- 2010-  
2013 M.A. in Linguistics, Boğaziçi University  
Thesis: [AGREE as a unidirectional operation: Evidence from Laz](#)  
Supervisor: Balkız Öztürk
- 2006-  
2010 B.A. in Foreign Language Education + Certificate in Linguistics, Boğaziçi University

## Academic Positions

- 2020-  
current Assistant Professor, Department of Linguistics,  
Boğaziçi University
- 2016-  
2018 Research Assistant, Department of Linguistics and Philosophy,  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- 2011-  
2014 Research Assistant, Department of Western Languages and Literatures,  
Boğaziçi University

## Administrative Positions

- 2022-  
current Vice-chair, Department of Linguistics,  
Boğaziçi University
- 2025-  
current Member of Executive Committee of Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences,  
Boğaziçi University
- 2022-  
current Transfer Advisor, Department of Linguistics,  
Boğaziçi University
- 2021-  
2025 Coordinator for Caucasian Languages, Department of Linguistics,  
Boğaziçi University

## Research Interests

syntax (argument structure, case, agreement, nominalization, word order)  
formal semantics (scope, intensionality, conditionals, wh-semantics)  
morphology (root allomorphy, syncretism, Distributed Morphology, Nanosyntax)  
Turkish, Laz, Georgian, endangered languages, fieldwork

## Supervision

COMPLETED SUPERVISION, MA THESIS IN LINGUISTICS, BOĞAZIÇI UNIVERSITY

- 2026 Ömer Tabak (pursuing PhD in Linguistics at Harvard, USA)  
Thesis: *Prefixes and Root Allomorphy: Revolving a Locality Paradox.*
- 2026 Muhammet Bal (pursuing PhD in Linguistics at Toronto, Canada)  
Thesis: *Non-Canonical Arguments in Laz.*
- 2026 Zeynep Erdemir (pursuing PhD in Linguistics at Boğaziçi)  
Thesis: *Voice, Reflexivity, and U-syncretism in Turkish.*  
(Co-advisor: Dr. Ümit Atlamaz)
- 2026 Baran Günay (pursuing PhD in Linguistics at McGill, Canada)  
Thesis: *Conjunct Agreement in Hamshentsnag.*  
(main advisor: Dr. Ümit Atlamaz)
- 2025 Kaan Bayar (pursuing PhD in Linguistics at MPI, Germany)  
Thesis: *Comparison of a Morphological Learner to Child Acquisition of the Turkish Aorist.*  
(Co-advisor: Dr. Ümit Atlamaz)
- 2024 Nazmiye Aktaş (pursuing PhD in Linguistics at CUNY, USA)  
Thesis: *The Anatomy of a Force Variable Modal in Turkish.*
- 2024 Kyle Meppelink.  
Thesis: *On Disjunctive Case Realization in Eastern Kabardian.*
- 2024 Arife Betül Yenice.  
Thesis: *Locative Case in Turkish Temporal Adverbials* (main advisor: Dr. Ümit Atlamaz).
- 2024 Merve Yazar (pursuing PhD in Linguistics at CNRS, France)  
Thesis: *Headed Relative Clauses in Romeyka* (main advisor: Dr. Metin Bağrıaçık)
- 2023 Serra Gök.  
Thesis: *A Nanosyntactic Account of the Turkish Copula and Agreement Paradigms.*

- 2023 Muhammed İleri (pursuing PhD in Linguistics at Penn, USA).  
Thesis: *A Paradigm Gap in Turkish*.
- 2023 Büşra Marşan (pursuing PhD in Linguistics at Stanford, USA)  
Thesis: *De Re De Dicto Ambiguities in Turkish: Disambiguation By LLMs And Processing By Humans*. (main advisor: Dr. Ümit Atlamaz)
- 2021 Bergül Soykan (pursuing PhD in Linguistics at MIT, USA)  
Thesis: *A semantic description of Turkish conditionals*.

#### ONGOING SUPERVISION

Co-advisor for Seda Öztürk (with Dr. John Lowe, PhD Thesis in Linguistics, Oxford)

Advisor for Batuhan Ünsal (MA Thesis in Linguistics, Boğaziçi University.)

## Publications

#### JOURNAL ARTICLES (SSCI/AHCI)

- 2025 **Ömer Demirok**. “[Nested quantifiers and scope rigidity. Lessons from Turkish relative clauses](#)”. *Turkic Languages* 29 (2). 273-290. DOI: 10.13173/TL.29.2.273 (AHCI)
- 2025 Yağmur Sağ, **Ömer Demirok**, and Muhammet Bal. “[A novel architecture for pseudo-incorporation](#)”. *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* 43. 2871–2934. DOI: 10.1007/s11049-025-09683-3 (SSCI)
- 2024 Furkan Dikmen, Elena Guerzoni, and **Ömer Demirok**. “[When tense shifts presuppositions: hani and monstrous semantics](#)”. *Natural Language Semantics* 32, 231–268  
DOI: 10.1007/s11050-023-09215-y (SSCI)
- 2023 Furkan Dikmen, **Ömer Demirok** and Ümit Atlamaz. “[Revisiting Agent Pseudo-Incorporation in Turkish: A Dependent Case Theoretic Perspective](#)”. *The Linguistic Review* 40(4). DOI: 10.1515/tlr-2023-2011 (SSCI)
- 2023 Ümit Atlamaz, **Ömer Demirok** and Metin Bağrıaçık. “[Heritage Grammars as Checkpoints in Acquisition: A Dependent Case Theoretic Account](#)”. *Glossa: a journal of general linguistics* 8(1). DOI: 10.16995/glossa.9236 (SSCI)
- 2022 Furkan Dikmen, **Ömer Demirok** and Balkız Öztürk. “[How can a language have double passives but lack antipassives](#)”, *Glossa* 7(1). DOI: 10.16995/glossa.6553 (SSCI)

JOURNAL ARTICLES (ESCI/SCOPUS/MLA)

- 2025 **Ömer Demirok**. “[Intervention Obviation by Pied-piping in Turkish](#)”. *Dilbilim Araştırmaları Dergisi*. 36(2). DOI: 10.18492/dad.1748480 (Scopus)
- 2025 **Ömer Demirok** and Balkız Öztürk. “[The Emergence of Clausal Nominalizations in Laz](#)”. *Linguistic Variation*. 25(2): 346-374. DOI: 10.1075/lv.22045.dem (ESCI)
- 2025 Zeynep Nur Demirok, Erdoğan Akça, **Ömer Demirok**, Yağmur Sağ, Mehmet Kemal Kuşçu. “[The Role of Communication on Social Functioning in Schizophrenia: Verbal and Nonverbal Aspects](#)”. *Archives of Neuropsychiatry*. 62: 315–323. DOI: 10.29399/npa.28963 (SCI-E)
- 2024 Furkan Dikman and **Ömer Demirok**. “[On the non-actuality inferences in Turkish avertives](#)”. *Dilbilim Araştırmaları Dergisi [Journal of Linguistics Research]*. 35(2), 133-150. DOI: 10.18492/dad.1448720 (Scopus)
- 2023 Furkan Dikmen and **Ömer Demirok**. “[Compounding with a Polymorphic Deverbalizer in Turkish](#)”, *Roczniki Humanistyczne / Annals of Arts* 71(11): 95-127. DOI: 10.18290/rh237111-4s (ESCI)
- 2023 Deniz Özyıldız and **Ömer Demirok**. “[On the Prosodic Exponence of Universal Quantification in Turkish Relative Clauses](#)”. *Languages* 8(3), 170. DOI: 10.3390/languages8030170. (ESCI)
- 2023 **Ömer Demirok** and Yağmur Sağ. “[Are there aspectless tensed clauses in Turkish?](#)”. *Languages* 8(1), 60. DOI: 10.3390/languages8010060. (ESCI)
- 2022 **Ömer Demirok**. “[On the emergence of inflection classes](#)”. *Dilbilim Araştırmaları Dergisi [Journal of Linguistics Research]*, 33 (2), 87-110. DOI: 10.18492/dad.1192280 (Scopus)
- 2021 **Ömer Demirok**. “[Non-linear Blocking Effects on Suppletive Allomorphy](#)”, *Dilbilim Araştırmaları Dergisi [Journal of Linguistics Research]*, 32 (2) , 83-109. DOI: 10.18492/dad.804477 (Scopus)
- 2015 **Ömer Demirok** and Balkız Öztürk. “[The Logophoric Complementizer in Laz](#)”, *Dilbilim Araştırmaları Dergisi [Journal of Linguistics Research]* 2/2015: 45–69. (MLA)
- 2014 **Ömer Demirok** “[The status of roots in event composition: Laz](#)”, *Lingue e linguaggio* 1/2014: 83–102. DOI: 10.1418/77001 (ESCI)

## EDITED BOOKS

- forthcoming Ümit Atlamaz, Ömer Demirok, and Balkız Öztürk (eds). “*Theoretical Issues in the Languages of the Caucasus*”. John Benjamins.
- 2024 Metin Bağrıaçık, **Ömer Demirok**, Balkız Öztürk (eds). “*Endangered Languages in Turkey-2023*”. Laz Enstitüsü. ISBN: 978-605-70129-7-5

## BOOK CHAPTERS

- forthcoming Ümit Atlamaz, Muhammet Bal, **Ömer Demirok**. “Revisiting case in Laz”, In *Theoretical Issues in the Languages of the Caucasus*, eds. Ümit Atlamaz, Ömer Demirok, and Balkız Öztürk. John Benjamins.
- 2025 Furkan Dikmen and **Ömer Demirok**. “Decomposing habituals”, In *Nanosyntax and the Lexicalization Algorithm*, eds. Pavel Caha, Karen De Clercq and Guido Vanden Wyngaerd. Oxford University Press.
- 2025 Serra Gök and **Ömer Demirok**. “On the non-uniform nature of auxiliaries: a case study on Turkish”, In *Nanosyntax and the Lexicalization Algorithm*, eds. Pavel Caha, Karen De Clercq and Guido Vanden Wyngaerd. Oxford University Press.
- 2025 Zeynep Erdemir, Ümit Atlamaz and **Ömer Demirok**. “Revisiting verbal reflexivity: On the morphosyntax and argument structure of IN derived verbs in Turkish”, In *Contemporary studies in linguistics I: IMU Linguistics 15th anniversary commemorative volume*, eds. Oktay Çınar, Fırat Başbuğ, and Hakan Aydemir. p. 117-146. Artsürem. DOI: 10.7816/imuling-15-2025-01X006
- 2023 **Ömer Demirok**. “Two Semantic Paths to Unintentional Causation”, In *Agency and Intentions in Language*, eds. Julie Goncharov and Hedde Zeijlstra. Brill. DOI: 10.1163/9789004679818\_005
- 2023 Ümit Atlamaz and **Ömer Demirok**, “Coordination”, part of *Generative Grammar Approaches to Turkish*. In *Encyclopedia of Turkic Languages and Linguistics Online*, ed. Lars Johanson. Brill. DOI: 10.1163/2667-3029\_ETLO\_COM\_032539
- 2023 **Ömer Demirok** and Balkız Öztürk. “On the significance of Laz for theoretical research in linguistics”, In *Lazuri: An Endangered Language of the Black Sea*, ed. Züleyha Ünlü and Brian George Hewitt. Vernon Press.
- 2022 **Ömer Demirok** and Balkız Öztürk. “Agreeing complementizers may just be moody”, In *Discourse particles: syntactic, semantic, pragmatic and historical aspects*, eds. Xabier Artiagoitia, Arantzazu Elordieta, Sergio Monforte, Linguistik Aktuelle Series, John Benjamins.

DOI: 10.1075/la.276.04dem

2021 **Ömer Demirok** and Balkız Öztürk. “Correlatives in languages of the Caucasus”, In *Handbook of Languages of the Caucasus*, ed. Maria Polinsky. Oxford University Press.  
DOI: 10.1093/oxfordhb/9780190690694.013.21

2011 **Ömer Demirok**. “The Verb”, In *Pazar Laz, LINCOM-Languages of the World/Materials 484*, Balkız Öztürk & Markus Pöchtrager (eds.), 42–73.

#### ARTICLES IN PROCEEDINGS

forthcoming Metehan Eryılmaz, **Ömer Demirok** and Yağmur Sağ. “From Numeral to Indefinite: A Kind-Sensitive Pathway in Turkish”, In *Proceedings of the 56th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistics Society [NELS56]*.

2026 Ömer Tabak and **Ömer Demirok**. “Suppletive Allomorphy in Kurmanji is Structurally Non-Local”, In *Proceedings of the Workshop on Turkic and Languages in Contact with Turkic 10* [Tu+9].

2026 Nazmiye Öyük and **Ömer Demirok**. “Turkish Possessive Constructions by Upward Agree”, In *Proceedings of the Workshop on Turkic and Languages in Contact with Turkic 10* [Tu+9].

2025 **Ömer Demirok** and Muhammet Bal. “The Variable-Force Root Modal in Laz is Gradable”, In *Proceedings of TripleA 11 - Fieldwork Perspectives on the Semantics of African, Asian and Austronesian Languages*, eds. Aurore Gonzalez and Jérémy Pasquereau. 46-63.  
<https://hal.science/hal-05363613v1>

2025 Yağmur Sağ, **Ömer Demirok** and Muhammet Bal. “Subject Pseudo-incorporation in Laz”, In *Proceedings of the 41st West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics [WCCFL41]*.

2024 Ömer Tabak and **Ömer Demirok**. “Revisiting Complex Predicate Formation in Turkish”, In *Proceedings of the 9th Workshop on Turkic and Languages in Contact with Turkic* [Tu+9].

2023 Yağmur Sağ and **Ömer Demirok**. “Getting even without “even” in Turkish”, In *Proceedings of the 53rd Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society [NELS53]*, ed. Suet-Ying Lam and Satoru Ozaki, Vol 3: 83-96.

2023 Merve Yazar and **Ömer Demirok**. “\*ABA in Romeyka Verbal Paradigms”, In *Proceedings of the 8th Workshop on Turkic and Languages in Contact with Turkic* [Tu+8]. DOI: 10.3765/gxr5aq02

2023 Muhammed İleri and **Ömer Demirok**. “A Paradigm Gap in Turkish”, In *Proceedings of the 7th Workshop on Turkic and Languages in Contact with Turkic* [Tu+7]. DOI: 10.3765/ptu.v7i1.5309

- 2022 **Ömer Demirok**. “[Intervention effects follow from scope rigidity in Turkish](#)”, In *Semantics and Linguistic Theory* 31 [SALT 31]. DOI: 10.3765/salt.v31i0.5079
- 2022 Furkan Dikmen and **Ömer Demirok**. “[Modifying result states in Turkish](#)”, In *Semantics and Linguistic Theory* 31 [SALT 31]. DOI: 10.3765/salt.v31i0.5076
- 2021 Utku Türk and **Ömer Demirok**. “[Hypothetical Comparison in Turkish](#)”, In *Proceedings of the 6th Workshop on Turkic and Languages in Contact with Turkic* [Tu+6]. DOI: 10.3765/ptu.v6i1.5054
- 2019 **Ömer Demirok**, Deniz Özyıldız and Balkız Öztürk. “[Complementizers with attitude](#)”, In *Proceedings of the 49th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society* [NELS49], ed. Maggie Baird and Jonathan Pesetsky.
- 2019 **Ömer Demirok** and Despina Oikonomou. “[Difficult Imperatives in Turkish](#)”, In *Proceedings of the 14th Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics* [WAFL14], ed. Tanya Bondarenko et al., 49-56, MIT Working Papers in Linguistics.
- 2019 **Ömer Demirok**. “[A Semantic Characterization of Turkish Nominalizations](#)”, In *Proceedings of the 36th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics* [WCCFL36], ed. Richard Stockwell et al., 132-142.
- 2018 **Ömer Demirok**. “[A Modal Approach to Dative Subjects in Laz](#)”, In *Proceedings of the 48th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society* [NELS48], ed. Sherry Hucklebridge and Max Nelson, Vol 1: 193-206.
- 2017 **Ömer Demirok**. “[Free Relatives and Correlatives in Wh-in-situ](#)”, In *Proceedings of the 47th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society* [NELS47], ed. Andrew Lamont and Katerina Tetzloff, Vol.1: 271-284.
- 2017 **Ömer Demirok**. “[A Compositional Semantics for Turkish Correlatives](#)”, In *Proceedings of the 34th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics* [WCCFL34], ed. Aaron Kaplan et al., 159-166
- OTHERS
- 2021 **Ömer Demirok**. “[When can a prefix block a root portmanteau?](#)”, *Rivista di Grammatica Generativa (Research in Generative Grammar)* [RGG] 2021.2 (Volume 43).
- 2025 Baran Günay, Ümit Atlamaz, and \***Ömer Demirok**. “Single Conjunct Agreement and Resolved Agreement in Homshetsma”, In *Proceedings of the 55th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society* [NELS55]. [\*added as a co-author in the proceedings]

## Academic Presentations

ABSTRACT PEER-REVIEWED

[talk, unless indicated as poster]

- 2026 Ömer Tabak and **Ömer Demirok**. “Merge Workspace as a Fusion Analogue: Deriving Negative Portmanteau in Kurmanji”, DM Meets Nano II. Masaryk University, Brno, July 7-9.
- 2026 **Ömer Demirok**, Didar Akar, and Balkız Öztürk. “Expressive Rejections in Turkish: The case of *nah*”, Workshop on Expressive Syntax: Exclamatives, Complementizers and Epistemic Modality, . University of the Basque Country, Feb 18.
- 2025 Ömer Tabak and **Ömer Demirok**. “Growing Prefixes: Evidence from Sauzini”, NanoDays II. CRISSP, KU Leuven, Brussels, Oct 30-31.
- 2025 Metehan Eryılmaz, **Ömer Demirok** and Yağmur Sağ. “From Numeral to Indefinite: A Kind-Sensitive Pathway in Turkish”, The 56th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistics Society [NELS56]. NYU, New York, Oct 17-19.
- 2025 **Ömer Demirok** and Balkız Öztürk. “Complement Hierarchy and Nominalized Clauses in Laz”, South Caucasian Chalk Circle [SCCC4]. CNRS, Paris, Oct 7-10.
- 2025 Baran Günay, Nagihan Lüle, Metehan Eryılmaz, Mehmet Can Dadan, and **Ömer Demirok**. “Processing post-verbal elements in Turkish”, 22nd International Conference on Turkish Linguistics [ICTL22]. Dokuz Eylül Üniversitesi, İzmir, Sept 4-6.
- 2025 Ömer Tabak and **Ömer Demirok**. “Indo-Iranian Root Suppletion: A Locality Paradox”, Bielefeld Leiden Comparative Syntax Conference [BieLeiCoS 2025]. Universität Bielefeld, May 22-23.
- 2025 Metehan Eryılmaz and **Ömer Demirok**. “İyelik Biçiminin Dağıtılmış Biçimbilimsel Çözümlemesi”, 38. Ulusal Dilbilim Kurultayı [UDK38]. Atatürk Üniversitesi, Erzurum, May 22-23.
- 2025 Ömer Tabak and **Ömer Demirok**. “Suppletive Allomorphy in Kurmanji”, 10th Workshop on Turkic and Languages in Contact with Turkic [Tu+10]. University of Southern California, March 1-2.
- 2025 Nazmiye Öyük and **Ömer Demirok**. “Turkish Possessive Constructions by Upward Agree”, 10th Workshop on Turkic and Languages in Contact with Turkic [Tu+10]. University of Southern California, March 1-2 [poster]
- 2024 Muhammet Bal and **Ömer Demirok**. “Deriving Laz Causatives”, 2024 Western Conference on Linguistics (WECOL). California State University, Fresno, Nov 16-17 & Caucasian linguistics: recent advances and emerging topics (CaucLing2025). Lyon, June 11-13 2025. & South Caucasian Chalk Circle [SCCC4]. CNRS, Paris, Oct 7-10 2025.

- 2024 Ömer Tabak and **Ömer Demirok**. “Revisiting Complex Predicate Formation in Turkish”, 9th Workshop on Turkic and Languages in Contact with Turkic [Tu+9]. Cornell University, March 23-34.
- 2023 Muhammed İleri and **Ömer Demirok**. “Overabundance, defectivity, and periphrastic strategies: Evidence from Turkic”, Re-evaluating the relationship between defectivity and overabundance Workshop at the 56th Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea [SLE 56], Aug 30.
- 2023 Yağmur Sağ, **Ömer Demirok**, and Muhammet Bal. “Subject pseudo-incorporation in Laz”, 8th Workshop on Turkic and Languages in Contact with Turkic [Tu+8]. Harvard University, March 4-5 [talk] & 41st West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics [WCCFL41]. UC Santa Cruz, May 5-7 [poster]
- 2023 Furkan Dikmen, Elena Guerzoni, and **Ömer Demirok**. “When tense shifts expressive pre-suppositions: *hani* and monstrous semantics”, 8th Workshop on Turkic and Languages in Contact with Turkic [Tu+8]. Harvard University, March 4-5.
- 2023 Yağmur Sağ and **Ömer Demirok**. “Getting even without “even” in Turkish”, 53rd Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society [NELS 53], University of Göttingen, Jan 12-14, 2023.
- 2022 Ümit Atlamaz and **Ömer Demirok**. “Revisiting Ergative Case in Laz”, Theoretical Linguistics and Languages of the Caucasus [TLLC]. İstanbul Bilgi University, June 18-19.
- 2022 Muhammed İleri and **Ömer Demirok**. “A Paradigm Gap in Turkish”, 7th Workshop on Turkic and Languages in Contact with Turkic [Tu+7]. U. of Connecticut, Feb 18-19.
- 2021 Ümit Atlamaz, **Ömer Demirok** and Metin Bağrıaçık. “From Split-Ergativity Towards Accusativity in Heritage Kurmanji and Georgian”, Heritage Language Syntax 2 [HLS2]. Utrecht University, Dec 15-17.
- 2021 Furkan Dikmen and **Ömer Demirok** and Balkız Öztürk. “Compounding with a polymorphic deverbalizer in Turkish”, 9th Workshop on Nominalizations (JENom9), Brown University, June 17-18.
- 2021 **Ömer Demirok**. “Intervention Effects directly follow from Scope Rigidity in Turkish”, Semantics and Linguistics Theory [SALT31], Brown University, May 7-9. & 6th Workshop on Turkic and Languages in Contact with Turkic [Tu+6], U. of Toronto, Feb 19-20
- 2021 Furkan Dikmen and **Ömer Demirok**. “Modifying result states in Turkish”, Semantics and Linguistics Theory [SALT31], Brown University, May 7-9.

- 2021 Reyhan Okumuş, **Ömer Demirok** and Balkız Öztürk. “Thematic suffixes in Şavşat Georgian”, Theme Vowels and V(P) Structure [ThV2021], U. of Graz, April 22-23.
- 2021 Utku Türk and **Ömer Demirok**. “Hypothetical Comparison in Turkish”, 6th Workshop on Turkic and Languages in Contact with Turkic [Tu+6], University of Toronto, Feb 19-20 & Penn Linguistics Conference 45 [PLC45], UPenn, March 19-21.
- 2021 **Ömer Demirok**. “Modal vs. non-modal un-agentive constructions in Laz”, Agency and Intentions in Language [AIL1], University of Göttingen, Jan 13-15.
- 2020 **Ömer Demirok** and Balkız Öztürk. “Attitude Sensitive Complementizers in Laz”, International Workshop on Discourse Particles [InDisPart], U. of the Basque Country, Oct 8.
- 2020 **Ömer Demirok**, Reyhan Okumuş and Balkız Öztürk. “On the temporal decomposition of bivalent events”, Events and Event Structure at the Limits of Grammar [EESLiG2020], University of Oxford, Sept 15-16.
- 2020 **Ömer Demirok**. “A pied-piping theory of exceptional de re: Scoping after all”, 43rd Generative Linguistics in the Old World [GLOW43], Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Apr 8-20
- 2019 **Ömer Demirok**. “Ergative as a default case: Evidence from a Georgian dialect”, 4th Workshop on Turkic and Languages in Contact with Turkic [Tu+4], NYU, Feb 16-17.
- 2018 **Ömer Demirok** and Despina Oikonomou “Difficult Imperatives in Turkish”, 14th Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics [WAFL14], MIT, Oct 19–21. [poster]
- 2018 **Ömer Demirok**, Deniz Özyıldız and Balkız Öztürk. “Complementizers in Laz are attitude sensitive”, 49th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society [NELS49], Cornell University, Oct 5-7 [poster]
- 2018 **Ömer Demirok**. “Events are Entities: Evidence from Turkish Nominalizations”, 36th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics [WCCFL36], UCLA, Apr 20-22.
- 2017 **Ömer Demirok**. “A Modal Approach to Dative Subjects in Laz”, 48th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society [NELS48], University of Iceland, Oct 27-29.
- 2016 **Ömer Demirok**. “Free Relatives and Correlatives in Wh-in-situ”, 47th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society [NELS47], UMass Amherst, Oct 14-16.
- 2016 **Ömer Demirok**. “A Compositional Semantics for Turkish Correlatives”, 34th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics [WCCFL34], University of Utah, Apr 29 - May 1. [poster] & 39th Generative Linguistics in the Old World [GLOW39], Universität Göttingen, Apr 5-8 [poster] & 12th Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics [WAFL12], Central Connecticut State University, May 13-15 [talk].

- 2015 **Ömer Demirok** and Balkız Öztürk. “The Logophoric Complementizer in Laz”, *Societas Linguistica Europaea Annual Meeting [SLE2015]*, Leiden University, Sept 2-5.
- 2015 **Ömer Demirok** and Ömer Eren. “When Case is not Case: Evidence from Laz”, *Linguistic Approaches to Endangered Languages: Theory and Description*, Boğaziçi University, Jul 28-30.
- 2015 **Ömer Demirok** and Balkız Öztürk. “Agreeing Complementizers and Logophoricity in Laz”, *Linguistic Approaches to Endangered Languages: Theory and Description*, Boğaziçi University, Jul 28-30.
- 2014 **Ömer Demirok**. “On the Search Space of AGREE”, *Linguistics and Language Conference*, Istanbul, June 16-18.
- 2014 **Ömer Demirok**. “An Empirical Critique of Cyclic Agree”, *The 22nd Conference of the Student Organisation of Linguistic in Europe*, University of Lisbon, Jan 8-10.
- 2013 **Ömer Demirok**. “Revisiting Georgian Obstruent Clusters”, *10th Old World Conference on Phonology [OCP10]*, Boğaziçi University, Jan 16-19.
- 2012 **Ömer Demirok**. “Status of Roots and Nanosyntactic Event Composition: Laz”, *Workshop on the Representation and the Selection of Exponents, CASTL, Tromsø*, Jun 7-8.
- 2012 **Ömer Demirok**. “The Diachrony of Case Marking in Georgian: Ergativity and Specificity”, *Typology, Theory: Caucasus*, Boğaziçi University, Nov 29-Dec 1.
- 2011 **Ömer Demirok**, Balkız Öztürk and Aslı Göksel. “Implications of case and agreement patterns in three Caucasian dialects spoken in Turkey: Pazar Laz, Ardeshani Laz and Inegol (Adjarian) Georgian”, *Conference on Caucasian languages, MPI, Leipzig*, May 13-15.
- PLENARY/INVITED SPEAKER
- 2026 **Ömer Demirok**. “Toward a typology of implicit arguments: Insights from Turkish passives”, *The 19th Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics, [WAFL19]*, June 30 - July 2, Leibniz-Zentrum Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft (ZAS), Berlin. (joint work with Nikos Angelopoulos and Furkan Dikmen)
- 2025 **Ömer Demirok**. “The Variable-Force Root Modal in Laz is Gradable”, *LinG/RTG2636 Colloquium, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen*, Feb 5. (joint work with Muhammet Bal)
- 2024 **Ömer Demirok**. “Root Modal Constructions in Laz”, *TripleA 11*, CNRS & Université de Nantes, June 11-13. (joint work with Muhammet Bal)
- 2023 **Ömer Demirok**, Ömer Eren, and Balkız Öztürk. “Tutorial on Laz”, *South Caucasian Chalk Circle-3*, Ilia State University, Tbilisi, Oct 2-4.

INVITED/NON-PEER-REVIEWED

- 2026 **Ömer Demirok**. “Does Turkish have finite embedded questions? (Türkçede içe yerleşik çekimli soru tümceleri var mı?)”, Üretici Dilbilgisi ve Türkçe Çalıştay (The Workshop on Generative Grammar and Turkish), 18-19 June, Türk Dil Kurumu, Ankara.
- 2026 **Ömer Demirok** & Balkız Öztürk. “Embedding shifty complements vs. questions”, CauLa-GeNet Workshop, May 20-22, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul.
- 2026 Nikos Angelopoulos, **Ömer Demirok**, and Furkan Dikmen. “Greek and Turkish passives: A comparative approach”, Atelier de Linguistique Formelle [ALF-1], March 9, Structures Formelles du Langage, CNRS, Université Paris 8.
- 2024 Ümit Atlamaz (joint work with **Ömer Demirok**, Aslı Kuzgun). “Cross Clausal Dependencies in Turkish: A/A’ and Argument Adjunct Asymmetries”, LASER, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, Apr 9-11. (first author invited)
- 2024 **Ömer Demirok** and Muhammet Bal. “On Force Variability in Root Modality in Laz”, LingDay, Boğaziçi University, May 22.
- 2022 **Ömer Demirok** and Balkız Öztürk. “Relativization Strategies in Laz”, SynSem Seminar, CNRS, June 27.
- 2022 **Ömer Demirok** and Balkız Öztürk. “The Emergence of Clausal Nominalizations in Laz”, Formal Approaches to Contact in/with Turkish [FACT]. University of Tromsø, May 19-20.
- 2022 **Ömer Demirok** “[A Dependent Case Theoretic Account of Alignment Shifts in Heritage Grammars](#)” [video link], İDÇ Dilbilim Buluşmaları #37. Jan 7. (joint work with Ümit Atlamaz and Metin Bağrıaçık)
- 2020 **Ömer Demirok**. “Non-linear blocking of portmanteaus: a case study on Laz”, Nanolab, June 12
- 2019 **Ömer Demirok**. “Does the cross-linguistic distribution of wh-free relatives justify a semantic typology?” Public Lecture, Boğaziçi University, Nov 11
- 2017 **Ömer Demirok**. “On Complex DPs in Turkish: Lessons for Inverse Linking and Scope Rigidity”, SuSurrus at UMass Amherst, Nov 10
- 2011 **Ömer Demirok**. “The Hierarchical Nature of Inter-Onset Relations”, Government Phonology Round Table 8, Vienna University, May 6-8

## Employment & Teaching Experience

ASST PROF, DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS, BOĞAZİÇİ UNIVERSITY

### Teaching/Lecturing - Undergraduate

*LING 101 Introduction to Language and Linguistics I* (Fall 2025, 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021 2020)  
*LING 305 Semantics* [MA] (Fall 2025, 2024, 2023)  
*LING 314 Syntax and Semantics of Modern Turkish* (Spring 2025, 2022)  
*LING 202 Morphology* (Spring 2026, 2024)  
*LING 330 Advanced Morphology* (Spring 2024)  
*LING 340 Advanced Syntax* (Spring 2021)

### Teaching/Lecturing - Graduate

*LING 512 Morphological Analysis* [MA] (Spring 2026, 2025, 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020)  
*LING 612 Morphological Theory* [PhD] (Spring 2023, 2021)  
*LING 504 Semantics* [MA] (Fall 2021)  
*LING 541 Syntactic Theory* [MA] (Fall 2020)

### Advising/Supervision [Undergraduate & Graduate]

*LING 412 Research and Writing* [BA Thesis]  
*LING 571/2 Readings in Linguistics I/II* [MA]  
*LING 579/700 Graduate Seminar* [MA/PhD]  
*LING 690 Master Thesis, LING 790 PhD Thesis*

INSTRUCTOR, THE CRETE SUMMER SCHOOL OF LINGUISTICS

2023  
Summer      *Syntax-Semantics of (S)OV languages*  
Co-instructor: Winfried Lechner

TEACHING ASSISTANT, DEPT OF LINGUISTICS, MIT

2016-7  
Spring      *24.900 Introduction to Linguistics* [undergraduate]  
Instructor: Norvin Richards

TEACHING ASSISTANT, THE CRETE SUMMER SCHOOL OF LINGUISTICS

2017-8  
Summer      Teaching Assistant to *Fractures at the Syntax-Semantics Interface* [graduate]  
Instructor: Winfried Lechner

Teaching Assistant to *Introduction to Syntax* [undergraduate]  
Instructor: Sabine Iatridou

INSTRUCTOR, TLCP SUMMER PROGRAM, BOĞAZİÇİ UNIVERSITY

*Intermediate Turkish - Grammar* (2015, 2016, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024)

*Intermediate Turkish - Writing* (2016, 2024)

TEACHING ASSISTANT, WESTERN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES, BOĞAZİÇİ UNIVERSITY

2014-  
2011  
*LING 321: English Turkish Contrastive Analysis* × 1  
*LING 302: Syntax and Morphology* × 2  
*LING 300: Morphology* × 2  
*TK 204: Structure of Modern Turkish* × 2  
*ENGL 201: Structure of Modern English* × 3  
*LING 111: Introduction to Language and Linguistics* × 5

## Professional Service

REVIEWING FOR JOURNALS, BOOK CHAPTERS, & PROCEEDINGS

2026  
Glossa, Morphology, Natural Language and Linguistic Theory, Dil Dergisi, Semantics of Natural Languages (formerly NALS), Journal of Turkish Language and Literature

2025  
Glossa, Canadian Journal of Linguistics, Natural Language and Linguistic Theory x 2  
Dil Dergisi, Dilbilim Araştırmaları Dergisi, The Proceedings of Tu+10 x 2

2024  
Dilbilim Araştırmaları Dergisi x 2, Turkic Languages, The Proceedings of Tu+9, Chapter for *Nanosyntax and the lexicalisation algorithm*, Two chapters for John Benjamins

2023  
Natural Language and Linguistic Theory, The Proceedings of Tu+8, Languages, Dilbilim Araştırmaları Dergisi, Snippets

2022  
Languages, Natural Language and Linguistic Theory x 2, Dilbilim Araştırmaları Dergisi, Dil Dergisi, 34. Ulusal Dilbilim Kurultayı, 20th International Conference on Turkish Linguistics (Proceedings of ICTL2020)

2021  
Journal of Semantics, Natural Language and Linguistic Theory, The Proceedings of Tu+6, Chapter for *John Benjamins*

2020  
Journal of Semantics, Linguistic Inquiry, The Linguistic Review, Turkic Languages, Linguistic Typology, Dilbilim Araştırmaları Dergisi × 2, The Proceedings of Tu+5

<2019  
The Proceedings of Tu+4, Language and Linguistics, Linguistic Inquiry, STUF - Language Typology and Universals

# REVIEWING FOR CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS

|      |                                                                  |            |
|------|------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| 2026 | The 48th Generative Linguistics in the Old World                 | (GLOW48)   |
|      | TripleA 13                                                       |            |
|      | The 11th workshop on Turkic and languages in contact with Turkic | (Tu+11)    |
|      | 62nd Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society            | (CLS62)    |
|      | 19th Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics                       | (WAFL19)   |
|      | Sinn und Bedeutung 31                                            | (SuB31)    |
|      | Nanodays III                                                     |            |
| 2025 | The 57th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society     | (NELS57)   |
|      | The 47th Generative Linguistics in the Old World                 | (GLOW47)   |
|      | TripleA 12                                                       |            |
|      | Sinn und Bedeutung 30                                            | (SuB30)    |
|      | 49th Penn Linguistics Conference                                 | (PLC49)    |
|      | 50th Penn Linguistics Conference                                 | (PLC50)    |
|      | The 56th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society     | (NELS56)   |
|      | The 10th workshop on Turkic and languages in contact with Turkic | (Tu+10)    |
|      | 61st Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society            | (CLS61)    |
|      | South Caucasian Chalk Circle 4                                   | (SCCC4)    |
| 2024 | 22. Uluslararası Türk Dilbilim Kurultayı                         | (ICTL22)   |
|      | Boğaziçi University Student Conference on Linguistics 2025       | (SCOL2025) |
|      | Heritage Language Syntax 6                                       | (HLS6)     |
|      | Sinn und Bedeutung 29                                            | (SuB29)    |
|      | 48th Penn Linguistics Conference                                 | (PLC48)    |
|      | The 9th workshop on Turkic and languages in contact with Turkic  | (Tu+9)     |
|      | 60th Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society            | (CLS60)    |
| 2023 | TripleA 11                                                       |            |
|      | The 55th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society     | (NELS55)   |
|      | Boğaziçi University Student Conference on Linguistics 2024       | (SCOL2024) |
|      | Sinn und Bedeutung 28                                            | (SuB28)    |
|      | The 46th Generative Linguistics in the Old World                 | (GLOW46)   |
|      | The 17th Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics                   | (WAFL17)   |
| 2022 | The 8th workshop on Turkic and languages in contact with Turkic  | (Tu+8)     |
|      | Boğaziçi University Student Conference on Linguistics 2023       | (SCOL'23)  |
|      | The 54th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society     | (NELS54)   |
|      | Sinn und Bedeutung 27                                            | (SuB27)    |
|      | The 45th Generative Linguistics in the Old World                 | (GLOW45)   |
|      | The 7th workshop on Turkic and languages in contact with Turkic  | (Tu+7)     |
|      | Going Romance 2022                                               | (GR2022)   |
|      | The 53rd Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society     | (NELS53)   |

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| 2021 | The 52nd Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society<br>The 44th Generative Linguistics in the Old World                                                                    | (NELS52)<br>(GLOW44)           |
| 2020 | The 51st Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society<br>The 6th workshop on Turkic and languages in contact with Turkic                                                     | (NELS51)<br>(Tu+6)             |
| 2019 | The 43rd Generative Linguistics in the Old World<br>The 5th workshop on Turkic and languages in contact with Turkic<br>The 50th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society | (GLOW43)<br>(Tu+5)<br>(NELS50) |

## Projects

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| 2025-<br>current | Boğaziçi University Research Fund Project (BAP) #20432: “Inverse Agreement in Laz”<br>Role: PI (Researcher: Muhammet Bal).                                                                                                             |  |
| 2024-<br>current | Caucasian Languages in Georgia Research Network (CauLaGeNet)<br>Role: Co-coordinator for “Clause types and subordination in Caucasian Languages” Work-<br>package (with Tatiana Bondarenko). (PIs: Léa Nash & Jérémy Pasquereau)       |  |
| 2021-<br>current | European Research Council (ERC) Project: “Realizing Leibniz’s Dream: Child Languages<br>as a Mirror of the Mind”. Role: Local Collaborator for Laz<br>(PIs: Artemis Alexiadou (HU), Maria Teresa Guasti (UniMiB), Uli Sauerland (ZAS)) |  |
| 2018             | MIT International Science and Technology (MISTI) Project: “Quexistentials”<br>Role: Fieldwork on Kazan and Mishar Tatar<br>(PIs: Sabine Iatridou (MIT) & Floris Roelofsen (University of Amsterdam))                                   |  |
| 2010-<br>2013    | Boğaziçi University Research Fund (BAP) Project: “Consonant-Vowel Interactions in Turk-<br>ish, Laz, and Armenian” Role: Researcher, Fieldwork on Turkish and Laz varieties in Rize<br>(PI: Markus Pöchtrager (Boğaziçi University))   |  |

## Organization

- 2026 Co-director for *Turkish Language and Culture Program* at Boğaziçi University. (with Ceyda Arslan Kechriotis)
- 2026 Co-organized CauLaGeNet Workshop at Boğaziçi University, May 20-22. (with Balkız Öztürk & Metin Bağrıaçık)
- 2026 Co-organized the *Clause types and subordination* workpackage (May 20) at CauLaGeNet Workshop, Boğaziçi University (with Tanya Bonderenko)
- 2024 Co-director for *Turkish Language and Culture Program* at Boğaziçi University. (with Kadir Gökgöz)
- June, 2022 Faculty contact for *Student Conference on Linguistics 2024 (SCOL'24)*. Boğaziçi University, May 31 - June 1.
- June, 2022 Co-organizer of *Theoretical Linguistics and Languages of the Caucasus and Endangered Languages Colloquium* at İstanbul Bilgi University
- Fall 2022 Co-organizer for *Syntactic Theory at Boğaziçi University* [ST@BU]
- 2017-8 MIT Ling-Lunch Co-organizer, MIT Linguistics

## Fellowships and Awards

- 2021 Excellence in Teaching Award, Boğaziçi University
- 2018 Noam Chomsky Fellowship, MIT Linguistics