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## Education

- 2021 – Ph.D., Psychology: Cognition and Perception  
New York University, New York, NY  
NYU Infant Action Lab  
Advisor: Karen Adolph
- 2018 – 2021 M.A., Developmental Psychology  
Koç University, İstanbul, Turkey  
Language & Cognition Lab  
Advisor: Tilbe Göksun
- 2016 – 2017 Exchange student, Psychology  
Radboud University, Nijmegen, The Netherlands
- 2012 – 2018 B.A. (Cum Laude)  
B.A. in Guidance and Psychological Counseling  
Boğaziçi University, İstanbul, Turkey

## Publications

- Turan, E., **Kobaş, M.**, & Göksun, T. (2021). Spatial language and mental transformation in preschoolers: Does relational reasoning matter? *Cognitive Development*, 57, 100980.
- Kobaş, M.**, Aktan-Erciyas, A., & Göksun, T. (2021). Fine motor abilities and parental input of spatial features predict object word comprehension of Turkish-learning children. *Infant and Child Development*, 30(4), e2243.
- Kobaş, M.**, Kızıldere, E., Doğan, I., Aktan-Erciyas, A., Demir-Lira, E., Akman, İ. & Göksun, T. (under review). Motor Abilities, Language Development, and Visual Perception in Preterm and Full-Term Infants.

## Posters and Presentations

- Kobaş, M.**, Aktan-Erciyas, A., & Göksun, T. (2021, July). Fine Motor Abilities and Parental Input of Object Dimensions Predict Receptive Language. Poster presented at the 15<sup>th</sup> International Association for the Study of Child Language, Philadelphia, PA.
- Kobaş, M.**, Kızıldere, E., Aktan-Erciyas, A., Doğan, I., & Göksun, T. (2021, July). Fine Motor Abilities, Visual Perception, and Language Development in Preterm and Term Infants. Poster presented at the 15<sup>th</sup> International Association for the Study of Child Language, Philadelphia, PA.
- Kızıldere, E., **Kobaş, M.**, Doğan, I., Aktan-Erciyas, A., Demir-Lira, E., & Göksun, T. (2021, July). Event representation, parental spatial input, and relational language comprehension in full-term and preterm infants. Paper presented in Demir-Lira (chair), Beyond quantity-quality: Specifying

aspects of high-quality parental language input that predict optimal child outcomes. International Congress for the Study of Child Language, Philadelphia, PA.

Doğan, I., **Kobaş, M.**, Kızıldere, E., Aktan-Erciyas, A., Demir-Lira, E., & Göksun, T. (2021, July). Parental Verbal Input in Different Gestational Weeks and Atypical Development. Poster presented at the International Congress for the Study of Child Language, Philadelphia, PA.

Turan, E., **Kobaş, M.**, Aktan-Erciyas, A., & Göksun, T. (2021, July). Turkish children's learning of postpositions: The role of spatial representations. Poster presented at the International Congress for the Study of Child Language, Philadelphia, PA.

**Kobaş, M.** & Göksun, T. (2021, June). Early Walking Leads to Changes in Parents' Spatial Input. Poster presented at the Development in Motion Conference, Virtual.

Kızıldere, E., **Kobaş, M.**, Doğan, I., Aktan-Erciyas, A., Demir-Lira, E., Akman, İ. & Göksun, T. (2021, April). Parents' spatial language scaffolds pre-and full-term infants' mental rotation skills. Poster to be presented at the Society for Research on Child Development.

Doğan, I., **Kobaş, M.**, Kızıldere, E., Aktan-Erciyas, A., Demir-Lira, E., Akman, İ. & Göksun, T. (2021, April). Parents' gestural but not verbal input associates with word comprehension in pre-and full-term infants. Poster submitted to the Society for Research on Child Development.

**Kobaş, M.**, Aktan-Erciyas, A. & Göksun, T. (2021, January). Fine Motor Abilities, Visual Perception and Executive Functions in Preterm and Full-Term Infants. Poster presented at the 11<sup>th</sup> Budapest CEU Conference on Cognitive Development, Budapest, Hungary.

Ateş, T., Ateşoğlu, Ş., Yiğit, Ç., Kesen, İ., **Kobaş, M.**, Erdem, E., Erdem, A., Goksun, T. & Yüret, D. (2020, December). CRAFT: A Benchmark for Causal Reasoning About Forces and inTeractions. In SVRHM Workshop at NeurIPS 2020.

**Kobaş, M.**, Kızıldere, E., Aktan-Erciyas, A., Doğan, I., & Göksun, T. (2020, January). Gross Motor Abilities, Visual Perception, and Language Development in Preterm and Term Infants. Poster presented at the 10<sup>th</sup> Budapest CEU Conference on Cognitive Development, Budapest, Hungary.

Turan, E., **Kobaş, M.**, Altunay, H., Esmer, Ş., Erkekli, E., & Göksun, T. (2020, January). The Effects of Relational Language on Children's Spatial Cognition. Poster presented at the 10<sup>th</sup> Budapest CEU Conference on Cognitive Development, Budapest, Hungary.

**Kobaş, M.**, Kızıldere, E., Aktan-Erciyas, A., Doğan, I., & Göksun, T. (2019, September). Bebeklerde Dil Becerilerinin Kaba Motor ve Görsel-Uzamsal Becerilerle İlişkisi. Poster presented at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Developmental Psychology Symposium, Izmir, Turkey.

Kızıldere, E., Aktan-Erciyas, A., **Kobaş, M.**, Demir-Lira, E., Doğan, I., & Göksun, T. (2019, September). Term ve Preterm Bebeklerde Olay Temsili ve Ebeveynlerin Uzam Girdisi. Poster presented at the 5<sup>th</sup> Experimental-Cognitive Psychology Symposium, Istanbul, Turkey.

### **Research Experience**

- 2018 – present Graduate Research Assistant, Koç University, Advisor: Tilbe Göksun  
 2017 – 2017 Research Assistant in Summer Research Program, Koç University, PI: Yasemin  
 Kisbu Sakarya  
 2016 – 2017 Research Assistant, Boğaziçi University, PI: Nihal Yeniad Malkamak

### **Teaching Experience**

- Spring 2020 TA: Research Methods in Psychology, Koç University  
 Fall 2019 TA: Lifespan Development, Koç University  
 Spring 2019 TA: Cognitive Development, Koç University  
 Fall 2018 TA: Issues in Psychology, Koç University

### **Honors and Awards**

- 2021 – MacCracken Fellow, New York University  
 2021 Academic Excellence Award, Koç University  
 2021 Fee Waiver, 11<sup>th</sup> Budapest CEU Conference on Cognitive Development  
 2020 Fee Waiver, 10<sup>th</sup> Budapest CEU Conference on Cognitive Development

### **Skills**

- Languages Turkish (Native), English (Fluent), German (Pre-Intermediate)  
 Computer SPSS, Jamovi, Elan, R & Python (limited working proficiency)