

Curriculum Vitae
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Personal Information

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Education and Employment

- 2010- present: Professor, Department of Linguistics, Center for Language Studies (CLS),
Radboud University Nijmegen
PI of VIDI grant supported by Dutch Science Foundation (2007-2012)
PI of European Starting Grant (ERC) (2010-2015)
Co-Host of Marie Curie Intra-European Fellowship (2010-2012)
- 2007- 2010: Associate Professor, Department of Linguistics, Center for Language Studies
(CLS), Radboud University Nijmegen
- 2003-2007: Post-doctoral Researcher, FC Donders Center for Cognitive Neuroimaging,
Radboud University Nijmegen
- 2000-2003: Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, Koç University, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2000: Joint Ph.D. in Psychology (Developmental) and Linguistics, The University of Chicago
(with Honors)
- 1997-2000: Visiting Research Fellow at the Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics,
Nijmegen
- 1994: M.A. in Psychology (Developmental), The University of Chicago
- 1991: B.A. in Psychology, Bogazici University, Istanbul, Turkey (with Honors)

Other Academic Affiliations

- § Research Associate at the Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics
- § Research Fellow at the Donders Institute for Brain, Cognition and Behavior, Radboud University Nijmegen
- § Research Associate at the Department of Psychology, Koç University, Istanbul

Grants & Awards

- § Marie Curie Intra-European Fellowship FP7-PEOPLE-2009-IEF (Co-Host)
From action to communication: the role of intention and social cues in the perception of gestures as communicative acts
Training fellow: Dr. Judith Holler (hosting in collaboration with Prof. Hagoort)
Time period: 2010-2013
- § European Research Council (ERC) Starting Grant (PI)
Language in our hand: The role of modality in shaping development of spatial language in deaf and hearing children
Time period: 2010-2015 (1,2 million Euros)
- § VIDI Grant, Dutch Science Foundation (PI)
Title: Role of modality in shaping sign language structure
Time period: 2007-2012 (600,000 Euros)
- § Dutch Science Foundation ASPASIA award
Time period: 2007-2012 (100,000 Euros)
- § Turkish Academy of Sciences, Young Scientist Award (TUBA-GEBIP)
Time period: 2001-2004 (30,000 \$)
- § US National Institutes of Health (NIH), Major Grant (co-PI)
Title : The development of spontaneous gesture systems in deaf children (continuation)
Time period: 2006-2011 (250,000 \$)
In collaboration with: Prof. Susan Goldin-Meadow
- § US National Institutes of Health (NIH), Major Grant (co-PI)
Title: The development of spontaneous gesture systems in deaf children in four cultures
Time period: 2000-2005 (250,000 \$)
In collaboration with: Prof. Susan Goldin-Meadow
- § US National Science Foundation (NSF). Major Grant (co-PI)
Linguistics Program and Child Learning and Development Program,
Title: A crosslinguistic developmental study of spatial thinking and speaking: What do spontaneous gestures reveal?
Time period: 2000-2003 (35,000 \$)
In collaboration with: Dr. Shanley Allen & Dr. Sotaro Kita

- § Fellowship for the promotion of scientific cooperation
Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics, The Netherlands
Summer 2001
- § Visiting Fellowship
Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics, The Netherlands
Time period: 1997-2000
- § Irving Harris Developmental Psychology Grant, University of Chicago
Time period: 1996-1997
- § John Dewey Lectureship award, University of Chicago, 1996

Publications

Edited volumes

Kelly, S., & Özyürek, A. (Eds.). (2007). Special Issue on Gesture, Language, and Brain, Journal of Brain and Language, 101(3)

International journal articles

Published

Habets, B., Kita, S., Shao, Z., Özyürek, A., & Hagoort, P. (2010). The role of synchrony and ambiguity in speech: Gesture integration during comprehension. Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience

Kelly, S. D., Özyürek, A., & Maris, E. (2010). Two sides of the same coin: Speech and gesture mutually interact to enhance comprehension. Psychological Science, 21, 260-267

Özyürek, A., Zwitserlood, I., & Perniss, P. M. (2010). Locative expressions in signed languages: A view from Turkish Sign Language (TID). Linguistics, 48(5), 1111-1145

Willems, R. M., Özyürek, A., & Hagoort, P. (2009). Differential roles for left inferior frontal and superior temporal cortex in multimodal integration of action and language. Neuroimage, 47, 1992-2004

Goldin-Meadow, S., So, W., Özyürek, A. & Mylander, C. (2008). The natural order of events: How do speakers of different languages represent events nonverbally? Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, 105(27), 9163-9168

Özyürek, A., Kita, S., Allen, S., Furman, R., Brown, A., & Ishizuka, T. (2008). Development of cross-linguistic variation in speech and gesture: Motion events in English and Turkish. Developmental Psychology, 44(4), 1040-1050

Willems, R., Özyürek, A. Hagoort, P. (2008). Seeing and hearing meaning. Neural correlates for word versus picture integration into a sentence context. Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience, 20(7), 1235-1249

- Kita S., Özyürek, A., Allen, S., Brown, A., Furman, R., & Ishizuka, T. (2007). Relations between syntactic encoding and co-speech gestures: Implications for a model of speech and gesture production. Language and Cognitive Processes, 22(8), 1212-1236
- Özyürek, A., & Kelly, S. (2007). Gesture, language and brain. In S. Kelly, & A. Özyürek, (Eds.), Special Issue on Gesture, Language and Brain, Journal of Brain and Language, 101(3), 181-185
- Furman, R. & Özyürek, A. (2007). Development of interactional discourse markers : Insights from Turkish children's and adults' narratives. Journal of Pragmatics, 29, 1742-1757
- Willems, R., Özyürek, A. & Hagoort, P. (2007). When language meets action: The neural integration of gesture and speech. Cerebral Cortex, 17, 2322-2333
- Özyürek, A., Willems, R., Kita, S., & Hagoort, P. (2007). Online integration of information from speech and gesture: Insights from event related potentials. Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience, 19, 605-616
- Allen, S., Özyürek, A., Kita, S., Brown, A., Furman, R., & Ishizuka, T. (2007). Language-specific and universal influences in children's packaging of manner and path: A comparison of English, Japanese, and Turkish. Cognition, 102, 16-48
- Küntay, A., & Özyürek, A. (2006). Learning how to use demonstratives in conversations: What do language specific strategies of Turkish children reveal? Journal of Child Language, 33(2), 303-320
- Özyürek, A. Kita, S., Allen, S., Furman, R., Brown, A. (2005). How does linguistic framing influence co-speech gestures? Insights from crosslinguistic differences and similarities. Gesture, 5(1), 216-241
- Senghas, A., Özyürek, A. Kita, S. (2005). Language emergence in vitro or in vivo? A reply to Russo and Volterras technical comment on Children Creating Core Properties of Language. Science, 56, www.sciencemag.org/cgi/content/full/309/5731/56c
- Senghas, A., & Sotaro, K., Özyürek, A. (2004). Children creating core properties of language: Evidence from an emerging sign language in Nicaragua. Science, 305, 1779-1782
- Kita, S. & Özyürek, A. (2003). What does cross-linguistic variation in semantic coordination of speech and gesture reveal?: Evidence for an interface representation of spatial thinking and speaking. Journal of Memory and Language 48, 16-32
- Özyürek, A. (2002). Do speakers design their co-speech gestures for their addressees? The effects of addressee location on representational gestures, Journal of Memory and Language, 46, 688-704
- Özyürek, A. & Trabasso, T. (1997). Evaluation during the understanding of narratives. Journal of Discourse Processes, 23(3), 305-37
- Özyürek, A. (1996). How children talk about a conversation. Journal of Child Language, 23(3), 693-714

Peer reviewed conference proceedings, book chapters

Published

- Özyürek, A. & Perniss, P. M. (2011). Event representations in signed languages. In J. Bohnemeyer, & E. Pederson (Eds.), Event representations in language and cognition, 84-107. New York: Cambridge University Press
- Furman, R., Özyürek, A., & Küntay, A. C. (2010). Early language-specificity in Turkish children's caused motion event expressions in speech and gesture. In K. Franich, K.M. Iserman, & L. L. Keil (Eds.), Proceedings of the 34th Boston University Conference on Language Development, 1, 126-137. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Press
- Kita, S., Özyürek, A., Allen, S., & Ishizuka, T. (2010). Relationship between iconic gestures and sound symbolic words i: Evidence for multimodal protolanguage [abstract]. In A. Smith, M. Schoustra, B. Boer, & K. Smith (Eds.), Proceedings of the 8th International conference on the Evolution of Language (EVOLANG 8), 429-431. World Scientific
- Özyürek, A. (2010). The role of iconic gestures in production and comprehension of language: Evidence from brain and behavior. In S. Kopp, & I. Wachsmuth (Eds.), Gesture in embodied communication and human-computer interaction: 8th International Gesture Workshop, GW 2009, Bielefeld, Germany, February 25-27 2009. Revised selected papers, 1-10. Berlin: Springer
- Senghas, A., Özyürek, A., & Goldin-Meadow, S. (2010). The evolution of segmentation and sequencing: Evidence from homesign and Nicaraguan Sign Language. In A. Smith, M. Schoustra, B. Boer, & K. Smith (Eds.), Proceedings of the 8th International conference on the Evolution of Language (EVOLANG 8), 279-289. World Scientific
- Goldin-Meadow, S., Özyürek, A., Sancar, B., & Mylander, C. (2009). Making language around the globe: A cross-linguistic study of homesign in the United States, China, and Turkey. In J. Guo, E. Lieven, N. Budwig, S. Ervin-Tripp, K. Nakamura, & S. Ozcaliskan (Eds.), Crosslinguistic approaches to the psychology of language: Research in the tradition of Dan Isaac Slobin, 27-39. New York: Psychology Press
- Perniss, P. & Özyürek, A. (2008). Representations of action, motion and location in sign space: A comparison of German (DGS) and Turkish (TID) sign language narratives. In J. Quer (ed.), Signs of the time: TISLR 2004, 353-379. Signum Press
- Zwitserslood, I., A. Özyürek, P. Perniss (2008). Annotation of Sign and Gesture Cross-linguistically. In Crasborn, O.A. et al. (Eds.), Proceedings of the 3rd Workshop on the Representation and Processing of Sign Languages: Construction and Exploitation of Sign Language Corpora, 185-190
- Senghas, A., Kita, S., & Özyürek, A. (2008). Children creating core properties of language: evidence from an emerging sign language in Nicaragua. In K. Lindgren, D. DeLuca, B. Reynolds, and D. J. Napoli (Eds.), Signs and Voices, 90-100. Washington DC: Gallaudet University Press. [Reprint of Senghas et al., 2004]
- Özyürek, A. Kita, S., Allen, S., Furman, R., Brown, A. (2007). How does linguistic framing influence co-speech gestures? Insights from crosslinguistic differences and similarities. In K. Liebal, C. Mueller, S. Pika (Eds.), Gestural communication in nonhuman and

- human primates, 199-219. John Benjamins, Amsterdam [Reprint of Özyürek et al., 2004, Gesture]
- Kita, S., & Özyürek, A. (2007). How spoken language shapes iconic gestures. In J. Cassel, S. Duncan and E. Levy (Eds.), Gesture and the Dynamic Dimension of Language: Essays in honor of David McNeill, 67-75. Benjamins: Amsterdam
- Özyürek, A. (2007). Processing of multi-modal semantic information: Insights from cross-linguistic comparisons and neurophysiological recordings. T. Sakamoto (ed.) Communicating skills of intention, 131-143. Tokyo: Hituzi Syobo Publishing
- Gürcanlı, Ö., Nakipoglu Demiralp, M., & Özyürek, A. (2007). Shared information and argument omission in Turkish. In H. Caunt-Nulton, S. Kulatilake, and I. Woo (Eds.), Proceedings of the 31st Annual Boston University Conference on Language Development, 267-273. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Press
- Furman, R., Özyürek, A., & Allen, S. (2006). Learning to express causal events across languages: What do speech and gesture patterns reveal? In D. Bamman, T. Magnitskaia & C. Zaller (Eds.), Proceedings of the 30th Annual Boston University Conference on Language Development, 190-201. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Press
- Furman, R., & Özyürek, A. (2006). The use of discourse markers in adult and child Turkish oral narratives: Şey, yani and işte. In S. Yagcioglu, A. Cem Deger (Eds.), Advances in Turkish Linguistics, 467-480. Izmir: Dokuz Eylul University Press
- Senghas, A., Kita, S., & Özyürek, A. (2005). Linguaggio e evoluzione: I bambini sordi del Nicaragua mostrano come nasce una lingua. Darwin, 2(8), 88-96. [Includes Italian translation of Senghas et al. 2004, with additional text and graphics]
- Özyürek, A. (2005). What do speech-gesture mismatches reveal about speech and gesture integration?: A comparison of Turkish and English. In C. Cang, M. Houser, Y. Kim, D. Mortensen, M. Park-Doob, M. Toosarvandani (Eds.), Proceedings of the 27th Meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society Conference, 449-456 Berkeley, San Francisco
- Willems, R., Özyürek, A., Hagoort, P. (2005). Neural integration of speech and gesture comprehension: A first fMRI study. Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience (Suppl.), 17, 231
- Brown, A., Özyürek, A., Allen, A., Kita, S., Ishizuka, T., Furman, R. (2005). Does event structure influence children's motion event expressions? Online Proceedings of the 29th BU Conference on Language Development
- Özdemir, E., Küntay, A., Özyürek, A. (2005, in Turkish). Görme engelli Türk çocuklarının ve annelerinin işaret zamiri kullanımı: Dokunsal ortak dikkat . 2. Ulusal Dil ve Konuşma Bozuklukları Kongresi Bildiriler Kitabı. S. Topbaş (ed.), sf., 95-104. Kök Yayıncılık, Ankara (The use of demonstrative pronouns in blind Turkish children and their mothers: Shared attention based on touch. Proceedings of the 2. National Language and Language Disorders Congress, Eskişehir, Turkey)
- Senghas, A, Özyürek, A, & Sotaro, K. (2003). Encoding motion events in an emerging sign language: From Nicaraguan gestures to Nicaraguan signs. In A. Baker, B. van den

- Bogaerde & O. Crasborn (Eds.), Cross-linguistic perspectives in sign language research 2003, 119-131. Signum Press, Hamburg
- Allen, S., Özyürek, A., Kita, S., Brown, A., Turanli, R. Ishizuka, T. (2003). Early speech about manner and path in Turkish and English: Universal or language-specific? In B. Beachley et al.(Eds.), Proceedings of the Boston University Conference on Language Development, 63-72. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Press
- Küntay, A. & Özyürek, A. (2002). Development of the use of demonstrative pronouns in Turkish. In B. Skarabela et al. (Eds.), Proceedings of the Boston University Conference on Language Development, 336-347. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Press
- Özyürek, A. (2002). Speech-gesture synchrony in typologically different languages and second language acquisition. In B. Skarabela et al. (Eds.), Proceedings of the Boston University Conference on Language Development, 500-509. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Press
- Özyürek, A. (2001). What do speech-gesture mismatches reveal about language specific processing? A comparison of Turkish and English. Proceedings of the Conference Oralite et Gestualite: Communication multimodale, interaction, University of Aix-en-Provence, France
- Özyürek, A. (2000). Differences in spatial conceptualization in Turkish and English discourse: Evidence from both speech and gesture. In A. Goksel & C. Kerslake (Eds.), Studies on Turkish and Turkic languages, 263-272. Harrassowitz Verlag: Wiesbaden
- Özyürek, A. & Özçalışkan, S. (2000). How do children learn to conflate manner and path in their speech and gestures? Differences in English and Turkish. In E. Clark (ed.) Papers from the 30th Stanford Child Language Research Forum, 77-85. CLRF Publications: Stanford
- Özyürek, A. (2000). The influence of addressee location on spatial language and representational gestures of direction. In D. McNeill (ed.) Language and gesture, 64-82. Series in language, culture and cognition. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press
- Kita, S. & Özyürek A. (1999). Semantische Koordination zwischen Sprache und spontanen ikonischen Gesten: eine Sprachvergleichende Untersuchung Max Planck Gesellschaft Jahrbuch (pg. 388-391). Verlag Vadenhoeck & Ruprecht: Gottingen
- Özyürek, A. & Kita, S. (1999). Expressing manner and path in English and Turkish: Differences in speech, gesture, and conceptualization. In M. Hahn & S. C. Stonnes (Eds.), Proceedings of the Twenty-first Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, 507-512. Amsterdam: Erlbaum Publishers
- Özyürek, A. (1998). An analysis of the basic meaning of Turkish demonstratives in face-to-face conversational interaction. In Santi, S., Guaitella, I., Cave, C. and Konopczynski, G. (Eds.), Oralite et Gestualite: Communication multimodale, interaction, 609-614). Paris: L'Harmattan

- Trabasso, T. & Özyürek, A. (1997). Communicating evaluation in narrative understanding. In T. Givon (ed.), Conversation: Cognitive, communicative and social perspectives, 268-302. Typological studies in language. Philadelphia, PA: John Benjamins
- Özyürek, A. (1994). How children talk about conversations: Development of roles and voices. In E. Clark (Eds.), Proceedings of the Twenty-Sixth Annual Child Language Research Forum: Stanford: CSLI
- Özyürek, A. (1994). How do Turkish children talk about a conversation. In K. Beals, J. Denton, R. Knippen, L. Melnar, H. Suzuki, E. Zeinfeld (Eds.), Papers from the Thirtieth Regional Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society, 1: The Main Session. Chicago: Chicago University Press

Invited lectures and keynotes

- Özyürek, A. (April, 2011). Colloquim Talk at Lund University, Humanities lab, Sweden
- Özyürek, A. (February, 2011). Gesture as an embodied and/or communicative act: Evidence from brain and behavior. Colloquim Talk at Tilburg Centre for Cognition and Communication (TiCC Colloquim), Tilburg, NL
- Özyürek, A. (July, 2010). Multimodal communication: What do gestures reveal about language, culture and cognition? Talk presented at CLARA Summer School for Advanced Language Resource Creation, Archiving and Usage, MPI, Nijmegen, NL
- Özyürek, A. (July, 2010). Where and when of brain's comprehension of speech and gesture. Invited talk to be given at the Max Planck Institute for Human Cognitive and Brain Sciences, Leipzig, Germany
- Özyürek, A. (June, 2010). Gesture as a Communicative Act: Evidence from Brain and Behavior. Invited talk given at the Deafness, Cognition and Language Research Center (DCAL), University College London, United Kingdom
- Özyürek, A. (June, 2010). Gesture, Language and the Brain. Keynote given at the Augmentative Communication Conference, Kentalis, NL
- Senghas, A. & Özyürek, A. (April, 2010). The evolution of segmentation and sequencing in language: Evidence from Nicaraguan sign language and homesigners. Invited lecture at the Evolution of Language Conference, Utrecht, NL
- Özyürek, A. (February, 2010). Gesture as a communicative act. Invited lecture in "Entertaining Interacting Minds" conference in honor of Chris and Utah Frith, Donders Center for Cognition, Radboud University Nijmegen, NL
- Özyürek, A. (2009). The role of gesture in production and comprehension of language: Insights from behavior and brain. Keynote lecture at the 8th International Gesture Workshop (GW 2009) Gesture in Embodied Communication and Human-Computer Interaction, ZiF Center for Interdisciplinary Research, Bielefeld, Germany

- Özyürek, A. (2008). How does gesture become language?: Expressions of motions and actions in sign and gesture. Lecture given at the Center for Language Studies Colloquium, Radboud University Nijmegen, NL
- Özyürek, A. (2008). From gesture to sign language. 5 lectures presented at LOT Winter School, Tilburg University, NL
- Özyürek, A. (2008). How does gesture become language? Talk given at Cognitive Science Lecture Series at Middle Eastern Technical University, Ankara, Turkey
- Perniss, P. & Özyürek, A. (2007). Simultaneity in the visual modality: A comparison of sign and gesture. Sign Language Workshop, Cologne, Germany
- Özyürek, A. (2007). Boundaries between signs and gestures: Insights from cross-linguistic comparisons. Invited lecture given at the ESF Exploratory Workshop, Rome, Italy
- Özyürek, A. & Perniss, P. (October 2006). From gesture to sign: Is there a continuum? Talk given at the Nascent Languages Workshop at the Rockefeller Study and Conference Center, Bellagio, Italy
- Özyürek, A. (2006). Neural correlates of speech and gesture comprehension. Talk given at the Neurocognition of Gesture Workshop at the Max Planck Institute for Human Cognitive and Brain Sciences, Leipzig, Germany
- Özyürek, A. (2006). From gesture to language: How did a (sign) language emerge in Nicaragua? Invited talk given at the Netherlands Institute for Advanced Studies (NIAS), Wassenaar, NL
- Özyürek, A. (2005). From gesture to language: How did a (sign) language emerge in Nicaragua? A First Scottish-Dutch Workshop on Language Evolution, August, University of Amsterdam, NL
- Özyürek, A. (2005). How do our hands talk? Cognitive processes underlying speech and gesture production. Second International Workshop on Language Production, August, University of Maastricht, NL
- Özyürek, A. (2005). Processing of multi modal semantic information in comprehension and production of utterances . Invited talk given at Communicating Skills of Intention Conference, Kyushu University, Japan
- Özyürek A.(2004). Relations between gestures and language: How and When? Workshop on Gestures in Human and non Human Primates at the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Leipzig, Germany
- Özyürek, A. (2004). What do cospeech gestures reveal about differences in spatial thinking patterns of English and Turkish speakers during speaking? Colloquium Talk at the Nijmegen University, Linguistics Department, NL
- Özyürek A & Perniss, P. (2004). Number quantification and space in Turkish and German Sign Languages. Mini-conference on sign language, Linguistics Department, Nijmegen University, NL

- Özyürek, A. (2002). Relations between gesture and sign language: Insights from Turkey. Course given at the Netherlands Graduate School for Linguistics Summer School, NL
- Özyürek A. & Kita, S. (2001). Attention manipulation in the situational use of Japanese and Turkish demonstratives. Invited talk given at the workshop on deictic conceptualization of space, time and person, Annual Meeting of the German Linguistic Society Conference, Leipzig, Germany
- Özyürek A. (2001). What is the role of gestures in an emerging sign language?: The case of Nicaraguan sign language. Invited talk given at the Developmental lunch talk series, Department of Psychology, Bogazici University, Istanbul, Turkey
- Özyürek A. (2001). Speech-gesture relationship in second language learners. Invited paper presentation given at the workshop on "The relationship between verbal and non-verbal behavior", University of Southern Denmark, Odense University, Denmark
- Kita, S. & Özyürek, A. (2001). Cross-linguistic variation in the semantic coordination of speech and gesture. Invited paper presented at the workshop on Meaning and syntax of words. Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics, Nijmegen, NL
- Özyürek A. & Kita, S. (2000). Attention manipulation in the situational use of Japanese and Turkish demonstratives. Department of Anthropology, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, USA
- Özyürek, A. (2000). What do gestures reveal about the way Turkish speakers think, talk and interact: Gesture as a window into culture specific cognition and interaction. Linguistics Department, Utrecht University, NL
- Kita, S. & Özyürek, A. (1998). Spatial frames of reference and representing space by gestures in narrative discourse. Paper presented at The Semantics and Pragmatics of Everyday Gestures International Symposium, Department of Linguistics, Free University of Berlin and Technical University of Berlin, Germany
- Özyürek, A. (1998). The role of gestures in spatial cognition and communication across languages and contexts. Talk given at the Cognitive Science Colloquium, Department of Psychology, Northwestern University, Chicago, IL, USA

Conference presentations

- Pamela Perniss & Asli Özyürek (2010). Can an embodied cognition account explain action representations in the visual modality? A comparison of cospeech gesture, pantomime and sign (DGS). International Society for Gesture Studies Conference, Frankfurt-Oder, Germany
- Asli Özyürek, Reyhan Furman, Sotaro Kita & Susan Goldin-Meadow (2010). From gesture to homesign: Emergence of segmentation and sequencing in Turkish homesigning children International Society for Gesture Studies Conference, Frankfurt-Oder, Germany

- Aslı Özyürek, Pamela Perniss & Inge Zwitserlood (2010). Conventionalization of spatial representation in the visual-spatial modality: From pantomime to sign language
International Society for Gesture Studies Conference, Frankfurt-Oder, Germany
- Emanuela Campisi & Aslı Özyürek (2010). Communicative intention modulates representational and pragmatic gestures: Gesturing for novices and children in Sicily.
International Society for Gesture Studies Conference, Frankfurt-Oder, Germany
- Reyhan Furman, Aslı Özyürek & Aylin Küntay (2010). Language-Specificity and Interplay of Action, Gesture, and Speech in Early Language Development of Caused Motion,
International Society for Gesture Studies Conference, Frankfurt-Oder, Germany
- Özyürek, A. & Zwitserlood, I. (2008). Using location to express location: Locative expressions in sign languages. Paper presented at the Locatives Workshop, Radboud University Nijmegen, NL
- Özyürek, A. & Perniss, P. (2008). From gesture to sign language: Insights from cross-linguistic comparisons. German Linguistic society Conference , Workshop on "Gesture and Sign", Bamberg, Germany
- Gentner, D., Özyürek, A., Gürçanlı, Ö., Goldin-Meadow, S. (2008). Spatial language potentiates spatial cognition. Evidence from deaf homesigners. Paper presented at Annual Meeting of American Association for Advancement of Science Conference, Chicago, IL, USA
- Özyürek, A. & Perniss, P. (2007). Gestural representations of motion events with and without a language across cultures. International Gesture Studies conference, Northwestern University, Chicago, IL, USA
- Perniss, P. & Özyürek, A. (2007). Constraints on the representations of manner and path in caused motion events in sign and co-speech gestures. International Society of Gesture Studies Conference, Northwestern University, Chicago, IL, USA
- Kelly, S., Özyürek, A., & Maris, E. (2007). Interactions between action depicting gestures and speech during language comprehension. Paper presented at the 3rd International Society for Gesture Studies Conference, Northwestern University, Chicago, IL, USA
- Gürçanlı, Ö., Nakipoglu Demiralp, M., & Özyürek, A. (2006). Shared information and argument omission in Turkish. Paper presented at Boston University Conference for Child Language Development, Boston, MA, USA
- Özyürek, A., Willems R., & Hagoort P. (2005). Semantic processing of speech and gesture in the rain. Presented at the 2nd International Society for Gesture Studies Conference, Interacting Bodies, Lyon, France
- Furman, R., Özyürek, A., & Allen, S. (2005). Learning to express causation across languages: hat do speech and gesture patterns reveal? Paper presented at Boston University Conference for Child Language Development, Boston, MA, USA

- Furman R., Özyürek, A., Allen, S., & Brown, A. (2005). What do gestures reveal about children's causal event representations? Presented at the 2nd International Society for Gesture Studies Conference, Interacting Bodies, Lyon, France
- Özyürek, A., Goldin-Meadow, S., Gürcanlı, Ö., & Göksun, T. (2005). Gestural expressions of motion events with and without a language model. Paper Presented at the 10th International Child Language Conference, Berlin, Germany
- van Deusen Phillips, S., Özyürek, A., Sancar, B., & Mylander, C. (2005). Ordering of semantic elements in young homesigners' gestures in four cultures. Paper Presented at the 10th International Child Language Conference, Berlin, Germany
- Perniss, P. & Özyürek, A. (2004). How many pots in the window sill? Number and quantification in German and Turkish Sign Languages. Crosslinguistic perspectives in sign language research workshop, German Linguistic Society Conference, Mainz, Germany
- Özyürek, A. & İlkbaşıaran, D. (2004). The use of space in transfer verbs in Turkish Sign Language: Implications for typological variation. Crosslinguistic perspectives in sign language research workshop at the German Linguistic Society Conference, Mainz, Germany
- Özyürek, A. & Furman, R. (2004). How to express casual motion events in Turkish and English. 12th International Conference on Turkish Linguistics, Izmir, Turkey
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- Özyürek, A. (2009). "Emerging sign languages". First Nijmegen Gesture Center Spring Workshop, Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics, Nijmegen, NL
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Conferences: Evolution of Language Conference ; Cognitive Science Society Conference ; International Society for Gesture Studies (ISGS) Conference ; International Child Language Conference ; Boston University Language Development Conference; Experimental Pragmatics

Teaching and Supervision

Courses

- Gesture Comprehension, First Summer School of International Society for Gesture Studies (July 2010). Frankfurt Oder
- Multimodal communication: What do gestures reveal about language, gesture and cognition? CLARA Summer School on Advanced Resource Creation, Archive and Usage, MPI, Nijmegen
- Visual modes of language: Gesture and Sign: Course In MSc in Cognitive Neuroscience (Spring 2010). Radboud University Nijmegen
- Gesture and Sign Language: Course In MA in Linguistics (Fall, 2009), Radboud University Nijmegen
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- BA course: Introduction to Psychology (2000-2003). Department of Psychology, Koç University, Istanbul
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- BA Course: Discourse and Communication. Department of Psychology, John Dewey Lecture, University of Chicago
- BA Course (teaching assistant): Psychology of Language (with Prof. McNeill). Department of Psychology, University of Chicago
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Academic Service and Standing

Academic Service

- Coordinator of Nijmegen Gesture Center (with dr. Judith Holler)
- Coordinator of Sign and Gesture Topic Meetings, Donders Institute for Brain, Cognition and Behavior Institute
- Editorial Board: Journal Gesture
- Review Editorial Board: Frontiers in Language Sciences
- Advisory Board Member: DCAL (Deafness, Cognition and Language) Center, University College London
- Member of Advise Commission, NWO Dutch Science Foundation MOZAIK programme
- Board Member: NSF funded Sign-Type Research project, University of Connecticut
- 2000-2007: General Secretary of International Society of Gesture Studies

Academic Standing

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