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### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Date of Birth: April 21, 1983  
Place of Birth: Istanbul, Turkey  
Citizenship: Turkey

### EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Psychology, 2012, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR, USA  
M.S. in Psychology, 2006, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR, USA  
B.S. in Psychology, 2005, Bogazici University, Istanbul, Turkey  
Exchange Student, 2004, University of Washington, Seattle, WA, USA

### EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, Ozyegin University, Istanbul, Turkey (July 2013-)  
Instructor, Department of Psychology, Koc University, Istanbul, Turkey (Sept. 2012 - June 2013)  
Graduate Teaching Fellow, Department of Psychology, University of Oregon (2005 - 2012)

### AWARDS, HONORS AND GRANTS

Research Grant (2014-). *The development and social and cognitive correlates of pretend play in preschool children*. Career Development Program, The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey.  
Grant # 114330  
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International Travel Award, Society for Research in Child Development (2013, 2015)  
Carolyn M. Stokes Memorial Scholarship (2010-2011)  
Graduate Student Research Award (2010, 2011)  
Graduate Student Travel Award (2009, 2007).  
Exchange Student Fellowship  
Winter/ Spring 2004- Department of Psychology, Bogazici University/University of Washington, Seattle

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Cognitive development, children's theories of mind, anthropomorphism, pretend play, creativity, imagination, executive functioning, autism spectrum disorders, cultural differences in children's social-cognitive development

## PUBLICATIONS

**Tahiroglu, D.** & Taylor, M. (under review). Correlates of anthropomorphism in adults and children.

**Tahiroglu, D.**, Moses, L. J., Carlson, S. M., Mahy, C. E. V., Olofson, E. L., & Sabbagh, M. A. (2014). The Children's Social Understanding Scale: Construction and validation of a parent-report theory-of-mind measure. *Developmental Psychology*, *50*, 2485-2497.

**Tahiroglu, D.**, Mannerling, A. M., & Taylor, M. (2011). Visual and auditory imagery associated with children's imaginary companions. *Imagination, Cognition, and Personality*, *31*, 99-112.

Moses, L.J. & **Tahiroglu, D.** (2010). Clarifying the relation between executive function and children's theories of mind. In J. Carpendale, G. Iarocci, U. Müller, B. Sokol, & A. Young (Eds.), *Self- and Social-Regulation: Exploring the Relations between Social Interaction, Social Cognition, and the Development of Executive Functions* (pp.218-233). Oxford University Press.

Carlson, S. M., **Tahiroglu, D.**, & Taylor, M. (2008). Links between dissociation and role play in a non-clinical sample of preschool children. *Journal of Trauma and Dissociation*, *9*, 149-171.

## PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

**Tahiroglu, D.**, Moses, L., & Celik, H. (March, 2015). Further validation of the Children's Social Understanding Scale. Poster presented at the Biennial Meeting for the Society for Research in Child Development Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Kosie, J., Staeb, M., & **Tahiroglu, D.** (March, 2015). Adults' and children's attribution of human-like facial and emotional characteristics to inanimate objects. Poster presented at the Biennial Meeting for the Society for Research in Child Development Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

**Tahiroglu, D.** & Yagmurlu, B. (April, 2014). Zihin kurami değerlendirmesindeki ilk ebeveyn bildirim ölçeğinin Türkçe adaptasyonu ve psikometrik özellikleri (*Turkish adaptation and psychometric properties of the first parent report theory of mind scale*). Paper presented at the 18<sup>th</sup> National Congress of Psychology Bursa, Turkey.

**Tahiroglu, D.** & Taylor, M. (March, 2014). The relations between anthropomorphism, theory of mind and role play. Paper presented at the conference "(Re)presenting the Speech of Others", Groningen, Netherlands.

**Tahiroglu, D.** (September, 2013). Exploring the Turkish higher education system. Workshop speaker at European Association for International Education, Istanbul, Turkey.

**Tahiroglu, D.** & Taylor, M. (April, 2013). The relations between anthropomorphism, theory of mind and role play. Paper presented at the Biennial Meeting for the Society for Research in Child Development Conference, Seattle, Washington.

- Staeb, M. H., **Tahiroglu, D.**, & Taylor, M. (June, 2012). The angry cookie: Adults' and children's attribution of human-like facial and emotional characteristics to inanimate objects. Poster presented for the University of Oregon Undergraduate Research Symposium.
- Tahiroglu, D.**, Moses, L. J., Carlson, S. M., & Sabbagh, M. A. (April, 2009). Can parents report on their children's mental state understanding? Construction of a parent-report theory-of-mind scale. Poster presented at the Biennial Meeting for the Society for Research in Child Development Conference, Denver, Colorado.
- Tahiroglu, D.**, Moses, L. J., Carlson, S. M., & Sabbagh, M. A. (October, 2007). Construction and validation of a parent-report theory-of-mind scale. Poster presented at the 5<sup>th</sup> Biennial Meeting for the Cognitive Development Society. Santa Fe, New Mexico.
- Tahiroglu, D.** & Moses, L. J. (May, 2007). Developing a parent-report theory-of-mind scale. Poster presented at the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention for Association for Psychological Science (APS), Washington, DC.
- Bernstein, D. M., Atance, C., Shukla, P., Durham, J., **Tahiroglu, D.**, Loftus, G. R., & Meltzoff, A. N. (June, 2005). Biased perspective taking across the lifespan. Paper presented to the Jean Piaget Society, Vancouver, Canada.
- Bernstein, D. M., Atance, C. M., **Tahiroglu, D.**, Loftus, G. R., & Meltzoff, A. N. (April, 2005). Hindsight bias and theory of mind: Perspective-taking errors across the lifespan. Paper presented at the biennial meeting for the Society for Research in Child Development Conference, Atlanta, Georgia.
- Bernstein, D. M., **Tahiroglu, D.**, Godfrey, R., Atance, C., Loftus, G. R., & Meltzoff, A. N. (May, 2004). Hindsight bias and theory of mind. Paper presented at the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting for NorthWest Cognition and Memory Conference, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada.
- Godfrey, R., Bernstein, D. M., **Tahiroglu, D.**, & Loftus, E. F. (May, 2004). Unscrambling one's past. Paper presented at the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting for NorthWest Cognition and Memory Conference, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada.

## INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- Tahiroglu, D.** (April, 2013). Development and Correlates of Anthropomorphism. Invited presentation at the European Federation of Psychology Students' Associations, Izmir, Turkey.
- Tahiroglu, D.** (March, 2011). Development of Social Understanding: Theory-of-Mind, Imaginary Companions, and Anthropomorphism. Invited presentation to the Department of Psychology, Koc University, Istanbul, Turkey.

## SUPERVISED THESIS

- Hazal Celik (Master's thesis in progress). Contributions of hot and cool executive functioning abilities to school readiness. Ozyegin University, Department of Psychology.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Undergraduate courses:

Introduction to Psychology, Research Methods, Child Development, Cognitive Development, Social Development

Graduate courses:

Cognitive Development, Research Methods

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Society for Research in Child Development

Cognitive Development Society

Association for Psychological Science

Turkish Psychological Association

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Ad-hoc Journal Reviewer for *Child Development*, *Cognitive Development*, *Journal of Child and Family Studies*, *Journal of Child Language*

Member of the Graduate Admission Committee, Ozyegin University (2013-)

Member of the Associate Dean of the Graduate School Search Committee, University of Oregon (2010)

Assistant to the Department Head, Department of Psychology, University of Oregon (2007-2008 and 2010-2011)

Member of the Faculty Search Committee, Department of Psychology, University of Oregon (2008)