Murat Akbıyık

Date of birth: 12/03/1984 | **Nationality:** Turkish | **Gender:** Male | **Phone number:** (+90) 5367170451 (Mobile) | **Email address:** murat_akbiyik@yahoo.com | **Website:** www.muratakbiyik.com.tr | **Skype:** murat_akbiyik | **Google Meet:** akbiyik | **Address:** Fener, Fatih, 34083, İstanbul, Türkiye (Home)

ABOUT ME

I'm a Turkish citizen born in the countryside of Edirne and grown up mostly in Istanbul, Türkiye. I have been a teacher of English since I graduated from Boğaziçi University in 2007, mostly working at higher education institutions. On top of continuous formal education for 28 years, I got a graduate degree in ELT in 2023. Also, having about 20 years of experience in civil society organizations, I learned and shared a lot about opportunities for the youth through international projects, which, I believe, thanks to having travelled to 40+ countries, have added much on me towards being "more than a teacher" in my career and an "active world citizen" in a broad sense. I am keen on digital learning and adult education with high interest in 21st century skills and digital tools.

WORK EXPERIENCE

30/01/2025 – CURRENT İstanbul, Türkiye

INSTRUCTOR OF ENGLISH BIRUNI UNIVERSITY

I teach academic English within Main Course and Reading Skills courses on a 20-hour weekly schedule at tertiary level. My students are international young adults studying at English Preparatory class.

Department Foreign Language Education | **Address** Topkapı, İstanbul, Türkiye | **Website** https://www.biruni.edu.tr

02/2003 – CURRENT

TEACHER OF ENGLISH, TURKISH AND FRENCH FREELANCE

I have been teaching English since 2003, when I was at university. I have had one-to-one tutors or group lessons, teaching primarily English, Turkish and French to various age groups at almost all levels, from children to young adults and more mature learners. I have had thousands of students from dozens of cities and countries. I have given lessons for general or specific purposes such had exam-preparation, business, medical studies and different sectors.

Business or Sector Education | **Website** https://muratakbiyik.com.tr/ozelders

01/10/2010 – 31/12/2024 İstanbul, Türkiye

INSTRUCTOR OF ENGLISH KADIR HAS UNIVERSITY

I worked for Kadir Has University for 14,5 years. As an "Instructor of English", I had English classes on Grammar, Academic Writing, Reading and Listening skills with a weekly load of up to 20 lessons. My students were mostly aged from 17 to 25. As a member of Educational Technologies Unit, with the title of "Digital Learning, Social Media and Web Coordinator" from 2011 to 2018, I was responsible from online-based activities of the school, from the corporate website to MyLab, from social media platfroms to Blackboard, SAP, Moodle and SPARKS.

Department School of Foreign Languages - English Preparatory Program | **Address** Cibali, Fatih, İstanbul, Türkiye |

Website http://sfl.khas.edu.tr

01/09/2009 – 31/07/2010 İzmir, Türkiye

TEACHER OF ENGLISH AS A RESERVE OFFICER SECOND LIEUTENANT MALTEPE MILITARY HIGH SCHOOL

This institution is currently a part of National Defence University. I taught English at preparatory classes for two semesters. I had Main Course, Listening and Reading lessons. My students were aged from 13 to 15. My weekly load has been 25 lessons. I had this position for 11 months during my military service.

Department Foreign Language Education | **Address** Güzelbahçe, İzmir, Türkiye | **Website** http://alturl.com/2czv4

08/2007 – 07/2009 İstanbul, Türkiye

INSTRUCTOR OF ENGLISH ALFRED UNIVERSITY ISTANBUL CAMPUS

I taught preparatory classes for 2 academic years. I had Main Course, Writing, Reading, Listening and Speaking classes. My students were aged from 17 to 25. My weekly load was 20 lessons. Apart from being an instructor, I also took roles in exam preparations. I had this position from September 2007 to July 2009. * Alfred University was founded in New York, the USA in 1836. The main campus is Alfred, New York.

Department English Preparatory Department | **Address** Bakırköy, İstanbul, Türkiye

02/2008 – 06/2009 İstanbul, Türkiye

TEACHER AND TUTOR OF ENGLISH DILKO LANGUAGE COURSE

I taught adult and young-adult learners English at elementary and pre-intermediate levels. I also had tutors to small groups of university students at English preparatory classes.

Address Bakırköy, İstanbul, Türkiye | **Website** http://www.dilkoenglish.com

08/2005 – CURRENT İstanbul, Türkiye

PROJECTS AND WEB CONSULTANT FREELANCE

I share my expertise and experiences with individuals and organizations at voluntary basis. I give assistance to individuals youth initiatives in developing, writing, applying, managing and reporting projects as well as digital web and social media activities.
I have been involved in projects since 2003, and I have had my own website since 2005. So, I have a lot to share with others. I also belong to numerous civil society organizations.

Business or Sector Administrative and support service activities | **Address** İstanbul, İstanbul, Türkiye |

Website www.muratakbiyik.com.tr

05/2003 – 08/2008 İstanbul, Antalya, Türkiye

HOST / SUPERVISOR / MERCHANDISER / DISTRIBUTOR VARIOUS COMPANIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

I was involved in these event/project-based part-time works mostly when I was a student at university. I had these positions thanks to my proficiency in English and social skills. I was acquainted to network marketing system during my university years. That's how I started working for Herbalife and Avon, international companies reaching out their customers through network marketing tools.

Website www.muratakbiyik.com.tr

26/12/2018 – CURRENT İstanbul, Türkiye

FOUNDING V. PRESIDENT AND ERASMUS+ PROJECTS COORDINATOR IFLED INTERNATIONAL FOREIGN LANGUAGE EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION

As an active teacher of English since 2007, I am one of the founders of iFLED International Foreign Language Educators Association. I have been acting as the vice president of the organization since it was established in 2018. I am responsible from the planning, management and dissemination of training activities and international projects as well as developing the new website and other digital tools.

Website www.ifled.org

22/05/2017 – 17/06/2023 Lüleburgaz, Türkiye

BOARD MEMBER AND SECRETARY GENERAL KEPIRTEPE ALUMNI EDUCATION FOUNDATION (KEPIRTEPELILER EĞITIM VAKFI)

As a graduate of Kepirtepe Anatolian Teachers' Training High School in 2002, I joined the alumni organization in 2012, and after being electged as a reserve board member in 2015, I was the secretary general of the foundation from 2017 to 2023. I was responsible from the plan, realization and dissemination of activities as well as managing membership system online through the website I designed.

Business or Sector Education | **Website** www.kepirtepeliler.org.tr

19/04/2008 – 14/03/2017 İstanbul, Türkiye

FOUNDING PRESIDENT OF BOARD YOUTHART YOUTH ART RESEARCH AND TRAINING ASSOCIATION

As one of the founders of YOUTHART, I was the president of board since 2011, having coordinated dozens of international, national and local projects within EU Erasmus+, Civil Society Dialogue and others. I acted as the legal representative and managed about 250 local, national and international events and projects. I worked for YOUTHART at voluntary basis.

For more information: www.youthart.org.tr

Address Taksim Beyoğlu İstanbul, 34433, İstanbul, Türkiye | **Website** www.youthart.org.tr

10/2006 – 05/2007 İstanbul, Türkiye
TEACHER TRAINEE DOĞUŞ COLLEGE

I successfully completed my teaching trainee program as an English Teacher Candidate at different levels at Doğuş College. I had class observations, unofficial and official presentations as well as some other extra-curricular duties assigned by coordinating teachers at primary , secondary and High school sections of the institution.

Address Acıbadem, İstanbul, Türkiye | **Website** http://www.dogus.edu.tr/tr/dogus/dogusegitim.asp

09/2004 – 04/2007 İstanbul, Türkiye
STUDENT ASSISTANT BOĞAZIÇI UNIVERSITY FACULTY OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE EDUCATION

I was responsible for organization and preparation of academic studies and office work of the professors at my faculty.

Address Beşiktaş, İstanbul, Türkiye | **Website** http://fed.bogazici.edu.tr

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

22/10/2020 – 26/09/2023 İzmir, Türkiye
MASTER OF ARTS IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING İzmir Demokrasi University

Website https://idu.edu.tr | **Field of study** English Language Teaching | **Final grade** 3.93 | **Level in EQF** EQF level 8 |

National classification NQF Level 9 |

Thesis The Place of Digital Competencies in Teaching English as a Foreign Language in Higher Education Contexts in Türkiye

10/2011 – 06/2013 İstanbul, Türkiye
MASTER OF ARTS IN ADMINISTRATION AND SUPERVISION OF EDUCATION Hoca Ahmet Yesevî International Turk-Kazak University

Faculty of History and Education, Distance Learning Master Program with fundamental classes in management, planning, finance and legal acquis of education and human resources as well as information technologies and research methods finalized with a research paper in the field of interest.

Address Online, İstanbul, Türkiye | **Website** https://www.ayu.edu.tr | **Level in EQF** EQF level 7

08/2002 – 06/2007 İstanbul, Türkiye
BACHELOR OF ARTS IN FOREIGN LANGUAGE EDUCATION Boğaziçi University

Faculty of Education, English Langauge Teaching Program with fundamental classes in psychology, linguistics, English literature and loads of language teaching methodologies, occupational theories and practices in education, finalized with actual teacher trainee program applied at primary, secondary and high school levels.

Address Beşiktaş, İstanbul, Türkiye | **Website** www.bogazici.edu.tr | **Level in EQF** EQF level 6

09/2009 – 06/2011 İstanbul, Türkiye
BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION Anadolu University

Faculty of Business Administration through distance learning program with the basics of business administration, information technologies, legal acquits and social sciences.

Website http://aof.anadolu.edu.tr | **Level in EQF** EQF level 5

10/2007 – 07/2009 İstanbul, Türkiye

ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN PUBLIC RELATIONS Anadolu University

Faculty of Open Education through distance learning program with the basics of public relations, information technologies, legal acquits and social sciences.

Website http://aof.anadolu.edu.tr | **Level in EQF** EQF level 5

08/1998 – 06/2002 Kırklareli, Türkiye

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA Kepirtepe Anatolian Teachers' Training High School

General high school curriculum with literature, mathematics, science, physical education and foreign language classes. Vocational classes on fundamentals of teaching, psychology of learning and management of education. In the last two years; loaded with English language classes in Foreign Languages Department

Address Lüleburgaz, Kırklareli, Türkiye | **Website** http://kepirtepe.meb.k12.tr | **Level in EQF** EQF level 4

20/07/2011 – 22/07/2011 İstanbul, Türkiye

CERTIFICATE OF "TEACHING ENGLISH TO ADULTS" TRAINING Oxford Teachers' Academy

The course consisted of 9 workshops about Classroom Management, Effective Oral Correction, Testing, Listening, Student-centered Learning, Vocabulary, Writing, Written Correction, Focus on Language.

Address Kadir Has University, İstanbul, Türkiye | **Website** http://oupeltglobalblog.com |

Field of study Teacher training and education science

27/10/2011 – 02/11/2011 İstanbul, Türkiye

CERTIFICATE OF "TEACHING ENGLISH FOR ACADEMIC PURPOSES" TRAINING Oxford Teachers' Academy

The course consisted of 9 workshops about Academic Writing, Academic Speaking, Academic Study Skills, Assessing EAP Students, Academic Listening, Academic Reading, Grammar Treatment for EAP Students, and Academic Lexis.

Address Kadir Has University, İstanbul, Türkiye | **Website** http://oupeltglobalblog.com |

Field of study Teacher training and education science

11/2014 – 01/2015 Online

CERTIFICATE ON UNDERSTANDING LANGUAGE LEARNING AND TEACHING University of Southampton & British Council

The course was given online over five weeks. It introduced you to some of the latest ideas in research and practice in language learning and teaching. I explored second language learning and what it means to learn language, considered language classrooms and how teaching affects our language learning, looked at the use of technology in teaching, and its benefits and challenges for language learning, investigated the case of English - the most widely learnt and taught language in the world - asking how it has achieved this position, updated myself on the latest research into the use of English and took a taste of what it is like to be a researcher in Global English.

Website www.futurelearn.com

23/03/2021 – 06/04/2021 Online

CERTIFICATE OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND PUBLICATION PROCEDURES IN SOCIAL SCIENCES EASE European Association of Science Editors & Trakya University Institute of Social Sciences

Website https://sobe-easepanel.trakya.edu.tr

23/05/2023 Online

CERTIFICATE OF USING AI IN LANGUAGE TEACHING: CHATGPT AS A TOOL FOR LANGUAGE PEDAGOGY TESOL Türkiye

Website https://tesolturkey.net/

22/01/2025 – 28/01/2025 Online

CERTIFICATE OF TRAINER OF EXPERIENCE AI Google DeepMind & Raspberry Pi Foundation

Website https://experience-ai.org

23/04/2021 – 30/04/2021 İstanbul, Türkiye

CERTIFICATE OF MENTORING - MAC101: MENTOR AS A COACH NextGen by BÜMED Boğaziçi University Alumni Association

Website https://www.bumed.org.tr/mentor

13/03/2007 – 24/04/2007 İstanbul, Türkiye

CERTIFICATE OF "PROFESSIONAL CAREER PREPARATION AND LEADERSHIP" TRAINING Bridge Training and Consulting International

This special training course was set to get to know our own characteristics and attitudes through some special tests and evaluations as well as preparing us for job applications, interviews and maintaining successful business relationships.

Address Boğaziçi University, İstanbul, Türkiye | **Website** http://www.bridge-tci.com | **Field of study** Personal development

30/04/2006 – 05/05/2006 Antalya, Türkiye

CERTIFICATE OF “ADVANCED TRAINING ON QUALITY" INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS TRAINING Turkish National Agency

This special training course was designed to increase the quality of the European youth exchanges set up within the Youth in Action Programme. An international group of youth workers came together to focus on quality aspects and improve management competences in order to raise quality in future exchanges. The ATOQ provided me with opportunities to critically reflect upon my previous international youth exchange experiences and the impact on young people; increase the understanding of different quality aspects of youth exchanges such as: active participation of young people , involvement of promoters and stakeholders, diversity and intercultural learning, European dimension and citizenship; experience a non-formal learning process and understand its importance in youth exchanges; improve my project management competences (knowledge, skills and attitudes) in order to better organize the different phases of a youth exchange.

Website http://www.ua.gov.tr | **Field of study** Basic / broad general programmes

25/09/2007 – 07/06/2008 İstanbul

CERTIFICATE OF "NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS" PROGRAM İstanbul Bilgi University NGO Training and Research Center

This program focused on Non-governmental Organizations, Management of Organizations, Project Management Cycle, the EU and NGOs, Advocacy and Affecting the Politics, Voluntarism and Collaboration with Volunteers, Fund Raising. Except from the three-day sessions the beginning and end of the program, the sessions were held online through discussions, readings, online file sharing and developing projects to be realized at local level.

Address İstanbul Bilgi University, İstanbul | **Website** http://stk.bilgi.edu.tr | **Field of study** Social services

03/11/2006 – 25/01/2007 İstanbul, Türkiye

CERTIFICATE OF “THE EUROPEAN UNION” PROGRAM Galatasaray University International Law and Diplomacy Organization and CREDE

Series of seminars organized by Galatasaray University International Law and Diplomacy Organization and CREDE were held to discuss the history, general structure and regulations of the European Union, the relations between the union and Turkey through years and some special topics related to social and youth activities.

Address Galatasaray University, İstanbul, Türkiye | **Website** http://gsu.edu.tr | **Field of study** Humanities

16/10/2011 – 20/10/2011 İstanbul, Türkiye

CERTIFICATE OF “BASIC ADOBE PHOTOSHOP” TRAINING UniEğitim Kariyer Merkezi

Through this 10-hour course, I had the chance to go over the key features of Photoshop program, and practice them in the class. This course was held on 17th, 19th, and 21st October, 2011.

Address Mecidiyeköy, İstanbul, Türkiye | **Field of study** Computing

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Mother tongue(s): **TURKISH**

Other language(s):

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken production	Spoken interaction	
ENGLISH	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
FRENCH	A1	A2	A1	A1	A1

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user; B1 and B2: Independent user; C1 and C2: Proficient user

DIGITAL SKILLS

Research and analytical skills | Data collection, analysis and reporting | Critical thinking | Artificial Intelligence (AI) | Microsoft (Microsoft Word, Microsoft PowerPoint, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Outlook) | Google (Google Meet, Google Docs, Google Classrom, Google Forms, Google Drive, Google Slide); | Social Media | Zoom | WordPress | WhatsApp

DRIVING LICENCE

Driving Licence: AM

Driving Licence: B1

Driving Licence: B

Driving Licence: D1

PUBLICATIONS

Publications and Fields of Study

Academic and Scientific Publications:

- Korkmaz, H., & Akbıyık, M. (2024). Unlocking the Potential: Attitudes of Tertiary Level EFL Learners Towards Using AI in Language Learning. *Participatory Educational Research, 11*(6), 1-19. https://doi.org/10.17275/per.24.76.11.6.
- Akbıyık, M., & Koç, D. K. (2024). Exploring English as a foreign language students' perceptions and needs of digital competences in a Turkish higher education context. *The Literacy Trek*, *10*(1), 76-102. https://doi.org/10.47216/literacytrek.1471327.
- Akbıyık, M., & Koç, D. K. (2024). Perceptions and Levels of Digital Competencies of EFL Instructors in A Higher Education Context in Türkiye. *International Journal of Education, Technology and Science*, *4*(2), 1965-1986. https://ijets.org/index.php/IJETS/article/view/274.
- Akbıyık, M. (2023). *The Place of Digital Competencies in Teaching English as a Foreign Language in Higher Education Contexts in Türkiye (Türkiye'de Yüksek Öğretimde Yabancı Dil Olarak İngilizce Öğretiminde Dijital Yeterliklerinin Yeri)* [Master's thesis, İzmir Democracy University] https://muratakbiyik.com.tr/dijital-yeterlilikler-hakkinda-tez-calismasi

Other Publications:

- Kadıoğlu, A., Şavural, M., Çimenli, K., Akbıyık, M., Demir, O., Görgün, Ö. C., Yardım, Ü., & Bayındır, Y. (2020). *Organization Procedure for Civil Society in Times of Crisis* (2nd ed., pp. 19-34). Quality in Social Responsibility Association (SSKD). https://kriz.sskd.org.tr.
- Kadıoğlu, A., Şavural, M., Çimenli, K., Akbıyık, M., Demir, O., Görgün, Ö. C., Yardım, Ü., & Bayındır, Y. (2020). Kriz Dönemlerinde Sivil Toplum için Örgütlenme Prosedürü, Sosyal Sorumlulukta Kalite Derneği (SSKD). https://kriz.sskd.org.tr.
- Akbıyık, M. (2018). Dünya Vatandaşı Olmak. *Panorama Khas, Spring* (25), 51-55. https://panorama.khas.edu.tr/dunya-vatandasi-olmak-569.
- Akbıyık, M. (2017). Dijital Dil Öğrenme Araçları. *Panorama Khas, Fall* (25), 48-50. https://panorama.khas.edu.tr/dijital-dil-ogrenme-araclari-530.
- Akbıyık, M. (2017). Istanbul Community Media Center & Digital Skills for Intercultural Dialogue and Lifelong Learning. Proceedings of the Historical and cultural heritage: problems of preservation and popularization: theses of the IV International Scientific and Practical Conference, Lviv, Ukraine, 2-3. https://ena.lpnu.ua/handle/ntb/40569.
- Akbıyık, M. (2016). Gençlik Bilgilendirmesi ve Vatandaş Medyası Deklarasyonu. YOUTHART Gençlik Sanat Araştırma ve Eğitim Derneği.
- Akbıyık, M. (2015). Gezegen Adı: Dünya; Konuştuğu Dil: İngilizce. *Panorama Khas, Summer-Fall* (18), 62-65. https://panorama.khas.edu.tr/gezegen-adi-dunya-konustugu-dil-ingilizce-120.

- Akbıyık, M. (2014). İş Bulmak için Diploma Yeterli Değil, Kültürel Öğrenme Deneyimi Gerekiyor. *Panorama Khas, Spring* (14), 46-51. https://panorama.khas.edu.tr/is-bulmak-icin-diploma-yeterli-degil-kulturel-ogrenme-deneyimi-gerekiyor-165.
- Akbıyık, M. (2013). *Üniversite Yıllarında Gelişim* [Development in the College Years] [Unpublished master's project, Ahmet Yesevi University]. https://bit.ly/development-in-the-college-years-murat-akbiyik-master-project.
- Akbıyık, M. (2011). 2010 PISA Raporu Üzerine. Youth Art Research and Training Initiative "youth a.r.t. post" Magazine, Winter(1), 9-10.
- Akbıyık, M. (2006). *Teaching Philosophy – Second Language Teaching Methods.* [Unpublished undergraduate project, Boğaziçi University]

Fields of Study and Research Interests:

- Digital Learning & Digital Competencies (Dijital Öğrenme & Dijital Yeterlilikler)
- 21st Century Skills & 4Cs (21. Yüzyıl Becerileri & 4C)
- Educational Technologies & Artificial Intelligent (Eğitim Teknolojileri & Yapay Zeka)
- Academic English for Adults & English for Specific Purposes (Yetişkinler için Akademik İngilizce & ESP)
- Sınıf içi Araştırmalar (Action Research)
- Teacher Wellbeing (Öğretmenin İyi Olma Hali)
- Teaching Turkish to Foreigners (Yabancılara Türkçe Öğretimi)
- Quality Management in Higher Education (Yüksek Öğretimde Kalite Yönetimi)
- Youth Policies (Gençlik Politikaları)

PRESENTATIONS

Presentations

Research Study Presenter in 7th International Social Sciences Symposium by Asos Congress held at İstanbul Sabahattin Zaim University on 14.12.2024. | Presentation topic: A Study on the English Grammatical Morpheme Accuracy Order of Turkish EFL Learners (Yabancı Dil Olarak İngilizce Öğrenenlerin İngilizce Dilbilgisel Biçimbirim Doğruluğu Üzerine Bir Çalışma) studied in collaboration with Dr. Hüsem Korkmaz.

Thesis Study Presenter in IDU ICER'23 5th International Conference on Educational Research (organized by İzmir Democracy University) held at Kuşadası Pinebay Holiday Resort on 24.11.2023. | Presentation topic: The Place of Digital Competencies in Teaching English as a Foreign Language in Higher Education Contexts in Türkiye(Türkiye'de Yüksek Öğretimde Yabancı Dil Olarak İngilizce Öğretiminde Dijital Yeterliklerinin Yeri) advised by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Didem Koban Koç.

Academic Presenter in 1st Medipol ELT Conference "First Istanbul Medipol Language School Conference on Social-Emotional Learning And Cultural Competence" (organized by İstanbul Medipol University) held on 13.05.2023. | Presentation topic: 21st Century Skills in ELT Classes (İngiliz Dili Eğitimi Derslerinde 21. Yüzyıl Becerileri)

Academic Presenter in 17th Maltepe University ELT E-Conference "Sailing Towards New Horizons" held online on 07.05.2023. | Presentation topic: Digital Competencies in ELT (İngiliz Dili Eğitiminde Dijital Yeterlikler)

Presenter in Erasmus+ Staff Exchange Seminar held at ADA University in Baku, Azerbaijan on 05.05.2023. | Presentation topic: Teacher Wellbeing (Öğretmenin İyi Olma Hali)

Plenary Speaker in Farabi Talks held at İstanbul Medipol University on 12.12.2017. | Seminar topic: Erasmus+ & Opportunities Abroad (Erasmus+ ve Yurtdışı Fırsatları)

Teacher Trainer in In-service Training Program at Kozmos Coding High School on 15.09.2017. | Training topic: Online Tools and Websites for Teachers (Öğretmenler için Çevrimiçi Araçlar ve Websiteleri)

Teacher Trainer in BİL College 2017 - 2018 Academic Year In-service Training Program held at İstanbul Aydın University on 23.08.2017. | Training topic: Teaching Methodologies in ELT and Testing Evaluation Assessment (İngilizce Eğitiminde Öğretme Metotları ve Ölçme-Değerlendirme)

Plenary Speaker in the closing event of Civil Society Dialogue Programme Phase III (organized by Ministry of European Union Affairs) held in Ankara on 02.05.2016. | Speech topic: Citizens Media for Intercultural and Political Dialogue (Kültürlerarası ve Siyasi Diyalog için Vatandaş Medyası)

Plenary Speaker in Midterm Conference of "Citizens Media for Intercultural and Political Dialogue" Project (co-funded by the European Union and the Republic of Türkiye within Civil Society Dialogue III Political Criteria Grant Scheme II) held in Münster Citizen Centre Bennohaus in Germany on 07.05.2015. | Speech topic: İstanbul Community Media Center and The New Digital Online Platform: citizensmedia.eu
https://youtu.be/n2PiivfwJyg&t=255

Panel Speaker in Parliamentary Exchange and Dialogue Project International Summer Camp (organized by The Grand National Assembly of Türkiye and co-financed by the European Union and the Republic of Türkiye) held in Pera Palace Hotel in İstanbul on 10-12.07.2012. | Speech topic: Youth Policies in Türkiye (Türkiye'de Gençlik Politikaları)

Drama (Theatre) Performances:

- "Anna Karenina" on 07.06.2024, Live Performance on Zoom (https://youtu.be/5WL2_YnmnLE)
- "Rashomon" on 10.06.2022, Live Performance on Zoom (https://youtu.be/iJg27fWwLu0)
- "The Lion King" on 12.02.2022, Live Performance on Zoom (https://youtu.be/vvxmMCQM5eA)
- "CATS" on 23.06.2021, Live Performance on Zoom (https://youtu.be/l0VQh4SZQjA)
- "Richard III" on 07.06.2007, Live on stage at Boğaziçi University
- "The Taming of the Shrew" on 06&07.06.2005, Live on stage at Boğaziçi University

NETWORKS AND MEMBERSHIPS

Memberships

Academic Roles and Positions:

- IJELS - Manisa Celal Bayar University International Journal of English Language Studies | Language Editor since 2023.
- JEES - Journal of Emerging Educational Studies | Language Editor since 2024.
- FIRE - Futuristic Implementations of Research in Education | Editorial Assistant from 2020 to 2022.

Ongoing Memberships

- iFLED International Foreign Language Educators Association (Uluslararası Yabancı Dil Eğitimcileri Derneği) | Founding Vice President, Active member *since 2018.*
- Boğaziçi University Alumni Association (Boğaziçi Üniversitesi Mezunlar Derneği) - BÜMED | Active Member *from 2007 to 2018;* Mentor *since 2009.*
- Kepirtepe Alumni Education Foundation (Kepirtepeliler Eğitim Vakfı) - KEV | Secretary General, from 2017 to 2019; Active Member since 2013; İstanbul Europe Representative *from 2014 to 2017.*
- Quality in Social Responsibility Association (Sosyal Sorumlulukta Kalite Derneği) | Founder Member, 2018. Member of Board of Supervision *since 2018*. Member of Advisory Board for Congress of Social Responsibility Projects *since 2016*.
- TESOL Türkiye (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) Asocition (İngiliz Dili Öğretimi ve Mesleki Gelişim Derneği) | Digital Member *since 2018.*
- Oxford Teachers' Club (Oxford University Press Öğretmenler Kulübü) | Digital Member *since 2014.*
- Media Literacy Association (Medya Okuryazarlığı Derneği) - MOD | Founding Board Member, 2017; Advisory Board Member from *2017 to 2020.*
- Edirne - Uzunköprü - Çöpköy Solidarity Association (Yardımlaşma ve Dayanışma Derneği) | Active Member / Social Media & Web Manager *from 2013 to 2019.*
- TEMA Foundation (The Turkish Foundation for Combating Soil Erosion, for Reforestation and the Protection of Natural Habitats) | Member and Volunteer *since 2004;* Istanbul-Bahçelievler Activity Group Member, from *2012 to 2015.*
- UltrAslan-Uni Galatasaray Sports Club Fan Community | Active Member *since 2004.*

Past Memberships

- Boğaziçi University Reunion Association (Boğaziçi Üniversiteliler Derneği - BURA) | Member from 2003 to 2010.
- Boğaziçi Managers Foundation (Boğaziçi Yöneticiler Vakfı - BYV) | Member from 2008 to 2012.
- Advisory Board of Turkish National Agency - Center for European Union Education and Youth Erasmus+ Programmes - (Türkiye Ulusal Ajansı Erasmus+ Danışma Kurulu) | Member from 2015 to 2017. Member of Council Board in 2016.
- YOUTHART Youth Art Research and Training Association | Founding President / Projects Coordinator, from *2008 to 2017.*
- European Youth4Media Network | Active Member on behalf of YOUTHART from 2012 to 2017. Member of Supervision Board from 2013 to 2015.
- National Youth Parliament (Ulusal Gençlik Parlamentosu) | Member of Assembly from 2012 to 2017 on behalf of YOUTHART.
- Youth Organizations Forum (Gençlik Örgütleri Forumu) | Member on behalf of YOUTHART. from 2014 to 2017.
- HASMED Kadir Has University Alumni Association (Kadir Has Üniversitesi Mezunları ve Mensupları Derneği) | Member *from 2014 to 2024*.
- EUROMEDIST Euro-Mediterranean Youth Association | Founding Vice President / Projects Coordinator from 2006 to 2008.
- Civil Society Umbrella Association (Sivil Toplum Çatısı Derneği) | Founding Secretary General, Active member *since 2018.*
- Association of IT Specialists (Bilişim İnsanları Derneği) - BİLAD | Board Member from 2017 to 2020; Active Member *since 2016.*

PROJECTS

Projects

Academic and Social Projects:
Up-to-date info on https://muratakbiyik.com.tr/blog
Large-scale and Long-term Projects Implemented by YOUTHART:
European Voluntary Service, Erasmus+ Programme
"Sending and Coordinating Organization"
November 2012 – December 2020
More info: www.youthart.org.tr/evs

Eurodesk Turkey Contact Point, Turkish National Agency (Youthart-034)
"Erasmus+You" Youth Information Project
December 2012 – June 2018
More info: www.youthart.org.tr / www.eurodesk.ua.gov.tr

Civil Society Dialogue IV Education Grant Scheme
"Lifelong Learning for Digital Inclusion through Media Literacy" (Learning Media Project)
February 2016 – May 2017
More info: www.learningmedia.eu / www.siviltoplumsektoru.ab.gov.tr
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Erasmus+ Programme – KA-1 Mobility Project of Youth Workers
"I Love Project" Contact Making Seminar
May 2016 – February 2017 : 16-22 November 2016
More info: www.iloveproject.info

Erasmus+ Programme – KA-2 Strategic Partnership Project
"U STEP – Using Sport to Empower People"
September 2016 – August 2018
More info: www.ustep.org

Erasmus+ KA-3 Support for Policy Reform – Structured Dialogue Youth
"Citizens Media in Youth Information Regional Trainings and Summit"
June 2015 – August 2016
More info: youthart.org.tr/proje/ka3-genclik-bilgilendirmesi

Civil Society Dialogue III Political Criteria Grant Scheme
"Citizens Media for Intercultural and Political Dialogue"
November 2014 – February 2016
More info: www.citizensmedia.eu

Youth in Action 4.6 Youth Support Systems
"Face Up Rio20+ – Youth4Media for Digital Creativity & Employability"
June 2014 – July 2016
More info: www.youth4med.com

Lifelong Learning Programme, Grundtvig Learning Partnership
"Social & Community Media for Inclusion and Employability"
December 2012 – January 2015
More info: www.media4inclusion.org

Youth in Action Programme, Action 3.1.2 Training Course
"Raise Your Voice Against Social Discrimination"
May 2012 – February 2013 : 01-07 December 2012

Anna Lindh Foundation Funds
"Motions to Promised Lands"
September 2012 – August 2013

Youth in Action Programme, Action 1.1 Youth Exchange
"Youth Unemployment Through Games"
May 2012 – February 2013 : 12-17 September 2012

Youth in Action Programme, Action 4.3 Seminar
"Sustainable Lifestyle Before Global Boiling!"

May 2012 – February 2013 : 01-06 September 2012

Youth in Action Programme, Action 4.6
"Prince, Merchant and Citizen as one: CSR in Europe"
March 2012 – November 2013

Youth in Action Programme, Action 1.1 Youth Exchange
"Four Corners – Four Cultures For One Europe"
May 2009 – December 2009 : 22-29 August 2009

Co-ordinated, cooperated and collaborated through 250+ international projects since 2004 within the organization that I have taken responsibilities (YOUTHART, Boğaziçi University Education and Research Club, EUROMEDIST Euro-Mediterranean Youth Association, YOUTHART Youth Art Research and Training Association, and numerous informal youth groups.)
More info: www.muratakbiyik.com.tr

HONOURS AND AWARDS

Honours and awards

2016 : **Letter of Thanks** by the Director of Turkish National Agency under the Ministry for EU Affairs for active involvement in youth information activities as Eurodesk Info Point Contact Person since 2012.
2012 : **Plaquette for the Appreciation** of the effective coordination of MyLab activities at Kadir Has University Preparatory School during the 2011-2012 Academic Year, given by Pearson Press - Turkey
2011 : **Letter of Thanks** by the Rector Prof. Mustafa Aydın for intellectual contributions in recycling and environmental works at Kadir Has University through 2010 2011 Academic Year.
2010 : **Plaquette of Appreciation** by Maltepe Military High Schools Head of Education for all my service as an English Teacher from September 14th, 2009 to July 31st, 2010.
2010 : **Certificates of Appreciation** by Maltepe Military High School Command for my efforts and enthusiasm in the organization of Scrabble Tournament and the performance of the play entitled *It Runs in the Family* in collaboration with Izmir Girls High School.
2006 : **Letter of Thanks** by the Rector Prof. Ayşe Sosyal for teaching English voluntarily at the Summer School to the Staffs children at Boğaziçi University.
2005 : **Letter of Thanks** by the Dean of Faculty of Education Prof. Cem Alptekin for teaching English voluntarily to the Staffs children at Boğaziçi University.
2004 and 2005 : **Special Thanks** by BUREM for taking active roles in the organization of Boğaziçi University Orientation Program for newcomers.
2002-2007 : **Scholarships** from the Ministry of National Education (MEB), Boğaziçi University Alumni Association (BÜMED), İstanbul Metropolitan Municipality (İBB), and private companies, such as Öztürkler A.Ş, Dramalılar A.Ş, both located in Edirne.
2002 : 66th position in national ÖSS/YDS exam. (98/100 on English test, and 86/90 on the general test)
2002 : Award for representing Kepirtepe Anatolian Teachers High School in Knowledge Contest amongst teachers high schools throughout Marmara Region. Our team got the second place among 8 schools.

JOB-RELATED SKILLS

Job-related Skills

- Good teaching skills in grammar, writing, listening, speaking and vocabulary
- Development of teaching materials as well as curriculum, testing and assessment materials
- Mentoring skills especially with young adults

ORGANISATIONAL SKILLS

Organisational and Managerial Skills

- Leadership as a teacher with effective classroom management skills
- Management and administrative skills in NGOs and youth organizations
- Organizational skills through excellent command of information technologies and media tools
- Good team-leading skills gained as a member of staff in various long-established institutions
- Project management skills through dozens of local and international projects within the framework of the European Union programs such as Erasmus+, Youth in Action, and Lifelong Learning Programme
- Active citizenship through membership of various non-governmental, civic and alumni organizations as well as active social life by attending a lot of cultural and outdoor events
- Life-long learning and personal development especially through civic and business activities

COMMUNICATION AND INTERPERSONAL SKILLS

Communication and Interpersonal Skills

- Excellent command of Turkish and English languages
- Good communication especially through written skills
- Excellent contact skills with young adults gained through teaching experience
- Effective use of body language and gestures

“If one day, my words are against science, choose science.” — Mustafa Kemal Atatürk

İstanbul , 02/02/2025