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Education

- 2007–2013 **Ph.D. in Mathematics**, University of Aberdeen, UK.
Advisor: Jarek Kedra
Thesis: [Remarks on Symplectically Aspherical Manifolds](#)
- 2005–2007 **M.Sc. in Mathematics**, Ege University, Türkiye.
- 2001–2005 **B.Sc. in Mathematics**, Ege University, Türkiye.

Employment

- Mar 2022–present **Associate professor**, awarded by the Inter-University Council of Türkiye.
- Feb 2016–Mar 2022 **Assistant professor**, Bursa Technical University, Türkiye.
- Sep 2014–Feb 2016 **Lecturer**, Bursa Technical University, Türkiye.
- Oct 2013–May 2014 **Lecturer (part time)**, Zirve University, Türkiye.
- Sep 2007–May 2010 **Tutor**, University of Aberdeen, UK.

Visits

- Feb 2022 **Invited visiting researcher**, University of Santiago de Compostela (**1 week**)
Host: Enrique Macias-Virgos & David Mosquera-Lois
- Jul 2019 **Invited visiting researcher**, METU (**1 week**)
Host: Mehmetcik Pamuk
- Jun 2018–Aug 2018 **Visiting research fellow**, University of Aberdeen (**3 months**)
Host: Mark Grant
- Jan 2007–Jun 2007 **Visiting graduate student**, University of Aberdeen (**5 months**)
Host: Jarek Kedra

Grants, Scholarships & Funding

- 2023–present **TÜBİTAK 1002 Scientific and Technological Research Projects Grant (PI)**
Title: "On discretisation of homotopic distance", 75000 ₺
- 2022–2023 **TÜBİTAK 1002 Scientific and Technological Research Projects Grant (PI)**
Title: "Higher discrete topological complexity", 60000 ₺
- 2022 **Support** to visit University of Santiago de Compostela,
provided by MICINN grant to Enrique Macias-Virgos
- 2015–2018 **Bursa Technical University Scientific Research Projects Coordination Unit Grant (PI)**
Title: "Motion planners on $F(S^2, k)$ ", 4500 ₺
- 2007–2010 **Ph.D. scholarship**, funded by University of Aberdeen.

2007–2007 **Postgraduate visit funding**, funded by ERASMUS.

2006–2007 **M.Sc. scholarship**, funded by TÜBİTAK.

Papers & Preprints

- (13) **Higher analogues of discrete topological complexity** (with H. Alabay, E. Cihangirli, E. Dirican Erdal), submitted. [arXiv](#)
- (12) **Contiguity distance between simplicial maps** (with M. Pamuk, T. Vergili), *Turkish Journal of Mathematics*, Vol 47, No 2 (2023), 664-677. [pdf](#) [arXiv](#)
- (11) **Topological spaces induced by homotopic distance** (with T. Vergili), *Journal of Linear and Topological Algebra*, Vol 11, No 02 (2022), 85-91. [pdf](#) [arXiv](#)
- (10) **A randomized greedy algorithm for piecewise linear motion planning** (with C. Ortiz, A. Lara, J. Gonzalez), *Mathematics*, Vol 9, Issue 19 (2021), 2358. [pdf](#) [arXiv](#)
(**Simplicial distance**, preprint - improved and mingled into the above paper. [arXiv](#))
- (9) **Higher homotopic distance** (with T. Vergili), *Topological Methods in Nonlinear Analysis*, Vol 57, No 2 (2021), 525-534. [pdf](#) [arXiv](#)
- (8) **Digital homotopic distance between digital functions**, *Applied General Topology* Vol 22, No 1 (2021), 183-192. [pdf](#)
- (7) **Higher dimensional simplicial complexity**, *New York Journal of Mathematics*, Vol 26 (2020), 1130-1144. [pdf](#)
- (6) **Digital Lusternik-Schnirelmann category of digital functions** (with T. Vergili), *Hacettepe Journal of Mathematics and Statistics*, Vol 49, No 1 (2020), 1414-1422. [pdf](#)
- (5) **Directed topological complexity of spheres** (with M. Grant), *Journal of Applied and Computational Topology*, Vol 4, No 1 (2020), 3-9. [pdf](#) [arXiv](#)
- (4) **Digital Lusternik-Schnirelmann category** (with T. Vergili), *Turkish Journal of Mathematics*, Vol 42, No 4 (2018), 1845-1852. [pdf](#)
- (3) **Motion planning algorithms for configuration spaces in the higher dimensional case**, *Topological Methods in Nonlinear Analysis*, Vol 47, No 2 (2016), 763-767. [pdf](#)
- (2) **Symplectically aspherical manifolds with nontrivial Flux groups**, *Acta Mathematica Hungarica*, Vol 149, No 2 (2016), 523-525. [pdf](#)
- (1) **A characterisation of symplectically aspherical manifolds**, *Journal of Fixed Point Theory and Applications*, Vol 17, No 3 (2015), 477-482. [pdf](#)

Electronic Lecture Notes

- (5) Simplicial Homology, 1st edition, Jun 2022 (in Turkish)
- (4) Elementary Knot Theory, 1st edition, Jun 2022 (in Turkish)
- (3) Topology, 2nd edition, Feb 2022 (in Turkish)
- (2) Introduction to Algebraic Topology, 1st edition, Jan 2022 (in Turkish)
- (1) Real Analysis, 1st edition, Aug 2022 (in Turkish)

(all the e-books can be found [here](#))

Talks at Conferences and Workshops (selected)

Jan 2024 (**upcoming**) Advances in Homotopy Theory V, Southampton University, UK
TBA, **Invited speaker**

Sep 2022 Algebra, Topology and Related Fields, Dokuz Eylul University, Izmir, Türkiye
"A survey on homotopic distance", **Invited speaker**

- Jul 2022 [Applied Topology in Bedlewo 2022](#), Bedlewo, Poland
"Contiguity distance", **Semi-plenary speaker**
- Sep 2021 [Algebraic and Applied Topology Workshop III](#), Galatasaray University, Istanbul, Türkiye
"Simplicial analogues of homotopic distance", **Invited speaker**
- Sep 2021 33th National Mathematics Symposium, Istanbul University, Türkiye
"Homotopic distance as pseudometric"
- Sep 2020 [Workshop on Topological Complexity and Motion Planning](#), BIRS-CMO, Mexico
"A simplicial analog of homotopic distance", **Invited speaker**
- Aug 2019 32th National Mathematics Symposium, Ondokuz Mayıs Üniversitesi, Samsun, Türkiye
"Directed motion planners for directed spheres"
"Relation between higher homotopic distance with TC_n and with LS-category"
- Apr 2019 [Algebraic and Applied Topology Workshop](#), Dokuz Eylül University, İzmir, Türkiye
"A survey on topological robotics", **Invited speaker**
- Jun 2018 International Conference on Manifolds, Groups and Homotopy, Isle of Skye, UK
"n-Dimensional Topological Complexity in the Simplicial Realm"
- Apr 2017 [IV. Workshop of Association for Turkish Women in Mathematics](#), METU, Türkiye
"A survey on topological robotics"
- Jun 2015 [DyToComp 2015 Conference](#), Bedlewo, Poland
"Higher dimensional motion planners for $F(R^n, k)$ "
- Aug 2013 [II. Turkish Women in Mathematics Summer School](#), IMBM, Türkiye
"Remarks on symplectically aspherical manifolds"
- Jun 2013 [Workshop on Symplectic Manifolds](#), Dokuz Eylül University, Türkiye
"A Characterisation of Symplectically Aspherical Manifolds", **Invited speaker**
- Dec 2009 MAGIC Postgraduate Conference 2009, Leeds, UK
"Flat Bundles" (poster presentation)

Talks at Seminars

- 2022 Gebze Technical University
2021 Selçuk, [Bilkent](#)
2020 Southampton
2019 Koç, Yeditepe, Mimar Sinan Güzel Sanatlar
2018 IZTECH
2017 Applied Topology Seminar Series (Ege)
2016 Geometry/Topology Working Days (METU)
2015 Bilkent, Dokuz Eylül, IZTECH
2012 Aberdeen

Seminars/Workshops Organised

- 2019 Co-founder of [Algebraic and Applied Topology Workshops](#)
Autumn 2019 Organiser of [Algebraic and Applied Topology Workshop II](#), Bursa Technical University

Conferences and Workshops Attended (selected)

- 10.11.23 & 13.11.23-15.11.23 **9th Mexican Workshop on Applied Geometry and Topology**
Virtual in gather.town
- 13.07.22–22.07.22 **TKMD Summer School on Intr. to Applied Topology & Geometric Group Theory**
METU, Türkiye
- 02.07.22–08.07.22 **Applied Topology in Bedlewo 2022 w/ ICM Workshop in Poznan**
Bedlewo, Poland
- 30.05.22–03.06.22 [Workshop on Topological Complexity and Motion Planning](#), **Invited participant**
BIRS-CMO, Oaxaca, Mexico (online)
- 31.08.21–03.09.21 **33th National Mathematics Symposium**
Istanbul, Türkiye (online)
- 17.09.20–20.09.20 **Workshop on Topological Complexity and Motion Planning**, **Invited participant**
BIRS-CMO, Oaxaca, Mexico (online)
- 31.08.19–03.09.19 **32th National Mathematics Symposium**
Samsun, Türkiye
- 16.06.18–22.06.18 **International Conference on Manifolds, Groups and Homotopy**
Isle of Skye, UK
- 28.04.17–29.04.17 **IV. Workshop of Association for Turkish Women in Mathematics**
METU, Türkiye
- 15.06.15–29.06.15 **DyToComp2015 Conference**
Bedlewo, Poland
- 26.06.14–04.07.14 **Advanced Courses and Workshop on Applied Topology**
Castro Urdiales, Spain
- 26.05.14–31.05.14 **XXI. Gokova Geometry and Topology Conference**
Mugla, Türkiye
- 26.08.13–31.08.13 **II. Turkish Women in Mathematics Summer School**
IMBM, Türkiye
- 27.05.13–01.06.13 **XX. Gokova Geometry and Topology Conference**
Mugla, Türkiye
- 30.03.13 **Low Dimensional Topology Workshop**
IMBM, Türkiye
- 10.07.11–15.07.11 **LMS-ESPRC Short Course on Symplectic Geometry**
Aberdeen, UK
- 10.05.10–14.05.10 **Spring School on Applied and Toric Topology**
Malaga, Spain
- 14.12.09–16.12.09 **MAGIC Postgraduate Conference**
Leeds, UK
- 20.04.09–22.04.09 **Geometry and Physics: Atiyah80**, Workshop in honour of Sir Michael Atiyah's 80th Birthday
Edinburgh, UK
- 12.01.09–16.01.09 **IAGT: Izmir Algebraic Geometric Topology Days**
Izmir, Türkiye
- 26.05.08–31.05.08 **XV. Gokova Geometry and Topology Conference**
Mugla, Türkiye

24.04.08 **Maxwell Institute Colloquium on Geometry, Topology and Number Theory**
Edinburgh, UK

Students Supervised

Ph.D. Students (Bursa Technical University)

2023–present Nilay Ekiz Yazıcı

M.Sc. Students (Bursa Technical University)

2022–present Hilal Alabay

2022–present Esra Cihangirli

2022–2023 Özge Genç Kara, On Homotopic Distance

Senior Projects - selected (Bursa Technical University)

2023 Ceyda Ceren Ay, Simplicial Complexes

2022 Hilal Alabay, Homotopy and Homotopic Distance

2022 Esra Cihangirli, Rips and Čech Complexes

2022 Şevval Güleç, Introduction to Knots and Braids

2022 Gülay Bahar, Introduction to Basic Knot Theory

Teaching Experience

POSTGRADUATE TEACHING

Instructor

2021–present **Bursa Technical University**
Selected Topics in Algebraic Topology I
Algebraic Topology I
Algebraic Topology II

Examiner

2023 **External examiner for** M.Sc. thesis of Maram Almahariq (Karadeniz Technical University)
2019 **External examiner for** M.Sc. thesis of Mehmet Ali Batan (METU)
2018 **External examiner for** M.Sc. thesis of Mustafa Akkaya (Ege University)

UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING

Instructor

2014–present **Bursa Technical University**
Elementary Knot Theory
Introduction to Algebraic Topology
Topology
Real Analysis
Analysis III
Analysis IV
Differential Equations
Linear Algebra
Calculus I-II
Business Mathematics

Various Engineering Mathematics courses which includes the contents multivariable calculus, complex analysis, vector analysis and Fourier analysis

2013–2014 **Zirve University**

Calculus I

Precalculus

Tutor

2007–2010 **University of Aberdeen**

Calculus

Advanced Calculus

Introduction to Analysis

Algebra

Introductory Mathematics

Sets and Algebraic Structures

Engineering Mathematics

Service to the Profession

Evaluation Jury for TÜBİTAK project proposals

Referee for Homology, Homotopy and Applications

Journal of Applied and Computational Topology

Hacettepe Journal of Mathematics

Applied General Topology

Bulletin/Journal of International Mathematical Virtual Institute

Reviewer for Mathematical Reviews

Departmental Services

2022–present Departmental ERASMUS exchange coordinator, Bursa Technical University

2016–present Department of Mathematics web officer, Bursa Technical University

2017–2018 Supervisor of the Maths Club, Bursa Technical University

Membership

2008–2012 Edinburgh Mathematical Society, PhD student membership

Public Talks (invited)

May 2023 3rd Topology Workshop

["Motion Planning Problem & Topological Complexity"](#)

Oct 2021 10th Bahar Mathematics Meetings, hosted by Bursa Technical University

["Robotics and Topology"](#)

Feb 2021 Mathematics Club Workshop VI, Istanbul University

["Illusion, Robots and Topology"](#)

Languages

Turkish Native

English Fluent

References

Available upon request.