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I am currently a first-year integrated Ph.D. student in Psychology at Izmir University of Economics. I have been volunteering as a research assistant in Experimental Psychology since August 2023, gaining valuable experience in the field. My current research focuses on spatial—magnitude associations and the mental representation of objects' physical and real-world sizes.

Academic Appointments

Research Assistant	İzmir University of Economics	2023 - Present
	Department of Psychology, SMART Lab	
Education and Training		
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Ph.D. (Experimental Psychology)	Izmir University of Economics	2025 - Present
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B.Sc. (Psychology)	Izmir University of Economics	2020 - 2025
	Graduated with High Honors	
Funding / Research Support		

The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye (TÜBİTAK)

2024 – Present

TÜBİTAK 2209-A 2025, Undergraduate Research Project Funding Program Title: Spatial representation of object size: Lateralized responses to the centered vs.

lateralized presentation of real-life objects

Role: Principal Investigator Advisor: Seda Dural

Manuscripts in Progress

Bulut, M., Candemir, A., Şefikoğlu, M., Haugen, B., Çetinkaya, H., & Dural, S. (2025, July 15). Measuring SNARC effect: Different task setups reveal divergent spatial-numerical associations. https://doi.org/10.31219/osf.io/2wp9q_vl

Dural, S., Şefikoğlu, M., & Çetinkaya, H. (under review). Space-magnitude associations modulate the familiar-size Stroop effect in visual size judgments. *Psychological Research*. Submission ID: 4c78d219-bed2-42aa-908c-7d379623f0cf

Preregistrations

- Şefikoğlu, M., Dural, S., & Çetinkaya, H. (2025, April 16). Spatial representation of object size: Lateralized responses to the centered vs. lateralized presentation of real-life objects. https://doi.org/10.17605/OSF.IO/A5NRW
- Bulut, M., Candemir, A., Şefikoğlu, M., Haugen, B., Cetinkaya, H., & Dural, S. (2024, March 4). Measuring directional spatial-numerical associations: Can we detect it with visuospatial-numerical interactions in a go/no-go task setup? https://doi.org/10.17605/OSF.IO/YH93J

Conference Presentations

Şefikoğlu, M., Peksoy, C. N., Tosun, C., Korkut I., & Dural, S. (2024, September 5-7). The interplay between the Stroop congruency and MNL compatibility in the object size judgment task [Poster presentation]. National Congress of Graduate Psychology Students, Antalya, Turkiye.

Teaching

Quantitative Methods in Psychology I Teaching Assistant 2025 - Present