

## Assoc. Prof. Melike Ünal Gezer

### Personal Information

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### International Researcher IDs

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### Biography

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Melike Ünal Gezer has been a faculty member at TED University, English Language Teaching Department since 2018.

Her research interests are bilingual and biliteracy development, metalinguistic processes involved in language development, early English education, pre-service English language teacher training.

### Education Information

Doctorate, Texas A&M University - College Station, College of Education and Human Development, Teaching, Learning and Culture, United States Of America 2009 - 2014

Postgraduate, California State University Long Beach, Faculty of Arts and Letters, Linguistics (on Fulbright Scholarship), United States Of America 2006 - 2008

Undergraduate, Cukurova University, Eğitim Fakültesi, Yabancı Diller Eğitimi, Turkey 2001 - 2005

### Certificates, Courses and Trainings

Hierarchical Linear Modeling, Texas A&M University College of Educational Psychology, 2013

Missing Data Analysis, Texas A&M University, 2012

Structural Equation Modeling, Texas A&M University, 2012

### Dissertations

Doctorate, Spelling English Words: Contributions of Phonological, Morphological and Orthographic Processing Skills of Turkish EFL Students in Grades 6-8, Texas A&M University, College of Education and Human Development, Teaching, Learning, and Culture, 2014

### Research Areas

Education in English

## Academic Titles / Tasks

Associate Professor, TED University, Faculty Of Education, Department Of Foreign Languages, 2023 - Continues

Assistant Professor, TED University, Faculty Of Education, Department Of Foreign Languages, 2018 - 2023

Assistant Professor, Baskent University, Eğitim Fakültesi, Yabancı Diller Eğitimi Bölümü, 2017 - 2018

Lecturer, Cornell University, Yakın Doğu Çalışmaları Ve Medeniyetleri Near Eastern Studies, Turkish, 2015 - 2016

Research Assistant, Texas A&M University, College Of Education And Human Development, Teaching, Learning And Culture, 2009 - 2014

Lecturer, Yale University, Yakın Doğu Çalışmaları Ve Medeniyetleri, Turkish, 2008 - 2009

## Academic and Administrative Experience

Rectorate Commissioner, TED University, Faculty Of Education, Department Of Foreign Languages, 2023 - Continues

TEDU Faculty of Education International Partnerships, TED University, Faculty Of Education, Department Of Foreign Languages, 2021 - 2024

Erasmus Coordinator of Foreign Language Education Department, TED University, Faculty Of Education, Department Of Foreign Languages, 2018 - 2024

Erasmus Program Department Coordinator, TED University, Faculty Of Education, Department Of Foreign Languages, 2023 - 2023

TED Full Support Scholarship (Tam Destek) Coordinator, TED University, Department of Foreign Language Education, 2019 - 2022

Faculty Administrative Committee, Asst. Prof. Dr. Representative, TED University, Faculty Of Education, Department Of Foreign Languages, 2018 - 2021

TEDU Eğitim Fakültesi Yönetim Kurulu Dr. Öğrt. Üyesi Temsilcisi, TED University, Faculty Of Education, 2018 - 2021

Faculty-School Partnership Commission, TED University, Faculty Of Education, Department Of Foreign Languages, 2018 - 2021

Vice Head of Department, TED University, Faculty Of Education, Department Of Foreign Languages, 2019 - 2019

TED UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF ENGLISH (PREP SCHOOL) COMMITTEE, TED University, English Language School, 2019 - 2019

## Courses

Teaching Practice 2 (ELEP), Undergraduate, 2023 - 2024, 2021 - 2022

Teaching Practice 1 (ELEP), Undergraduate, 2023 - 2024, 2022 - 2023, 2021 - 2022

Teaching Foreign Language to Young Learners 1, Undergraduate, 2022 - 2023, 2021 - 2022, 2020 - 2021

Language Education Policy, Postgraduate, 2022 - 2023

Master's Thesis I, Postgraduate, 2022 - 2023, 2021 - 2022

Master's Thesis II, Postgraduate, 2022 - 2023, 2021 - 2022

Linguistics 2, Undergraduate, 2021 - 2022, 2019 - 2020

Teaching English to Young Learners, Undergraduate, 2022 - 2023, 2021 - 2022, 2020 - 2021, 2019 - 2020, 2018 - 2019

Research Methods in Education and Academ, Postgraduate, 2021 - 2022, 2020 - 2021

Practice Teaching II, Undergraduate, 2021 - 2022, 2020 - 2021, 2019 - 2020

Foreign Language Instruction in Primary School, Undergraduate, 2021 - 2022

Linguistics I, Undergraduate, 2021 - 2022, 2019 - 2020, 2018 - 2019

Linguistics 1, Undergraduate, 2021 - 2022

Practice Teaching I, Undergraduate, 2020 - 2021, 2019 - 2020

ELT Methodology II, Undergraduate, 2020 - 2021, 2019 - 2020, 2018 - 2019  
Teaching Foreign Language to Young Learners 2, Undergraduate, 2020 - 2021  
ELT Methodology I, Undergraduate, 2019 - 2020, 2018 - 2019  
Linguistics II, Undergraduate, 2019 - 2020, 2018 - 2019

## Advising Theses

Ünal Gezer M., Improving phonological awareness through children's stories in a Turkish school, Postgraduate, Ş.CENGİZ(Student), 2023  
Ünal Gezer M., An overview of content based instruction with young learners through student self-reported literacy achievement, teacher interview and classroom observation, Postgraduate, İ.Kışlal(Student), 2019

## Jury Memberships

Award, Cumhuriyet'in 100. Yılı Kapsamında Liselerarası Öğretmen Olmak Kompozisyon Yarışması Jürisi, TED Üniversitesi, December, 2023  
Award, The Turkish Fulbright Commission, TED Üniversitesi, December, 2023  
Award, The Turkish Fulbright Commission, The Turkish Fulbright Commission, July, 2023  
Award, Türkiye - ABD Kültürel Mübadele Komisyonu Fulbright Komisyonu Ankara , The Turkish Fulbright Commission, May, 2023  
Doctorate, Doctorate, Hacettepe Üniversitesi, May, 2023  
Award, American Association of Applied Linguistics Dissertation Award Committee Member, American Association of Applied Linguistics , March, 2023  
Post Graduate, Post Graduate, Başkent Üniversitesi, December, 2022  
Post Graduate, Post Graduate, Hacettepe Üniversitesi, October, 2022  
Post Graduate, Post Graduate, Başkent Üniversitesi, June, 2022  
METU International ELT Convention 2020 Conference Proposal Reviewer, Middle East Technical University International ELT Convention, January, 2020  
AERA 2019 Conference Proposal Reviewer (38 PROPOSALS, DIVISIONS AND SIGS), AERA 2019 ANNUAL MEETING, August, 2019  
Fulbright Turkey Commission 2020-2021 Application Interview Jury Duty, Fulbright Commission, June, 2019  
June, 2019  
Fulbright Master's and PhD Scholarship Application Evaluation Jury, Fulbright Ankara Ofis, May, 2019  
TESOL 2019 CONFERENCE PROPOSAL REVIEWER (12 PROPOSALS), TESOL, May, 2019  
Cukurova University 5th International ELT Conference Conference Proposal Reviewer, Cukurova University International ELT Conference (5th), January, 2019

## Published journal articles indexed by SCI, SSCI, and AHCI

- I. **The relationship between input and literacy and metalinguistic development: A study with Chinese-English bilinguals**  
Kuo L., Ku Y., Chen Z., Ünal Gezer M.  
INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF BILINGUALISM, vol.24, no.1, pp.26-45, 2020 (AHCI)
- II. **Language and Literacy Development in Bilingual Settings**  
Ünal Gezer M.  
READING & WRITING QUARTERLY, vol.34, no.5, pp.451-455, 2018 (SSCI)
- III. **Bilingualism and morphological awareness: a study with children from general education and Spanish-English dual language programs**

Kuo L., Ramirez G., de Marin S., Kim T., Ünal Gezer M.  
EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY, vol.37, no.2, pp.94-111, 2017 (SSCI)

- IV. **What We Know About Second Language Acquisition: A Synthesis From Four Perspectives**  
Dixon L. Q., Zhao J., Shin J., Wu S., Su J., Burgess-Brigham R., Ünal Gezer M., Snow C.  
REVIEW OF EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH, vol.82, no.1, pp.5-60, 2012 (SSCI)

## Articles Published in Other Journals

- I. **The Multilingual Signscape of Ankara: Reflections from a Linguistic Landscape Study**  
YAVUZ O., BALAKBABALAR E., SELEN G., MOROVA Ö., GEZER M. Ü.  
Novitas-Royal, vol.18, no.2, pp.117-130, 2024 (Scopus)
- II. **Emergent Bilingual Development and Technology Integration in Biliteracy Education**  
Gezer M. Ü.  
Uludağ Üniversitesi Eğitim Fakültesi Dergisi, vol.37, no.2, pp.767-797, 2024 (Peer-Reviewed Journal)
- III. **Metalinguistic Effects on English Spelling: A Structural Equation Model for Early Literacy Instruction**  
Ünal Gezer M.  
Reading Psychology: An International Journal, vol.45, no.6, pp.1-31, 2024 (ESCI)
- IV. **Review of Valente & Xerri (2023): Innovative Practices in Early English Language Education**  
Ünal Gezer M.  
Language Teaching for Young Learners, vol.6, no.1, pp.122-126, 2024 (ESCI)
- V. **Turkey's Primary English-as-a-foreign Language (EFL) Coursebooks: An Investigation of Emergent Literacy Tasks**  
Ünal Gezer M.  
CUKUROVA UNIVERSITY FACULTY OF EDUCATION JOURNAL, vol.51, no.1, pp.220-236, 2022 (ESCI)
- VI. **Turkish Primary-Level EFL Teachers' Views on the Scope and Effectiveness of Content-Based Instruction**  
Kışlal İ., Ünal Gezer M.  
KAFKAS EĞİTİM ARAŞTIRMALARI DERGİSİ, vol.8, no.3, pp.612-626, 2021 (Peer-Reviewed Journal)
- VII. **Storybooks, Songs, and Games: Tools To Boost Early Literacy Development in Primary English Classrooms**  
Ünal Gezer M.  
International Online Journal of Education and Teaching (IOJET), vol.8, no.4, pp.2683-2700, 2021 (Peer-Reviewed Journal)
- VIII. **Looking Through the Multicultural Glass: Re-Examination of Syrian Refugee Children Education in Turkey**  
Ünal Gezer M.  
EURASIAN JOURNAL OF APPLIED LINGUISTICS, vol.5, no.2, pp.303-322, 2019 (ESCI)
- IX. **The role of phonology, morphology, and orthography in English word and pseudoword spelling performances of Turkish students across grades 6, 7, and 8**  
Ünal Gezer M., Dixon L. Q.  
INTERNATIONAL ONLINE JOURNAL OF EDUCATION AND TEACHING, vol.4, no.2, pp.137-160, 2017

## Books & Book Chapters

- I. **English for Young Learners in Turkey Reflections from Pre-Service English Language Teachers**  
Ünal Gezer M.  
in: English for Young Learners in Asia: Challenges and Directions for Teacher Education, Subhan Zein, Yuko Butler Goto, Editor, Routledge, London/New York, New York, pp.85-105, 2022
- II. **Evaluating methodological orientations of English language coursebooks: the guiding principles and**

### **procedures for teaching and learning**

Ünal Gezer M.

in: Coursebook evaluation in English as a Foreign Language (EFL) education , Servet Çelik,Handan Çelik, Editor, Vizetek, Ankara, pp.187-216, 2022

### **III. An Overview of Turkey's Policy Development in TESOL and Multilingualism**

Ünal Gezer M., Dixon L. Q.

in: Policy Development in TESOL and Multilingualism: Past, Present and the Way Forward, Kashif Raza,Christine Coombe,Dudley Reynolds, Editor, Springer, London/Berlin , Zürich, pp.257-270, 2021

### **IV. World Englishes and Culture in English as a Foreign Language (EFL) Education**

Ünal Gezer M.

in: An Examination of Cultural Elements in Literary Works, Movies, TV Programs and Advertisements, Servet Çelik,Ekrem Solak, Editor, Vize Yayıncılık, Ankara, pp.159-178, 2020

### **V. Bilingual Kindergartners' Television Viewing and Language Strengths: A Mixed Method Study in Singapore**

Wu S., Collins T. E., Dixon Q., Walters T., Ünal Gezer M., Walters L.

in: Research Mosaics of Language Studies in Asia: Differences and Diversity, Salasiah C Lah,R Ramakrishna, Editor, Malaysia : Penerbit Universiti Sains Malaysia, Kuala-Lumpur, pp.265-295, 2019

## **Refereed Congress / Symposium Publications in Proceedings**

### **I. Reflecting on Bi- and Multilingualism in Schoolscapes - Linguistic Landscapes at Primary Educational Settings in Turkey**

Ünal Gezer M.

Orient Institut İstanbul Workshop: Linguistic Landscapes of İstanbul, İstanbul, Turkey, 30 November - 02 December 2023, vol.00, no.0

### **II. Linguistic Landscape Studies at Early Grades in Turkey: Several Methodological Considerations Along the Way**

Ünal Gezer M.

TARA Sempozyum Toplumdilbilim Araştırmaları Sempozyumu 2023, Diyarbakır, Turkey, 23 - 24 November 2023, vol.00, no.0

### **III. Improving Phonological Awareness Through Children's Stories In A Turkish School**

Ünal Gezer M.

INGED 2023, Kayseri, Turkey, 3 - 05 November 2023

### **IV. An Innovative Methodology for Early English Language Pre-Service Teachers (PSELTs) to Tap Into Young Learner Agency: The Case of Storybook Integration in Early English Classrooms in Turkey**

Ünal Gezer M.

EECERA (European Early Childhood Education Research) 31st Conference, Lisbon, Portugal, 30 August - 02 September 2023, vol.00, no.0

### **V. A Workshop on Phonics Instruction: Integrating Literature and Technology for Early English Literacy Development**

Ünal Gezer M.

10. International Eurasian Educational Research Congress EJER 2023, Ankara, Turkey, 8 - 11 June 2023, vol.00, no.0, pp.1509

### **VI. Yükseköğretimde Program Geliştirme: TED Üniversitesi Eğitim Fakültesi Örneği**

Aksoy E., Voltan Acar N. H., Elmas B., Er S. S., Toker Z., Haşlamam T., Yücelyiğit S., Erdoğan T., Alkaş Ulusoy Ç., Emre Akdoğan E., et al.

10. International Eurasian Educational Research Congress, Ankara, Turkey, 8 - 11 June 2023, pp.141-142

### **VII. English Teacher Education and Development Through Critical Reflective Practice of Micro-teaching Sessions**

Ünal Gezer M.

- VIII. **From Technology to Practice: Ways to Tap Into Young Language Learners' English Phonological Knowledge**  
Ünal Gezer M.
- IX. **Pre-Service EFL Teachers' Foundational Linguistic Knowledge in Early Literacy Instruction**  
Ünal Gezer M.
- X. **Turning Education Experiences of Student Teachers into Digital Stories through e-portfolios**  
BİLKİ Z., İRGİN P., ÜNAL GEZER M.  
ITEAC 2020 IV. International Teacher Education and Accreditation Congress, Turkey, 19 - 21 December 2020
- XI. **AILA 2020 English Language Teacher Education and Development Through Critical Reflective Practice of Micro-Teaching Sessions**  
Ünal Gezer M.
- XII. **AAAL 2021 Pre-Service EFL Teachers' Foundational Linguistic Knowledge in Early Literacy Instruction**  
Ünal Gezer M.
- XIII. **AAAL 2020 Looking Through Reflective Glass: Preservice ELT Teachers' Microteaching Thematic Analysis**  
Ünal Gezer M.  
United States Of America

## **Supported Projects**

Ünal Gezer M., Özkul E., Ural E., Project Supported by Higher Education Institutions, An Analysis of Comparing Primary English Public and Private-Publisher Coursebooks from Multiculturalism Perspectives, 2023 - 2023

Barlıoğlu İ., Balakbabalar E., Morova Ö., Selen G., Yavuz O., ÜNAL GEZER M., Project Supported by Higher Education Institutions, "Multilingualism in Ankara: A Linguistic Landscape Study", 2021 - 2022

Ünal Gezer M., Project Supported by Higher Education Institutions, "Investigating Phonics in Primary English Storybooks and Phonics-Books for Early English Literacy Development ", 2021 - 2022

## **Activities in Scientific Journals**

EURASIAN JOURNAL OF APPLIED LINGUISTICS, Committee Member, 2023 - Continues

SCIENCE AND EDUCATION, Publication Committee Member, 2019 - 2023

Başkent University Journal of Education, Committee Member, 2019 - 2019

## **Memberships / Tasks in Scientific Organizations**

American Association of Applied Linguistics, Member, 2023 - Continues, United States Of America

American Association of Applied Linguistics, Member of Advisory Board, 2020 - 2022, United States Of America

OSYM, Member, 2019 - 2019

## **Scientific Refereeing**

JOURNAL OF QUALITATIVE RESEARCH IN EDUCATION-EGITIMDE NİTEL ARASTIRMALAR DERGİSİ, Other Indexed Journal, December 2023

Completed Research Project, İnsan Araştırmaları ve Etik Komisyonu Üyeliği, TED University, Turkey, January 2023

ELT Research Journal, January 2021

Harran Maarif Dergisi, January 2021

International Journal of Bilingual Education and Bilingualism, January 2021

SAGE OPEN, January 2021  
IOJET, January 2020  
International Journal of Curriculum and Instruction, January 2020  
Ihlara Eğitim Araştırmaları Dergisi, January 2020  
Çukurova Üniversitesi Eğitim Fakültesi Dergisi, January 2020  
İlköğretim-Online, January 2019  
IJLA Academy, January 2019  
Baskent University of Education Journal, January 2019  
SAGE OPEN, January 2019

### **Scientific Consultations**

MEB Ankara Atatürk Lisesi 12. Sınıf İngilizce Dil Öğrencileri Kariyer Semineri, Ted University, Eğitim Fakültesi, Yabancı Diller Eğitimi Bölümü, Turkey, 2021 - 2021  
Fulbright Ankara Eğitim Komisyonu External Juri, Ted University, Eğitim Fakültesi, Yabancı Diller Eğitimi Bölümü, Turkey, 2021 - 2021  
Fulbright Turkey, Ted University, Eğitim Fakültesi, Yabancı Diller Eğitimi Bölümü, Turkey, 2021 - 2021  
Talim Terbiye Kurulu, Ted University, Eğitim Fakültesi, Yabancı Diller Eğitimi Bölümü, Turkey, 2021 - 2021  
MEB, Ted University, Eğitim Fakültesi, Yabancı Diller Eğitimi Bölümü, Turkey, 2021 - 2021  
Institute of International Education, Ted University, Eğitim Fakültesi, Yabancı Diller Eğitimi Bölümü, Turkey, 2020 - 2020  
EPDAD Degerlendirici Eğitimi Calistayi, Ted University, Eğitim Fakültesi, Yabancı Diller Eğitimi Bölümü, Turkey, 2019 - 2019  
Mohac Primary School, Ted University, Eğitim Fakültesi, Yabancı Diller Eğitimi Bölümü, Turkey, 2019 - 2019

### **Tasks In Event Organizations**

Ünal Gezer M., 10th International EJER Congress, Scientific Congress, Ankara, Turkey, Haziran 2023  
Ünal Gezer M., 10th International EJER Congress, Scientific Congress, Ankara, Turkey, Haziran 2023  
ÜNAL GEZER M., 14th METU ELT CONVENTION, Haziran 2020  
ÜNAL GEZER M., CUELT 2020 International ELT Conference (6th), Adana, Turkey, Nisan 2020  
ÜNAL GEZER M., ITEAC 2019, Aralık 2019  
ÜNAL GEZER M., First ELT Departments Meeting, Haziran 2019  
ÜNAL GEZER M., First ELT Students' Meeting, Haziran 2019  
ÜNAL GEZER M., CUELT 2019 Cukurova University International ELT Conference (5th) Scientific Committee, Nisan 2019

### **Scientific Research / Working Group Memberships**

ELEP 203 Linguistics I, 2020 - Continues  
Guest professor (Course: ELE 207\_02; Linguistics I; Title: Phonetics), 2019 - Continues  
ELEP 203\_Linguistics 1-Preparation of Syllabus (Planning and Evaluation), 2021 - 2022  
TED Tam Destek Project, 2021 - 2021

### **Congress and Symposium Activities**

Orient Institut İstanbul Workshop: Linguistic Landscapes of İstanbul, Invited Speaker, İstanbul, Turkey, 2023  
TARA Sempozyum Toplumdilbilim Araştırmaları Sempozyumu 2023, Invited Speaker, Diyarbakır, Turkey, 2023  
INGED 2023 Conference, Invited Speaker, Kayseri, Turkey, 2023  
EECERA (European Early Childhood Education Research) 31st Conference, Invited Speaker, Lisbon, Portugal, 2023

10. International Eurasian Educational Research Congress EJER 2023, Moderator, Ankara, Turkey, 2023  
10. International Eurasian Educational Research Congress EJER 2023, Moderator, Ankara, Turkey, 2023  
10. International Eurasian Educational Research Congress EJER 2023, Invited Speaker, Ankara, Turkey, 2023  
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE FUTURE CHALLENGES IN EARLY LANGUAGE LEARNING & MULTILINGUAL EDUCATION,  
Invited Speaker, Granada, Spain, 2022  
14th METU International ELT Convention, Invited Speaker, Ankara, Turkey, 2022  
İNÖED 1st INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE , Invited Speaker, Ankara, Turkey, 2022

## Scholarships

Fulbright, Fulbright Program, 2006 - 2015

## Awards

ÜNAL GEZER M., TEDU Publication Award, TED University, March 2020  
ÜNAL GEZER M., TÜBİTAK BİDEB 2224-A Funding to attend International Conferences (\$1,500) 2018, TUBITAK, April 2018  
ÜNAL GEZER M., Department of Near Eastern Studies Conference Travel Grant (500 USD), Cornell University, Cornell University, April 2016  
ÜNAL GEZER M., Language Instruction Travel Grant (1,000 USD), Cornell Institute for European Studies at Cornell University 2016, Institute for European Studies, April 2016  
ÜNAL GEZER M., Society for the Scientific Studies of Reading Travel Award (\$1,000), SSSR 2015, Society for the Scientific Studies of Reading, January 2015  
ÜNAL GEZER M., College of Education and Human Development Distinguished Honor Graduate, Texas A&M University College of Education and Human Development, December 2014  
ÜNAL GEZER M., Carolyn Lohman-Heep Fellowship (\$10,000), Texas A&M University, January 2014  
ÜNAL GEZER M., 2013 Teaching Excellence Award (\$300), Department of TLAC, TAMU, Texas A&M University, January 2013  
ÜNAL GEZER M., TLAC Doctoral Student Award (\$1,000), Texas A&M University, Texas A&M University, January 2011  
ÜNAL GEZER M., SLATE--Student-Led Award for Teaching Excellence--Award (\$2,500), Texas A&M University System 2010, Texas A&M University System, June 2010  
ÜNAL GEZER M., J. William Fulbright Scholarship, (\$55,000), United States Department of State, Institute of International Education 2006-2008, Fulbright Association, August 2006