

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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#### EDUCATION:

- Ph.D. in Mathematics, University of Liverpool, UK  
January 2007–July 2011  
Thesis: *Dynnikov coordinates and pseudo-Anosov braids*  
Advisor: Toby Hall.
- B.Sc. in Mathematics (first–class honours degree), University of Dicle, Turkey,  
September 1999–June 2003.

#### APPOINTMENTS:

- Associate Professor, University of Dicle, 2023-Present
- Assistant Professor, University of Dicle, 2015-2023
- Fulbright Scholar, Columbia University, January 2022-April 2022
- Fulbright Scholar, Georgia Tech, April 2022-July 2022
- Postdoctoral Researcher, Georgia Tech, 2014-2015
- Assistant Professor, University of Dicle, 2011-2014
- PhD student, University of Liverpool, 2007-2011
- Research Assistant, University of Dicle, 2005-2007

#### RESEARCH INTERESTS:

- Dynamical and combinatorial aspects of mapping class groups; in particular dynamics of pseudo–Anosov homeomorphisms, train tracks, combinatorics of curves on surfaces.

#### PAPERS:

- On the topological entropy of families of braids, w/Toby Hall, *Topology and its Applications*, 156 (8) (2009), 1554-1565.
- Geometric intersection of curves on punctured disks, *Journal of the Mathematical Society of Japan*, 65 (4) (2013), 1153-1168.

- Dynnikov and train track transition matrices of pseudo-Anosov braids, *Discrete and Continuous Dynamical Systems-A*, 36 (1) (2016), 541-570.
- Counting components of an integral lamination, w/Toby Hall, *Manuscripta Mathematica*, 153 (2017), 263-278.
- Integral laminations on non-orientable surfaces, w/Mehmetcik Pamuk, *Turkish Journal of Mathematics*, 42 (2018), 69-82.
- Intersections of multicurves from Dynnikov coordinates, w/Toby Hall, *Bulletin of Australian Mathematical Society*, 98 (1) (2018), 149-158.
- Applications of the Dynnikov coordinate system on the boundary of Teichmüller space, *Teichmüller theory and its impact*, *Advanced Lectures in Mathematics*, 2022.
- Moves on curves on non-orientable surfaces, w/Ferihe Atalan, *Rocky Mountain Journal of Mathematics*, 52(6) (2022), 1957-1967.
- A recipe for the dilatation of families of pseudo-Anosov braids, *Essays in Geometry, dedicated to Norbert A'Campo* (A. Papadopoulos, ed.), *European Mathematical Society Press, Berlin*, (2023), 111-126.
- An algorithm for determining free products generated by Dehn twists on punctured disks, w/Elif Dalyan, Elif Medetogullari and Ferihe Atalan (submitted)
- Fast Nielsen-Thurston Classification, w/Dan Margalit, Balazs Strenner, and Sam Taylor (submitted).
- Action of mapping class groups in terms of global coordinates, w/ Daniele Alessandrini (under progress)
- Algorithms for curves on non-orientable surfaces (under progress)

**BOOKS and OTHER WRITTEN WORK:**

- Introduction to Metric and Topological Spaces, William A.Sutherland, (Turkish translation) (Nobel Academic Press, Turkey, 2014).
- Dynnikov koordinatlari ve  $\pi_1$ -train track grafikleri, w/Umut Güngörür, *Akademik Platform Fen ve Mühendislik Dergisi*, 2019.
- Intersections of multicurves on small Genus non-orientable surfaces, *Journal of Mathematical Sciences and Modelling*, 4(3), 110-116, 2021.
- Pseudo-Anosov Örgülerin topolojik entropisi ve çekici Matrisler, w/Arife Atay, *Iğdir Üniversitesi Fen Bilimleri Enstitüsü Dergisi*, 11 (3), 2278-2289, 2021.
- Relaxing multicurves on the twice punctured Möbius band, w/Abdullah Baykal and Ferihe Atalan, *Middle East Journal of Science*, 9(1), 16-22, 2023.

## **SELECTED TALKS:**

### **Seminar Talks:**

- On the topological entropy of pseudo-Anosov braid families, University of Florida, Gainesville, December 2009.
- Dynnikov Coordinates and pseudo-Anosov Braids, Warwick Mathematics Institute, May 2010.
- Study of pseudo-Anosov braids using Dynnikov's coordinates, Bogazici University Seminar, December 2011 (Invited).
- Dynnikov coordinates and pseudo-Anosov braids, Koç University Seminar, December 2011.
- Dynnikov matrices and pseudo-Anosov braids, Université de Strasbourg, Topology and Geometry Seminar, Strasbourg June 2012.
- Pseudo-Anosov braids and Dynnikov coordinates I and II, METU, March 2014
- Dynnikov Coordinates, Geometry & Topology Seminar, Georgia Tech, Atlanta, August 2014
- Dynnikov and train track transition matrices of pseudo-Anosov braids, Geometry & Topology Seminar, University of Wisconsin, Madison, December 2014
- Computations in the mapping class group via global coordinates, Geometry & Topology Seminar, University of Georgia, Athens, March 2015 .
- Computations in the mapping class group via global coordinates, Geometry & Topology Seminar, University of Florida, Gainesville, April 2015.
- Counting components of an integral lamination, Geometry & Topology Seminar, University of Columbia, April 2016.
- Curves, braids and crosscap transpositions, Columbia University, April 2022.
- Computations in braid groups with Dynnikov coordinates, Algebra and Cryptology Seminar, Stevens Institute of Technology, December, 2023.
- Fast computations in mapping class groups via global coordinates, Topology & Group Theory Seminar, Vanderbilt University, December 2023.

### **Conference Talks:**

- Topological Entropy of Families of Braids, University of Manchester, Magic Postgraduate Conference followed by regional LMS meeting, Manchester, England, January 2009.
- Nesin Mathematics Village, National Mathematics Symposium, August 2009.
- Dynnikov coordinates and pseudo-Anosov braids, Isaac Newton Institute for Mathematical Sciences, Women in Mathematics Meeting, University of Cambridge, April 2010
- Dynnikov Coordinates and pseudo-Anosov Braids, Conference for Young researchers in Maths, University of Cambridge, March 2010.
- Dynnikov Coordinates and pseudo-Anosov Braids, Geometry and Arithmetic around Teichmüller Theory, Galatasaray University, November 2011

- Dynamics of pseudo-Anosov braids and Dynnikov matrices, GAAGTA, Kunming University of Science and Technology, China, July 2012.
- 26.National Mathematics Conference, Dicle University, September 2013.
- Geometric intersection of curves on punctured disks, Japanese Turkish Joint Geometry Meeting, Galatasaray University, November 2013.
- Computations in the mapping class group via global coordinates, Special Session of Geometric Group Theory and Topology, AMS meeting, Huntsville, March 2015.
- Bir integral laminasyonun bağlantılı parçalarını saymak, AMG2017, Hacettepe Üniversitesi, Ankara, May 2017.
- Counting components of an integral lamination, CMCII, Van, August 2017.
- Geometry of Teichmüller space and mapping class groups, Warwick, UK, April 2018 (Invited).
- Teichmüller dynamics, mapping class groups and applications, Grenoble, France, June 2018 (Invited).
- Topology, Geometry, and Dynamics: Rokhlin–100, Euler Mathematical Institute, Saint Petersburg, Russia, August 19–23, 2019.
- Fast Nielsen–Thurston Classification, Algorithms in Complex Dynamics and Mapping Class Groups, ICERM, Brown University, Providence, November 2-3, 2019 (Invited).

### **TEACHING:**

- Analytical Geometry II (tutorial) Spring 2006, University of Dicle.
- Calculus I (tutorial), Fall, 2006, University of Dicle; Fall 2007, University of Liverpool.
- Iteration and Fourier Series (tutorial and grading), Spring 2009, University of Liverpool.
- Linear Algebra (tutorial and grading), Spring 2010, University of Liverpool; Fall, Spring 2011, 2012, 2013, 2021 University of Dicle.
- Numerical Analysis, Fall 2012, 2013 University of Dicle.
- Introduction to Algebraic Topology, Fall 2013, 2014, 2016, University of Dicle.
- Introduction to Dynamical Systems, Spring 2013, 2014, 2016, 2023, University of Dicle.
- Analytic Geometry I, Fall 2015-2018 and Analytic Geometry II, Spring 2016–2019, University of Dicle.
- Topology I, Fall 2016–2019, 2023, University of Dicle.
- Metric Spaces, Spring 2016–2019, 2023, University of Dicle.
- Calculus I, II, 2019–2021, 2022-2024 University of Dicle.

### **AWARDS:**

- Council of Higher Education of The Republic of Turkey, Ph.D Scholarship, January 2007-July 2011
- The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey, International Postdoctoral Research Scholarship, August 2014-August 2015
- Fulbright Scholar, January 2022-July 2022

### **ACTIVITIES:**

- Co-organizer of the conference *Young Researchers in Mathematics*, University of Liverpool, 2008.
- Co-organizer (responsible from preparing the conference booklet) of the 26.National Mathematics Conference, Dicle University, 4-7 September 2013.
- Scientific Coordinator for IMAGINARY-open mathematics exhibition, 9-24 November 2015.
- Co-organizer of the 5th Workshop of Association of Turkish Women in Maths, 5–7 July, 2018.
- Co-organizer of the Workshop of Curves, Mapping Class Groups and Their Applications, 17-18 January 2020.
- Reviewer for AMS mathematical reviews.

### **PROJECTS:**

- Geometric intersection of curves on non-orientable surfaces, Tubitak 3001, 2018-2020 (Principal Investigator)
- Train track grafikleri ve örgülerin topolojik entropisi, DÜBAP, 2018-2020 (Principal Investigator)
- Algorithms for mapping class groups of non-orientable surfaces, Tubitak 1001, 2024- (Principal Investigator)

### **STUDENTS:**

- Umut Güngörür (MSc, 2017-2019)
- Alev Meral (PhD, 2019)