

DALYA SAMUR

Education

- 07/2014 – 08/2017 Ph.d. in Clinical Psychology
Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- 09/2011 – 08/2013 M.Sc. Cognitive Neuroscience (Language and Communication Track)
Radboud University, Nijmegen, The Netherlands
- 09/2006 – 06/2010 B.A. – Psychology & Sociology (Double Major)
Koç University, Istanbul, Turkey
- 09/2002 – 06/2006 High School – International Baccalaureate Diploma Program
The Koç High School, Istanbul, Turkey

Research Experience

- 09/2013 – present **Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Nijmegen, The Netherlands**
Amsterdam Emotion Regulation Lab
Thesis Supervisor: Prof. Sander Koole and Dr. Mattie Tops
My work mainly focuses on a psycholinguistic approach to alexithymia, which is a personality dimension defined by difficulties in identifying and describing emotions.
- 06/2016 – 08/2016 **University of Texas at Austin, Austin, United States**
Pennebaker Language Lab
Supervisor: Prof. James Pennebaker
I mainly worked on Big Data, and performed tasks using Natural Language Processing (NLP) techniques, such as parsing, using Python.
- 02/2012 – 08/2013 **Donders Institute for Brain, Cognition and Behavior, Nijmegen, The Netherlands**
Neurobiology of Language Group
Thesis Supervisor: Dr. Roel Willems and Dr. Vicky Tzuyin Lai
My thesis investigated how emotionality might play a role in embodied cognition and comprehension of metaphors by using fMRI (See publications for the article).
- 12/2011 – 04/2012 **Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics, Nijmegen, The Netherlands**
Gesture Lab
Supervisor: Prof. Asli Ozyurek
The aim of my internship included addressing the differences in mode of representations in co-speech gesture among languages.
- 03/2011 – 07/2011 **Universiteit Utrecht, Utrecht, The Netherlands**
Social Cognition and Language Research Group
Supervisor: Prof. Gün R. Semin
I worked on embodiment of language through facial muscles (an EMG study).

Publications

- Samur, D.,** Lai, V. T., Hagoort, P. & Willems, R. (2015). Emotional Context Modulates Embodied Metaphor Comprehension. *Neuropsychologia*, 78, 108-114.
- Samur, D.,** Tops, M., Schlinkert, C., Quirin, M., Cuijpers, P., & Koole, S. L. (2013). Four Decades of Alexithymia Research: Moving Towards Clinical Applications. *Frontiers in Psychology*, 4, 861.
- Tops, M., Schlinkert, C., Tjew-A-Sin, M., **Samur, D.,** & Koole, S. L. (2015). Protective Inhibition of Self-Regulation and Motivation: Extending a Classic Pavlovian Principle to Social and Personality Functioning. In *Handbook of Biobehavioral Approaches to Self-Regulation* (pp. 69-85). Springer New York.

Samur, D., Tops, M & Koole, S. L. (Under Review). Does a Single Session of Reading Literary Fiction Prime Enhanced Mentalizing Performance? Four Replication Experiments of Kidd and Castano (2013).

Samur, D., Luminet, O & Koole, S. L. (in preparation). Alexithymia Predicts Frequency and Enjoyment of Reading in Adults.

Conference Presentation

Samur, D., Luminet, O. & Koole, S. (2016, July) Alexithymia predicts frequency and enjoyment of reading. Paper presented at CERE Emotion Conference, Leiden, The Netherlands.

Samur, D., Tops, M. & Koole, S. (2015, October) Talking about Emotions: Alexithymia predicts deliberate metaphor production in describing emotional events. Paper presented at Emotions Conference, Tilburg, The Netherlands.

Samur, D. (2015, April). The Challenge of Putting Feelings into Words. Workshop held at the 29th European Federation of Psychology Students Association, Srni, Czech Republic.

Samur, D. (2014, November) From Reading to Feeling: A Psycholinguistic Approach to Alexithymia. Invited Talk in Universite Catholique de Louvain, Louvain, Belgium.

Samur, D., Lai, V. T., Hagoort, P. & Willems, R. (2014, August) Emotional context modulates embodied metaphor comprehension: An fMRI study. Poster presented at the Society of Neurobiology of Language Annual Meeting, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

Koole, S., **Samur, D.** and Tops, M. (2014, July) Effects of Reading Literary Fiction among Individuals Varying in Alexithymia: The Moderating Role of Narrative Engagement. Paper presented at 14th Conference of Conference of the International Society for the Empirical Study of Literature (IGEL), Turin, Italy.

Samur, D., Lai, V. T., Hagoort, P. and Willems, R. (2013, April) The Role of Emotionality in Metaphor Comprehension. Paper presented at the Researching and Applying Metaphor (RaAM), Poznan, Poland.

Samur, D., and Küntay, A. (2011, May). Roles of Verbs and Adjectives on person perception; A study on Lexical Preference in Turkish language. Paper presented at the 25th European Federation of Psychology Students Association, Borowice, Poland.

Grants

2014 – 2017 **NWO Research Talent Grant** for Phd Research Project – funded **171.362 euro** in order to cover all the related costs by the Dutch Organisation for the Scientific Research, The Netherlands.

2017 **NIAS-Lorentz Workshop Grant** for organizing an interdisciplinary workshop – funded **8.000 euro** and accommodation expenses.

2011 – 2013 **Huygens Scholarship for Graduate Studies** – awarded **53.534 euro** to cover the full tuition in addition to a generous monthly allowance by the Dutch Minister for Education, Culture and Science, The Netherlands.

2006 – 2010 **Koç University Scholarship for Undergraduate** studies – 50% of tuition via academic achievement in national level university selection exam (ÖSS) and 25% of tuition via high school achievement, Koç University, Turkey.

Student Supervision

- **Rebekka Schnepfer** (2016), Master thesis; Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, The Netherlands (Co-advisor Sander Koole).

- **Ringaile Slapsinskaite** (2015), full-time Erasmus intern; Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, The Netherlands.
- **Famke Beerthuizen** (2015), Master thesis; Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, The Netherlands.
- **Thomas Molenaar** (2014), Master thesis; Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, The Netherlands (Co-advisor Mattie Tops).

Teaching

- 2016 (Fall) Invited Lecturer on ‘**The Role of Language in Emotion Regulation**’ at ‘Emotion Regulation’ course for Research Master Students at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, The Netherlands.
- 2016 (Spring) Invited Lecturer on ‘**Introduction to R**’ for a 3-day workshop at Kurt Lewin Institute Graduate School. The workshop was given together with Willem Slegers.
- 2015 (Fall) Invited Lecturer on ‘**The Role of Language in Emotion Regulation**’ at ‘Emotion Regulation’ course for Research Master Students at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

Society Memberships

07/2014 – Present	International Society for the Empirical Study of Literature (IGEL)	<i>Public Relations</i>
07/2014 – Present	Kurt Lewin Institute Graduate School	<i>Phd Member</i>
05/2012 – 05/2013	European Federation of Psychology Students’ Associations	<i>President</i>
07/2008 – 05/2012	European Federation of Psychology Students’ Associations	<i>Executive Board</i>
05/2010 – 12/2010	Erasmus Student Network	<i>Vice National Representative</i>
09/2009 – 06/2010	Koç University International Students’ Society	<i>President</i>
08/2009 – 06/2010	Koç University Psychology Club	<i>President</i>
12/2008 – 06/2010	Turkish Psychology Students Association	<i>Koc University Representative</i>

Skills

Experiment Programming	: Inquisit, Presentation, E-Prime, and Qualtrics;
Programming languages	: Experience with Python and HTML/CSS;
Statistics	: R, MATLAB, and SPSS;
Other software	: fMRI Preprocessing (SPM), EMG software (AcqKnowledge), Gesture coding program (ELAN), Linguistic Inquiry Word Count (LIWC).
Language	: Turkish (native), English (fluent), Dutch (intermediate)