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## EMPLOYMENT/ POSITIONS

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<i>Associate Professor, Bilkent University, Ankara, Türkiye</i>	2024-
<i>National Geographic Explorer</i>	2023-
<i>British Academy Newton Advanced Fellow</i>	2018-2021
<i>Associate Professor of Prehistory, Ankara University, Ankara, Türkiye</i>	2020-2024
<i>Associate Professor of Prehistory, Trakya University, Edirne, Türkiye</i>	2018-2020
<i>Assistant Professor of Prehistory, Trakya University, Edirne, Türkiye</i>	2014-2018
<i>Research Assistant, British Institute at Ankara</i>	2013-2014
<i>Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, British Institute at Ankara</i>	2012-2013
<i>Senior Fellow, Koç University Research Centre for Anatolian Civilizations, Istanbul</i>	2011-2012
<i>Acting Coordinator for Archaeology Higher Education Academy, Subject Centre for Classics and Archaeology, Liverpool, UK</i>	2009-2011

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## EDUCATION

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<i>PhD</i>	University of Liverpool	Archaeology	2010
<i>MPhil</i>	University of Glasgow	Mediterranean Archaeology	2003
<i>BA</i>	University College London	Archaeology	2001

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## PUBLICATIONS

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### ***Authored books***

Baysal, E. 2019. *Personal ornaments in prehistory, an exploration of body augmentation from the Palaeolithic to the Early Bronze Age*. Oxbow Books.

### *Reviews:*

J. Then-Obłuska. 2020. *Beads* 32.

G. Nash. 2020. *Current World Archaeology* 100.

K. Godman. 2020. *The Journal of Dress History* 4.2.

E. Foulds. 2020. *The Archaeological Journal* 177.2

R. Özbal. 2021. *Journal of the Turkish Institute of Archaeology and Cultural Heritage* 1

### **Edited books**

Baysal, E. (ed.) 2020. *James Mellaart, the journey to Çatalhöyük*. Istanbul, Arkeoloji ve Sanat Yayınları.

Reviews: M. Kinzel. 2021. *Neo-Lithics* 21  
W. Hale. 2021. *Turkish Area Studies Review* 2021 Autumn  
P. Daunt. 2022. *Cornucopia Magazine*  
D. Meijer. 2022. *Bibliotheca Orientalis*

Souvatzi, S., Baysal, A. and Baysal, E. (eds). 2019. *Time and history in prehistory*. London, Routledge.

Review: J. Elich. 2021. *KronoScope* 21.1: 85-87.

Baysal, E. and Karakatsanis, L. (eds). 2017. *Bordered places | bounded times, cross-disciplinary perspectives on Turkey*. London, British Institute at Ankara monograph.

Review: S. Brennan. 2019. *European Journal of Archaeology* 22.1: 141-144.

### **Journal articles (\*corresponding author)**

#### **SSCI/AHCI**

Wengrow, D., Hassett, B., Sağlamtimur, H., Marsh, W., Brace, S., Pilaar Birch, S.E., Baysal, E., Bathhan, M., Aydoğan, I., Özmen Batıhan, Ö., Barnes, I. 2025. Inequality at the dawn of the Bronze Age: the case of Başur Höyük, a “royal” cemetery at the margins of the Mesopotamian world. *Cambridge Archaeological Journal*

Kodaş, E., Baysal, E.\*, Özkan, K. 2024. Bodily boundaries transgressed: Corporal alteration through labrets and ear ornaments in the Pre-Pottery Neolithic at Boncuklu Tarla, Türkiye. *Antiquity* 98.398 April 2024

Baysal, E.\* and Yelözer, S. 2024. From prehistoric shores: marine shell ornaments, landscape, interaction and the Neolithic transition in Anatolia. *Journal of Archaeological Science: reports* 53: 104312

Baysal, E. 2024. Local Worker and Excavation Director Relationships in Anatolia in the Mid-Twentieth and Early Twenty-First Centuries. *European Journal of Archaeology* 27.1: 105-125

Sağlamtimur, H., Dardeniz Arıkan, G. and Baysal, E. 2023. Travel of Faience Beads and Metal Pins: Evidence of Long-distance trade in Early Bronze Age I (3100-2900 BCE) Başur Höyük, Türkiye. *Journal of Archaeological Science: reports* 52: 104263

Baysal, E.\* and Yelözer, S. 2022. Searching for the individual: characterising knowledge transfer and skill in prehistoric personal ornament making. *Journal of Archaeological Method and Theory* 30: 172–202

Kodaş, E., Yelözer, S., Çiftçi, Y. and Baysal, E. 2022. Symbolism in action: Techno-typology, function, and human-artefact dynamics in figured/non-figured bone plaques from Pre-Pottery-Neolithic Boncuklu Tarla, Turkey. *Journal of Anthropological Archaeology* 65: 101393

Baysal, E. 2022. Traditions, interactions and communication in the Late Neolithic: the beads of Suluin Cave, Antalya, Turkey. *Archaeological Research in Asia* 29: 100342

Martínez-Sevilla, F., Baysal, E., Micheli, R., Ifantidis, F. and Lugliè C. 2021. A very early "fashion": Neolithic stone bracelets from a Mediterranean perspective. *Open Archaeology* 7: 815-831

- Baysal, E.\* and Sağlamtimur, H. 2021. Sacrificial status and prestige burials: negotiating life, death and identity through personal adornment at Early Bronze Age I Başur Höyük, Turkey. *American Journal of Archaeology* 125.1: 3-28
- Glatz, C., Casana, J., Bendrey, R., Baysal, E., Calderbank, D., Chelazzi, F., Del Bravo, F., Erskine, N., Marie Hald, M., Jakoby Laugier, E., Jensen, E. and Perruchini, E. 2019. Babylonian Encounters in the Upper Diyala River Valley: Contextualizing the Results of Regional Survey and the 2016–2017 Excavations at Khani Masi. *American Journal of Archaeology* 123.3: 439–471
- Baysal, E.\* and Ereğ, C. M. 2018. Material movement in the Near Eastern Epipaleolithic: implications of the shell and stone beads of Direkli Cave, Turkey. *Journal of Field Archaeology* 43.8: 591-603.
- Baysal, E. 2017. Reflections of far away places: the Chalcolithic personal ornaments of Canhasan I. *Anatolian Studies* 67: 29-49.
- Baysal, E. 2016. Beadwork in a basket: an ornamental item from the last Halaf level of Mersin Yumuktepe, *Adalya* 19: 17-30
- Baysal, E.\*, Baysal, A., Turkcan, A. and Nazaroğlu, A. 2015. Early specialized production? A Chalcolithic stone bracelet workshop at Kanlıtaş, Eskişehir, Turkey. *Oxford Journal of Archaeology* 34.3, 235-257.
- Baysal, E. and Elton, H. 2014. A tomb with a view: the rock cut cemetery at Alahan in Isauria, Turkey. *Adalya* 17: 181-208.
- Baysal, E. 2013. A tale of two assemblages: early Neolithic manufacture and use of beads in the Konya Plain. *Anatolian Studies* 63: 1-15.
- Baird, D., Asouti, E., Astruc, L., Baysal, A., Baysal, E., Carruthers, D., Fairbairn, A., Kabukcu, C., Jenkins, E., Lorentz, K., Middleton, C., Pearson, J., Pirie, A. 2013. Juniper smoke, skulls and wolves' tails. The Epipaleolithic of the Anatolian Plateau in SW Asian context; insights from Pınarbaşı. *Levant* 45.2: 175-209.
- Newhard, J., H. Elton, M. Jackson, G. Mietke, L. Özgenel & E. Twigger. 2009. Türkiye, Alahan'da bir Roma Şehrini Keşfi. *Olba* 17: 83-116.
- Elton, H., M. Jackson, G. Mietke, J. Newhard, L. Özgenel & E. Twigger. 2006. A new Late-Roman urban centre in Isauria. *Journal of Roman Archaeology* 19: 300-311.

#### ***Others (peer reviewed)***

- Baysal, E. and Yavşan, Ç. 2021. Gülpınar personal ornaments. *Anadolu* 47: 1-13.
- Baysal, E. 2020. Pre-Pottery Neolithic personal ornamentation: observations on the beads of Canhasan III. *Anatolica* 46: 13-27.
- Baysal, E. 2017. Personal Ornaments in Neolithic Turkey, the Current State of Research and Interpretation. *Arkeoloji ve Sanat* 155: 1-23
- Baysal, E. 2017. Anadolu ve Levant Epi-Paleolitik İşığında Direkli Mağarası Kişisel Süs Eşyaları. *Anadolu* 42 (2016): 139-157
- Baysal, E. 2016. Beads at the Place of White Earth - Late Neolithic and Early Chalcolithic Aktopraklık Northwest Turkey. *BEADS: Journal of the Society of Bead Researchers* 28: 50-59
- Baysal, E. and Miller, H. 2016. Teoride süs eşyaları: arkeolojik kontekstlerde prehistorik boncukların yorumu. *APAD Anadolu Prehistory Araştırmaları Dergisi* 2: 11-32
- Baysal, E. 2015. Neolitik Dönem Kişisel Süs Eşyaları: Yeni Yaklaşımlar ve Türkiye'deki Son Araştırmalar. *TÜBA-AR* 18: 9-24

- Baysal, E and Erdoğan, B. 2014. Frog in the pond: Gökçeada (Imbros), an Aegean stepping stone in the use of Spondylus shell. *Proceedings of the Prehistoric Society* 80, 363-378.
- Baysal, E. 2014. Findings relating to the manufacture and use of stone beads at Neolithic Boncuklu Höyük. *Colloquium Anatolicum* 13, 57-79.
- Baysal, E. 2014. A preliminary typology for the Neolithic and Chalcolithic beads of Barcın Höyük. *Anatolia Antiqua* 22, 1-11.
- Baysal, E. 2013. Will the real specialist please stand up? Characterising early craft specialization, a comparative methodology for Neolithic Anatolia. *Documenta Praehistorica* 40: 233-246.
- Baysal, E. 2013. Epipalaeolithic marine shell beads at Pınarbaşı: central Anatolia in a wider context. *Anatolica* 39: 261-276.

### **Book chapters**

- Baysal, E. Forthcoming. Writing a new age: the Neolithic paradigm shift in Türkiye. Festschrift in Honour of Ian Todd.
- Baysal, E. 2025. The Neolithic beads. In Horejs, B. and A. Bulatović (eds), Svinjarička Čuka in Serbia, highlights from 8000 to 3000 years ago. Austrian Archaeological Institute, Arheološki institut u Beogradu, Narodni muzej Leskovac: 264-269.
- Baysal, E. and Yelözer, S. 2025. Bodies and behaviours: archaeological material culture and the interpretation of identity at the Neolithic transition. In Longhitano et al. (eds) *Weaving and Wearing Identity: Personal Adornment in Past Societies*. Springer Nature.
- Baysal, E. 2025. Routes without roads: changing dynamics in marine shell use in prehistoric Anatolia. In Vandeput, L. and Mitchell, S. (eds) *Routes and Roads, in Anatolia from Prehistory to Seljuk Times*. London, British Institute at Ankara: 75-84.
- Glatz, C., Calderbank, D., Chelazzi, F., Sameen, S.M., Erskine, N., Del Bravo, F., Abdullatif, N., Marie Hald, M., Miglio, A.E., Perruchini, E. Ali, M., Hamdan, M., Sorotou, A., Jensen, E., Palyvos, A., Gravdal Heimvik, S., Bendrey, R., Pearson, J., Lauinger, J., Moscone, D., Squitieri, A., Baysal, E. & Twiss, K. 2024. *Place, encounter, and the making of communities: The Lower Sirwan/Upper Diyala River Valley from Prehistory to the Iron Age*. Sidestone Press.
- Baysal, E. 2022. Geçmiş Dünyaların Maddeselliği: Tarihöncesi Figürinler – Malzeme, Desen ve Anlam. In S. M. Zeren-Hasdağlı and E. Taştımür (eds) *Işık Şahin'e Armağan (Studies in Honour of Işık Şahin)*, Edirne, Trakya Üniversitesi Yayın Evi: 59-74.
- Baysal, E. 2021. Canhasan I 'winged' pendants: the history of an enigmatic form. In *İlk Kale Anadolu Medeniyetleri Müzesi 100. Yıl Anı Kitabı*: 177-186.
- Baysal, E. and Sağlamtimur, H. 2021. Erken Tunc Çağda Teknoloji, Değer ve Ticaret: Başur Hoyuk'te Boncukların Üretimi ve Kullanımı. In A. G. Türkmenoğlu and Ş. Demirci (eds) *Türkiye Arkeolojisinde Takı ve Boncuk: Arkeolojik ve Arkeometrik Çalışmalar*. İstanbul, Ege Yayınları: 73-80.
- Baysal, E. 2020. Mellaart's notebooks: the story of Çatalhöyük's first days. In E. Baysal (ed.) *James Mellaart, the journey to Çatalhöyük*. İstanbul, Arkeoloji ve Sanat Yayınları: 347-392.
- Baysal, E. 2020. Envisaging the Neolithic and Chalcolithic as a connected world: tracing ornament movement in Anatolia. In M. Mărgărit and A. Boroneanț (eds) *Beauty and the eye of the beholder: personal adornments across the millennia*, Târgoviște, Cetatea de scaun: 55-70.

- Baysal, E. 2019. Tracing the Konya Plain's earliest connections: what beads can tell us. In Ç. Maner (ed.), *Crossroads - Kavşaklar. The Konya Plain from Prehistory to the Byzantine Period*, 55-70. Istanbul, Ege Yayınları
- Souvatzi, S., Baysal, A. and Baysal, E. 2019. Is there pre-history? In Souvatzi, S., Baysal, A. and Baysal, E. (eds). 2019. *Time and history in prehistory*. London, Routledge. 1-28.
- Baysal, E. 2018. Chalcolithic personal ornaments: transformative technologies, specialization and long distance contacts. IFEA, Ege Yayınları
- Bursali, A., Özbal, H., Özbal, R., Şimşek, G., Yağci, B., Yilmaz Akkaya, C., Baysal, E. 2017. Investigating the Source of Blue Color in Neolithic Beads from Barcın Höyük, Nw Turkey. In Pereira, T., Terradas, X. and Bicho, N. (eds) *The Exploitation of Raw Materials in Prehistory*. Cambridge, Cambridge Scholars Publishing. 492-505.
- Bursali, A., Özbal, R., Baysal, E., Özbal, H. and Yağci, B. 2017. Neolithic Blue Beads in Northwest Turkey: The Social Significance of Skeuomorphism. In Megan Cifarelli and Laura Gawlinski (eds) *What Shall I Say of Clothes? Theoretical and Methodological Approaches to the Study of Dress in Antiquity*. Selected Papers on Ancient Art and Architecture, 3. Archaeological Institute of America. 123-141.
- Baysal, E. 2017. Material culture reconsidered: personal adornment and the conceptualization of boundaries in the Epipalaeolithic. In Baysal, E. and Karakatsanis, L. (eds) *Bordered places | bounded times, cross-disciplinary perspectives on Turkey*. London. British Institute at Ankara monograph. 15-26.
- Baysal, E and Karakatsanis, L. 2017. Introduction, expanding the perspective: towards a deep history of borders. In Baysal, E. and Karakatsanis, L. (eds) *Bordered places | bounded times, cross-disciplinary perspectives on Turkey*. London. British Institute at Ankara monograph. 1-15.
- Baysal, E. 2015. Bir İletişim Ağı perspektifinden Neolitik ve Kalkolitik Boncuklar ve bilezikleri yorumlamak. In Baysal, A (ed.) *İletişim ağı ve sosyal organizasyonu, Tematik Arkeoloji Serisi 2*. Istanbul. Ege Yayınları. 95-110.

#### **Book chapters submitted / in press**

- Baysal, E. In press. Aşağı Pınar 7, personal ornaments. In Hansen, S., Özdoğan, Özdoğan E., Akyol, S. and Yalçın, N. (ed.) *Aşağı Pınar III, the earliest phase of Neolithic Aşağı Pınar 7 and the problem of the ditches*. Archaeologie in Eurasien.

#### **Reports**

- Baysal, E. and Bursali, A. 2016. Turkey's first evil eye? The manufacture and use of blue beads in the Neolithic. *PAST* 82: 14-15
- Baysal, E. and Karakatsanis, L. 2013. Bordered places | Bounded times: the BIAA's first interdisciplinary workshop. *Heritage Turkey*
- Baysal, E. 2013. Broad horizons? The dynamics of marginality from the Neolithic to the Early Bronze Age. *Heritage Turkey*
- Baysal, E. 2011. Craft and identity at Boncuklu Höyük, Turkey; the role of stone bead technology, *Heritage Turkey*
- Baysal, E. 2004. Excavations of the 4040 area spaces 229, 230, 241, 242 and 244. 2004. *Çatalhöyük Annual Report* [www.catalhoyuk.com](http://www.catalhoyuk.com).

#### **Book reviews**

- Baysal, E. 2023. Minotti, M. 2021. *Adaïma IV. La parure en contexte funéraire : technique, esthétique et fonction*. Fouilles de l'Institut français d'archéologie orientale 88. 2 vols. Beads 35 : 98-99.
- Baysal, E. 2021. Vasić, M. 2020. Personal Adornment in the Neolithic Middle East: A Case Study of Catalhöyük (SENEPSE 22). ex oriente, Berlin. Neo-Lithics 21
- Baysal, E. 2020. Querré, G., Cassen, S. & Vigier, E. (eds) (2019). La parure en callaïs du Néolithique européen. Oxford: Archaeopress. In *Archäologische Informationen* 43: 451-454.
- Twigger, E. 2008. Finlayson, B. and Mithen, S. (eds) 2007. The early prehistory of Wadi Faynan, southern Jordan. Archaeological survey of the Wadis Faynan, Ghuwayr and al-Bustan and evaluation of the Pre-Pottery Neolithic A site of WF16. Wadi faynan Series 1, Levant Supplements 4. Oxford. In *Levant* 40.2: 206-207.

### **Editorships**

Anatolian Studies editor 2025 –  
 Anadolu/Anatolia 48<sup>th</sup> issue editor  
 Anatolia Assistant Editor 2023 –  
 Anatolia English Language Editor 2023 –  
 Anatolian Studies Academic Editor 2025-

### **Reviewing**

Archaeological and Anthropological Sciences, Journal of Field Archaeology, Open Archaeology, PLOS One, Journal of Archaeological Science – Reports, Antiquity, Quaternary Science Reviews, Oxford Journal of Archaeology, Geoheritage, Anatolica, Adalya, Tüba-Ar, Turkish Journal of Archaeological Sciences, Moesgaard Museum

### **Service**

Bilkent University Department of Archaeology Department Graduate Supervisor (2025-)  
 Ankara University Department of Archaeology Deputy Head of Department (2022-)  
 Ankara University Archaeology (English language) program coordinator (2022-)  
 Ankara University Archaeology (English language) internship coordinator (2022-)  
 Ankara University DTCF Faculty English Program Commission (2022- )

### **Continuing professional development**

ICH001 Living heritage and sustainable development, UNESCO online 2025  
 National Geographic Education Exchange program 2024  
 National Geographic leadership training 2024

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## **AWARDS, GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

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2025	Koç University Akmed Research Support Grant 'Intimate relationships between bodies and the world: a pilot study of the personal ornaments of Roman Sagalassos' KU AKMED 2025/P.1089
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2024	Nottingham University International Research Collaboration Fund (IRCF) International Mobility Grant, N-MESHing international partners: archaeological science potential at Bilkent and Nottingham, with Holly Miller Society of Antiquaries of London Research Grant (awarded but not accepted)
2023-2026	National Geographic Society Level II Grant 2023-2025 'Small things, big stories – embodying prehistoric identity in southeast Turkey'
2023-2024	AHRC Pump Priming Impact Award 'Transforming understanding of Turkey's prehistoric heritage within its Schools' University of Liverpool, Consultant.
2022	European Association of Archaeologists Oscar Montelius Foundation conference attendance grant
2019-2022	TÜBİTAK 1001 'Başur Höyük Verileri Işığında Yukarı Dicle Bölgesi'nde MÖ 4. Binyıl Sonu MÖ 3. Binyıl başında Yaşanan Kültürel Değişimin ve Bölgeler Arası Etkileşimin Araştırılması' (TÜBİTAK 119K780) Researcher, Project Advisor
2018-2021	British Academy Newton Advanced Fellowship, 2018-2021, 'Building Capacity for Sustainable Archaeological Science and Heritage in Turkey'
2017	2 month guest scholar residency at the Institute for Oriental and European Archaeology, Vienna, under the Scientific Exchange Initiative of the Austrian Academy of Sciences between Turkey and Austria
2015	Society of Antiquaries of London Research Grant: Turkey's first evil eye? The manufacture and use of blue beads in Neolithic Turkey
2014	Mediterranean Archaeological Trust Grant: The beads of Canhasan I and III at Karaman Museum in Turkey Prehistoric Society Research Grant: Turkey's first evil eye? The manufacture and use of blue beads in Neolithic Turkey British Institute at Ankara Research Grant: The beads of Canhasan I and III at Karaman Museum in Turkey
2011	Senior Fellowship, Koç Research Centre for Anatolian Civilizations 2011-12: Craft and Identity at Boncuklu Höyük: An Experimental Approach to Stone Bead Technology Prehistoric Society Research Grant: Bead technology at Boncuklu Höyük Gerald Averay Wainwright Fund, University of Oxford Grant: Bead technology at Boncuklu Höyük British Institute at Ankara Study Grant
2005-2009	Arts and Humanities Research Council full PhD funding
2001	British Institute at Ankara Travel Scholarship

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CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PAPERS / \*INVITED LECTURES

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- 2025  
 'Unexpected identities: the methodological challenges of EBA grave contexts at Başur  
 Höyük, southeast Türkiye', ICAANE 14, Université Lumière Lyon 2, Lyon, France,  
 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2025  
 'An abiding entanglement: human – marine shell ornament relationships in Anatolia during  
 later prehistory', Parures de la mer, vogue d'orient en occident du chalcolithique à

l'âge du bronze, Maison des Sciences de l'Homme et de la Société Sud-Est, Nice,  
France, 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> March 2025

'A decolonial feminist perspective on identity and archaeology, a view from within /  
Türkiye', University of Leicester Department of Archaeology Wednesday Lecture  
Series, Leicester, UK, 22nd January 2025 (joint presentation with Sera Yelözer)

2024

'Return to a Golden Age? Policy, Public Interest, and the Archaeology Workforce in  
Republican Türkiye', Bodies of Knowledge: Arabic Language, Egyptian Labor, and  
Communities of Practice in the History of Archaeology & Egyptology, Cairo, Egypt,  
26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> November 2024

'Untold stories: embodied identities at the Neolithic transition', Assessing subsistence and  
socio-economic shifts in the emergence of the Neolithic in SW Asia through new  
methodological approaches, ARROWFUNC Project Closing Workshop, Vienna,  
Austria, 28<sup>th</sup> October 2024

'Against the Flow: the multi-directionality of interactions during the Neolithic process as  
observed through shell ornaments', Social Interactions in Mediterranean Prehistory,  
Barcelona, Spain, 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> October 2024 (with Sera Yelözer)

'Bodies in transition: diversity and multiplicity of identities in Neolithic Central Anatolia',  
Social Interactions in Mediterranean Prehistory, Barcelona, Spain, 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> October  
2024 (with Sera Yelözer)

'Small things big stories: bodily identities at the Neolithic transition in southwest Asia'  
Paper presented at Session 1103: Embodied identities – unravelling symbolic threads  
through, ornaments, garments and portable objects of the European Association of  
Archaeologists 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Rome, Italy 28<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024

\*'Were they like us? Using archaeological science to discover the people of the past' Paper  
presented at the Sophia Science Festival, Sophia, Bulgaria, in collaboration with the  
National Geographic Society, 11<sup>th</sup> May 2024

\*'Jewellery and fashion' Paper presented at the 8th Archaeology Days – The Archaeology of  
Life and Death, Middle East Technical University, Ankara, 27th April 2024 (Turkish)

\*'The face as a canvas: body augmentation as identity creation in prehistory' Paper  
presented at Bilkent Archaeology Day 2024, Bilkent University, Ankara 26th April  
2024

2023

\*'Identities, technologies and mobilities: unravelling personal ornamentation in the Neolithic  
Konya Plain' Paper presented at Contextualizing the Neolithic: regional approaches  
to sedentism and domestication in the Konya Plain, Bilkent University, Ankara, 8-10<sup>th</sup>  
December 2023

\*'Small things big stories' Paper presented at National Geographic Explorers South-East  
Europe Meeting, Krka, Croatia, 19-22<sup>nd</sup> October 2023

\*'Beads and meaning' Paper presented at Anthropology and the Material Culture of Başur  
Höyük (Arts and Humanities Research Council UK funded *Radical Death* project),  
UCL, London, 8-9<sup>th</sup> May 2023

2022

\* 'Ornaments and settled life - a journey across Anatolia?' Paper to be presented at Shell and  
Personal Adornment in Neolithic Cultures, Tel Aviv, Israel, 6-9<sup>th</sup> November 2022

‘Transformation and conservation: learning and memory at the Epipalaeolithic/Neolithic transition in Turkey’ Paper presented at Session 176, European Association of Archaeologists 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Budapest, Hungary 31<sup>st</sup> August – 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2022 (with Sera Yelözer)

## 2021

- ‘The Neolithic across borders: breaking boundaries and bringing bracelets together’ Paper presented at Session 11 Antiquity TAG, 18<sup>th</sup> December 2021 (with Francisco Martínez-Sevilla, Roberto Micheli and Fotis Ifantidis) (online)
- ‘Enduring love? Shell ornaments and landscape interactions during the transition to settled life’ Paper presented at Session 525 EAA Kiel Annual Meeting, 9<sup>th</sup> September 2021 (online)
- \*‘James and Arlette Mellaart: the journey to Çatalhöyük’ Paper presented to the American Research Institute in Turkey, 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021 (with Alan Mellaart) (online)
- \*‘James and Arlette Mellaart: the journey to Çatalhöyük’ Paper presented to the Faculty of Archaeology, University of Leiden 11<sup>th</sup> May 2021 (with Alan Mellaart) (online)
- \*‘Takılar ve süs eşyası’ Panel contribution to Tarihöncesinde Yerleşiklik, APAD Journal Online Conference 13<sup>th</sup> March 2021 (online)
- \*‘James Mellaart and Çatalhöyük – an archaeological story’ Paper presented to the International Propeller Club of the US Port of Istanbul, online 4 March 2021 (with Alan Mellaart) (online)
- \*‘James Mellaart and Çatalhöyük – an archaeological story’ Paper presented to the Rotary Clubs of Istanbul and Stuttgart, online 26 January 2021 (with Alan Mellaart) (online)

## 2019

- \*‘Technology, value and trade in the Early Bronze Age: the making and use of beads at Başur Höyük’ (Turkish) Paper presented at V. METU Archaeometry Workshop: beads and ornaments in Turkish archaeology: archaeological and archaeometrical investigations, Ankara 14-15 November 2019 (with Haluk Sağlamtimur)
- ‘A very early “fashion”... Neolithic stone bracelets from a Mediterranean perspective’ Paper presented at Early Neolithic in Europe, Barcelona 6-8 November 2019 (with Francisco Martínez-Sevilla, Roberto Micheli and Fotis Ifantidis)
- \*‘Expressive ornaments? A post-humanist reappraisal of colour and form in prehistoric personal adornment’ Paper presented at 40e Rencontres Internationales d’Archéologie et d’Histoire de Nice Côte d’Azur: l’Art du Paraître Apparences de l’humain, de la préhistoire à nos jours, Nice 22-24 October 2019
- \*‘The big stories of small things – Başur Höyük, beads and history’ (Turkish) Ege University, Izmir, 28 May 2019

## 2018

- \*‘Late Neolithic beads in Western Anatolia.’ Paper presented at Pathways to the Late Neolithic of Central and Western Anatolia: The Case Studies of Çatalhöyük and Çukuriçi Höyük between 6500 and 6000 cal BC. OREA Vienna 17-19<sup>th</sup> October 2018.
- ‘A much-desired ornament? The spread of blue fluorapatite beads in Neolithic Anatolia.’ Paper presented at UISPP Paris 4-9<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

'Biographies of beads: rethinking the interpretation of Neolithic grave assemblages in Turkey.' Paper presented at the European Association of Archaeologists, Barcelona Spain, 5-8 September 2018 (with Holly Miller).

'Exaggerated ornamentation: the deposition of valuable beads in EBA I graves at Başur Höyük, Turkey.' Paper presented at the European Association of Archaeologists, Barcelona Spain, 5-8 September 2018 (with Haluk Sağlamtimur).

'Call of the wild? Animal teeth as ornaments in Neolithic Anatolia.' Paper presented at 13th ICAZ International Conference, Ankara, Turkey 2-7 September 2018 (with Holly Miller).

#### 2017

'Insignificant things? Learning what beads can tell us about Neolithic Anatolia.' Paper presented at the British Association of Near Eastern Archaeology Conference, Glasgow UK, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

'The beads of Aktopraklık Höyük.' Paper presented at the 39. Uluslararası Kazı, Arştırma ve Arkeometri Sonuçları Toplatısı/ 39th International Symposium of Excavations, Surveys and Archaeometry, Bursa, Turkey, 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2017 (Turkish).

'Do beads have value beyond the aesthetic?' Paper presented at the European Association of Archaeologists, Maastricht, Netherlands, 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2017 (with Holly Miller).

#### 2016

\*'Beads.' Paper presented at the Barcın Höyük, Archaeological Investigations of a Neolithic Settlement workshop, Netherlands Institute in Turkey, Istanbul, Turkey 10<sup>th</sup> December 2016 (with Ellen Belcher).

\*'Embodying life and identity at Barcın Höyük: evidence from beads and figurines.' Public lecture presented at Barcın Höyük, Archaeological Investigations of a Neolithic Settlement, Netherlands Institute in Turkey, Istanbul, Turkey 8<sup>th</sup> December 2016 (with Ellen Belcher, Aysel Arslan, Ayşe Bursalı).

\*'Beads at Çukuriçi Höyük.' Paper presented at the ERC Prehistoric Anatolia closing workshop, Vienna, Austria, 20<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

'Materializing worth and value in archaeological beads.' European Association of Archaeologists, Vilnius, Lithuania, 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016 (with Holly Miller).

'Başur Höyük EBA jewellery and personal ornaments.' Paper presented at the 38. Uluslararası Kazı, Arştırma ve Arkeometri Sonuçları Toplatısı/ 38th International Symposium of Excavations, Surveys and Archaeometry, Edirne, Turkey, 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2016.

'Direkli Cave: work on the marine shells in the 2015 excavation season.' Paper presented at the 38. Uluslararası Kazı, Arştırma ve Arkeometri Sonuçları Toplatısı/ 38th International Symposium of Excavations, Surveys and Archaeometry, Edirne, Turkey, 25<sup>th</sup> May 2016 (Turkish).

'Neolithic blue beads in northwest Turkey: the social significance of skeuomorphism.' Raw Materials Exploitation in Prehistory: Sourcing, Processing and Distribution, Faro, Portugal, 11<sup>th</sup> March 2016 (with Ayşe Bursalı, Hadi Özbal, Rana Özbal, Barış Yağcı).

#### 2015

'The slightest elements of material culture.' Theoretical Archaeology Group, Bradford, UK, 16<sup>th</sup> December 2015 (with Holly Miller).

'Neolithic Blue Beads in Northwest Turkey: The Social Significance of Skeuomorphism.' Paper presented at ASOR, Atlanta, GA, 21<sup>st</sup> November 2015 (with Ayse Bursali, Rana Özbal, Hadi Özbal, Baris Yagci).

\*'Chalcolithic personal ornaments: Transformative technologies, specialization and long-distance contacts.' Paper presented at Institut Français d'Études Anatoliennes (IFEA) Merging Techniques and Cultures: Technological Approaches in Archaeology, Koç University Research Centre for Anatolian Civilizations, Istanbul, Turkey, 25<sup>th</sup> November 2015.

## 2014

\*'Tracing the Konya Plain's earliest connections: what beads can tell us.' Paper presented at 9<sup>th</sup> International RCAC Annual Symposium, Crossroads, Konya Plain from Prehistory to the Byzantine Period conference, Koç University Research Centre for Anatolian Civilizations, Istanbul, Turkey, 6<sup>th</sup> December 2014.

'Frog in the pond: Gökçeada (Imbros), an Aegean stepping-stone in the Chalcolithic use of *Spondylus* shell.' Paper presented at European Association of Archaeologists Conference, Istanbul, Turkey, 12<sup>th</sup> September 2014.

\*'Boncuklu Höyük: life in an early Neolithic community,' Public lecture at the Friends of the American Research Institute in Turkey, Ankara, Turkey, 12<sup>th</sup> February 2014.

'Routes without roads: the changing dynamics of marginality in Neolithic Anatolia.' Paper presented at Pathways of Communication, conference. British Institute at Ankara, Ankara University, Turkey, 20<sup>th</sup> March 2014.

## 2013

\*'A tale of two assemblages: Neolithic beads from the sites of Pınarbaşı and Boncuklu Höyük.' Public lecture presented at British Institute at Ankara, Turko-British Association, Ankara, Turkey, 18<sup>th</sup> April 2013.

'Dynamic and deconstructed: material cultural boundaries and theorizing the exchange of ideas in Neolithic Anatolia.' Paper presented at Bordered Places | Bounded Times: Reflexive Approaches to Understanding Societies, Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey 5<sup>th</sup> June 2013.

'In the 'I' of the beholder: theorizing the material signification of borders and boundaries in Anatolian prehistory.' Paper presented at Theoretical Archaeology Group Turkey, Izmir, Turkey, 9<sup>th</sup> May 2013.

## 2012

'Spheres of influence: beads in communication and social memory in the Anatolian Neolithic.' Paper presented at Koç University, Istanbul, symposium: Geographical Boundaries and Cultural Frontiers, Fixed or Fluid Social Identities? Koç University Research Centre for Anatolian Civilizations, Istanbul, Turkey, 11<sup>th</sup> May 2012.

## 2011

'Learning by experiment: bead technology through experimental archaeology at Boncuklu Höyük, Turkey.' Koç University Research Centre for Anatolian Civilizations Fellows'

Presentations, Koç University Research Centre for Anatolian Civilizations, Istanbul, Turkey, 9<sup>th</sup> October 2011.

‘The Social Life of beads at Boncuklu Höyük.’ Boncuklu Höyük workshop, University of Liverpool, UK, 20<sup>th</sup> May 2011.

2009

‘Stone beads from Boncuklu Höyük, Turkey’ Presented at the International Bead Technology Workshop at the British Museum, London, UK, 12<sup>th</sup> January 2009.

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## CONFERENCE ORGANISATION/ CHAIRED SESSIONS

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- 2024 European Association of Archaeologists 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Rome, Italy 28<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024 (Co-organiser, Session 1103: Embodied identities – unravelling symbolic threads through, ornaments, garments and portable objects)  
ARWA AAA Online Lectures Cycle ‘Anatolian Identities’ (with Michele Massa and Rana Özbal)
- 2022 European Association of Archaeologists 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Budapest, Hungary 31<sup>st</sup> August – 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2022 (Co-organiser, session 176: Ornaments as a key to understanding the hunter-gatherer to farming transition in Europe)
- 2019 V. ODTU Arkeometri Çalıştayı Türkiye Arkeolojisi’nde Takı ve Boncuk: Arkeolojik ve Arkeometrik Çalışmalar Prof. Dr. Ay Melek Ozer Onuruna, METU, Ankara 14- 16<sup>th</sup> November 2019 (scientific committee, session chair)
- 2017 British Association of Near Eastern Archaeology Conference, Glasgow UK, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017 (session chair)  
Arkeometri Sonuçları Toplantısı, Bursa, 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2017 (session chair)
- 2016 Arkeometri Sonuçları Toplantısı, Edirne, 25<sup>th</sup> May 2016 (session chair)
- 2014 In motion. Movements, crossings and transfers in Turkey, from prehistoric heartlands to modern nation-state. International interdisciplinary workshop. British Institute at Ankara, 26-27<sup>th</sup> September (co-organiser)
- 2013 Bordered places | Bounded times: reflexive approaches to understanding societies. International interdisciplinary workshop. British Institute at Ankara, Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey, 4-5<sup>th</sup> June (co-organiser)
- 2012 Geographical Boundaries and Cultural Frontiers. Fixed or fluid social identities? Symposium. Koç University Research Centre for Anatolian Civilizations, Istanbul, 11<sup>th</sup> May (co-organiser)
- 2009 International Bead Technology Workshop, British Museum, London, 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> January (co-organiser)

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## MEDIA

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<https://arkeofili.com/emma-baysal-roportaji-tarih-oncesinde-suslenme-ve-takinin-onemi/>

BBC2, Raiders of the lost past: World’s first city. Alleycats TV. Historical consultant and expert participant

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BLOG POSTS / WEBSITES/ PODCASTS

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Heritage Türkiye podcast series 1 *Small things, big stories*

<https://www.smallthingsbigstories.com/>

<http://britgeopeople.blogspot.com/2019/10/newton-advanced-fellowship-bgs-training.html>

<http://britgeopeople.blogspot.com/2019/11/draft-building-capacity-for.html>

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TEACHING EXPERIENCE / SUPERVISION/ COMMITTEES

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*Undergraduate*

From Villages to Empires in Ancient Mesopotamia (fall 2025)  
 Special Topics in Art, Architecture and Archaeology: Human creativity: technology, self-expression and problem solving (fall 2025)  
 Archaeological method and theory (spring 2025)  
 Fieldwork methodologies in archaeology (spring 2025)  
 Great discoveries from the ancient world (fall 2024)  
 Archaeological survey, a Mediterranean perspective (fall 2023)  
 Personal ornaments in prehistory (fall 2023)  
 World archaeology (spring 2023, 2024)  
 Adaptation to university life (spring 2023, 2024)  
 Introduction to prehistory (fall 2022, 2023)  
 Introduction to archaeological science (fall 2022, 2023)  
 Undergraduate seminar (fall 2022, 2023)  
 Prehistory of Turkey (fall 2021, 2022, 2023)  
 East Asian prehistory (fall 2021, 2022)  
 Introduction to archaeological theory (spring 2021 online, 2022, 2024)  
 Palaeolithic personal ornaments (fall 2020 online, 2021, 2022, 2023)  
 The Neolithic in Anatolia (spring 2019, 2022, 2023, 2024)  
 The Chalcolithic in Anatolia (fall 2019)  
 Glyptic art in Anatolia (fall 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019)  
 Prehistoric craft (spring 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019)  
 Archaeological illustration I (fall 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019)  
 Archaeological illustration II (spring 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019)  
 The archaeology of Thrace (spring 2016)

*Postgraduate*

Issues in Pre-Classical Art and Archaeology: Technologies of the self – making ourselves through material culture (spring 2025)  
 Research directions in Anatolian archaeology and art (fall 2024, 2025)  
 Society and technology in the Neolithic (PhD) (fall 2020, 2022)  
 The interpretation of prehistoric material culture (Masters) (fall 2020, 2023)  
 Approaches to archaeological assemblages (Masters) (fall 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019)  
 Prehistoric craft specialization (Masters) (spring 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019)

<i>Masters supervision</i>	Fatmagül Çimen, Trakya University. The portrayal of clothing and body ornamentation on Neolithic and Chalcolithic period human figurines. Jo Richards, UCL. Personal ornaments of the cist graves at Başur Höyük (distinction) Nuri Özdemir, Ankara University. Evidence for diet in the Epipalaeolithic – Neolithic transition in Turkey and the Near East.
<i>Guest lecturing</i>	Neolithic of the Near East guest lecture, University of Liverpool (December 2022) Themes in Near Eastern Prehistory guest lecture and seminar, University of Nottingham (spring 2021 online) Current Approaches in Archaeology guest seminar, Middle East Technical University, Ankara (spring 2020)
<i>Masters Juries</i>	Sera Yelözer, Istanbul University Ayşe Bursalı, Koç University Esma Demireyürek, Bilkent University
<i>PhD committees</i>	Aysel Arslan, Koç University, Istanbul. Shaping Clay, Transmission of Knowledge: Division of Labor in the 7 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> Millennia in Western Anatolia. 2017-2022 Şerife Çakar, Ege University. Prehistoric personal ornaments in western Anatolia. 2017- Ayşe Iraz Alpay, METU. Place-Making and Social Systems in the Early Bronze Age of Anatolia: Bademağacı Höyük Settlement. 2023-

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## ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD AND RESEARCH PROJECTS

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<i>Ongoing</i>	Specialist:	
	Sagalassos, Burdur, Bilkent University	2025-
	Sırçalıtepe, Niğde, Istanbul University	2024-
	İnboğazı Andık, Balıkesir, Çanakkale University	2024-
	Svinjarička Čuka, Serbia, Austrian Academy of Sciences	2024-
	Pınarbaşı, Karaman, Hacı Bayram Veli University	2023-
	Aşağı Pınar, Kırklareli, İstanbul University	2019-
	Yeşilova Höyük, İzmir, Ege University	2019-
	Khani Masi, Iraq, Glasgow University	2018-
	Karain Cave, Antalya, Ankara University	2018-
	Başur Höyük, Siirt, Ege University	2015-
	Barcın Höyük, Bursa, Netherlands Institute in Turkey	2012-
	Boncuklu Höyük, Konya, Liverpool University	2006-
<i>Past</i>	Specialist:	
	Boncuklu Tarla, Mardin, Mardin Artuklu University	2020-2023
	Suluin Cave, Antalya, Ankara University	2016-2022

Direkli Cave, Kahramanmaraş, Gazi University	2015-2020
Aktopraklık Höyük, Bursa, Istanbul University	2014-2018
Yumuktepe, Mersin, La Sapienza University	2014-2015
Çukuriçi Höyük, Ephesus, Austrian Academy of Sciences	2014-2016
Canhasan I and III, Karaman Museum	2013
Pınarbaşı, Karaman, Liverpool University	2005
Excavation Supervisor/ Assistant Field Director:	
Boncuklu, Konya, Liverpool University	2006, 2010-11
Göksu Archaeological Project, Silifke, British Institute at Ankara	2005
Pınarbaşı, Karaman, University of Liverpool	2004
Çatalhöyük, Konya, Stanford University	2003-2004
Professional commercial archaeologist:	
Cambridgeshire County Council	1997-2001
Assistant:	
British Institute of Archaeology at Ankara, Collections Project	2001-2002
Field Survey:	
Göksu Archaeological Project, Silifke, British Institute at Ankara (including Alahan Cemetery Survey)	2003-2007
Kythera Island Project, Greece, UCL	1999-2001
Konya Plain Survey, Paphlagonia Survey, Türkiye	2001-2002

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## LANGUAGES

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English: native speaker  
 Turkish: fluent  
 French: good reading level