

## **NİHAN MARKOÇ ÖZAYDIN**

### **EDUCATION**

**1994 - 1997-** Boğaziçi University, M.A. in Atatürk's Principles and History of Turkish Renovation, Istanbul, Turkey

**1989 -1994-** Boğaziçi University, B.S. in English Language and Literature, Istanbul, Turkey

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**1999 - Present:** Işık University, Istanbul, Turkey English Teaching Program Coordinator and Full-time instructor in the School of Foreign Languages

- Teaching English in elementary, pre-intermediate, basic art English and advanced art English levels to students studying in the Fine Arts Faculty and teaching elementary and pre-intermediate level of English in Vocational School since their foundations.

- Taught Academic English in the skill areas of Grammar-Core, Reading and Writing to students preparing to enter the English-medium program.

- Taught ESP (Science)

**1999- 2004:** Bilgi University, Istanbul, Turkey Part-time instructor in the Department of History of Turkish Renovation

**1998-1999:** Beykent University, Istanbul, Turkey Part-time instructor in the Department of English as a Foreign Language

- Taught: Grammar-Core (all levels) Advanced Writing Advanced Reading

**1998 Summer:** Summer Camp, Plymouth, USA Counsellor at Wind in the Pines

- Worked with different age groups in different programs.

**1994-1999:** Istanbul Technical University, Istanbul, Turkey Full-time instructor in the Department of English as a Foreign Language Taught academic English to master's and PhD students (Grammar-Core, Writing and Speaking)

- \* Organized translation courses for master's and PhD students

- \* Worked as a writing coordinator for the 1996-1997 academic year

**1993 Summer:** Fono Schools, Istanbul, Turkey

## **CERTIFICATES**

**2023:** Certificate in Train the Trainer Course, International Training Institute, Istanbul, Turkey (a two-month course on teacher training)

**2023:** Certificate in Be Yourself in Any Language, Pearson, Istanbul, Turkey

**2023:** Digital certificate in Academic English, Cambridge 5<sup>th</sup> Online Academic English Conference

**2022:** Digital certificate in Hybrid Learning in ELT: Motivation, Challenges and Opportunities, Qatar University 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on English Language Teaching

**2021:** Social Science Program, İkinci Bahar Academy, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey (1 module completed)

**2020:** History and Archeology Program, İkinci Bahar Academy, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey (3 modules completed)

**2017:** Certificate in Foreign Language Education Practice in European Union, Özel Öğretim Kurumları Federasyonu, Antalya, Turkey

**2016:** Certificate in Foreign Language Assessment offered by Işık University, School of Foreign Languages, Istanbul, Turkey

**2005:** Certificate in Coordinating Skills organized by Tom Godfrey in the EFL Department, Istanbul, Turkey

**1996:** Certificate in Effective Communication run by an educational organization called YÖRET at Istanbul Technical University, Istanbul, Turkey

**1994-1995:** Certificate in British Cultural Studies, British Council, Istanbul, Turkey

## **ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

- Speaker in an online workshop called 'How to Make a Successful Presentation' **(2023)**
- Guest Speaker in an online seminar on Class Management for TEFL participants (less experienced teachers& teacher candidates) **(2023)**
- Speaker in the talk called 'Teaching in Higher Education' to the final year students (English teacher candidates) organized by the English Teaching Department, Boğaziçi University **(2023)**
- Next-Gen Mentorship Program, Mentor, Boğaziçi University **(2022-2023)**
- Member of the jury in the debate called 'Nature Versus Nurture' at Nişantaşı Anatolian High School **(2022)**
- Joined Ecosystem Meetup 1 Academy Days, ETS Global B.V.Turkey **(2022)**
- Taught in the Erasmus Plus Staff Mobility Teaching Program in the University of Nova Gorica, Slovenia **(2022-2023)**
- Taught in the Erasmus Plus Staff Mobility Teaching Program in Liepaja University, Latvia **(2022)**
- Equals Online Event **(2021)**

- Member of the jury in the debate called 'Should bullies be expelled from school?' at Nişantaşı Anatolian High School **(2021)**
- Member of the Parent-Teacher-Student Association at Nişantaşı Anatolian High School **(2019-Ongoing)**
- Took part in the organization of English classes for Cabin Crew Program run by Continuous Educational Center at Işık University **(2016)**
- Joined the 1st Cambridge-Dünya Better Learning Conference **(2016)**
- Got a reward on 'The Most Appreciated Instructor 'in the English Language Department (Maslak Campus) by the Student Council **(2010-2011)**
- Took part in the preparation of the advanced art English course books (301/302) in the academic year **(2009-2010)**
- Prepared the course books of Basic Art English in collaboration with three colleagues from the department **(2008-2009)**
- Got a reward on 'The Most Appreciated Instructor 'in the English Language Department (Maslak Campus) by the Student Council **(2008-2009)**
- Helped the English translations of the materials in Turkish related to the courses and Erasmus Program in the Fine Arts Faculty **(2008-2009)**
- Taught English to the kinder garden and high school teachers in Işık Kinder Garden and High Schools **(2008-2009)**
- Worked in the organization of the English Program in the Fine Arts Faculty **(2007-2008)**
- Arranged a one-week student exchange program with two colleagues from the Management Department to provide the EFL and Management students with the benefit of a picture of typical American students both in and out of classroom atmospheres. **(2004)**
- Maslak Coordinator- responsible for all the liaison between Maslak and Şile (being the spokesperson on behalf of the Head of Program and dealing with any business with other departments in Maslak. **(2004-2nd semester)**
- Presented a paper with an American colleague from the EFL Department on 'Student Attitudes towards Turkish and Native Speakers of English: A Survey in Tesol Greece Conference (2004)
- Represented the EFL Department in the educational fairs to introduce the university to high school students taking the university entrance exam (2003 and 2004)
- Co-Chair of the 1st International ELT Conference (held 4&5 May 2000 at Işık University, Istanbul, Turkey) featuring Dr. David Nunan as the plenary speaker.
- Local Arrangements Chair of the 2nd International ELT Conference (held 3&5 May 2001 at Işık University, Istanbul, Turkey) featuring Dr. Jack C. Richards as the plenary speaker.

- Proposals Chair and Local Arrangements Co-Chair of the 3rd International ELT Conference (held 3&4 May 2004 at Işık University, Istanbul, Turkey) featuring Dr. J. D. Brown, Dr. Mary Ann Christison, Dr. Adrian Palmer, and Dr. Milada Broukal as the plenary speakers.
- Co-Chair of the 4th International ELT Conference (held in May,2003 at Işık University, Istanbul, Turkey)
- Taught English to the primary and high school teachers at Işık Primary and Secondary High Schools between 2000 and 2004
- Conducted research in 2002 at six different Universities on the behavior of Turkish students towards Turkish and Foreign teachers.
- Organized and gave Toefl courses at Istanbul Technical University.
- Taught English (Grammar, Writing, Reading, Listening and Speaking) in special courses at all levels at Istanbul Technical University
- Privately tutored (Maths and Science in English, Grammar, Speaking and Turkish) secondary, and high school students during undergraduate and graduate studies

## **LANGUAGES**

English- Excellent Command

## **INTERESTS AND ACTIVITIES**

Reading fiction and historical magazines, attending ELT and history conferences, seeing different cities in Turkey and abroad, going to the cinema, theatre, and concerts