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# CAREER OPTIONS

# ODTÜ FLE KARIYER PLANLAMA ETKİNLİĞİ



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**ODTÜ Eğitim  
Fakültesi Amfisi**



09:00 - 09:30 Açılış	<b>Career Options (Teaching, Academia, Industry)</b>
09:30 - 10:30 Panel 1	<b>Working in Academia (Lecturer, Res. Asst. Positions)</b>
10:30 - 10:45 Ara	
10:45 - 11:45 Panel 2	<b>Working at a Private School</b>
11:45 - 13:00 Öğle Arası	
13:00 - 14:00 Panel 3	<b>"İlhamdan Eyleme: Potansiyelini Gerçeğe Dönüştür"</b>
14:00 - 15:30 Panel 4	<b>Graduate School Applications, CV-Letters of Intent</b>

## WELCOME

- Designed this one-day event to help you imagine alternative career options for yourselves
- Invited alumni, teachers and faculty members to share their knowledgebase and experience
- Many thanks to Berkcan Köse, Dr. Müge Olğun-Baytaş, Dr. Çiğdem Fidan and Nihan Soycan for planning and organizing the event
- We are thankful to all guest speakers for joining us today





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- BA in Translation Studies, MA in TEFL, PhD in ELT
- Research interests: Critical Pedagogy, Critical teacher education, teacher roles and identity
- Worked as a freelance translator, social sciences book translator, teacher of English, instructor of English, teacher educator since 2001
- Worked at diverse institutions
- Career IN PROGRESS

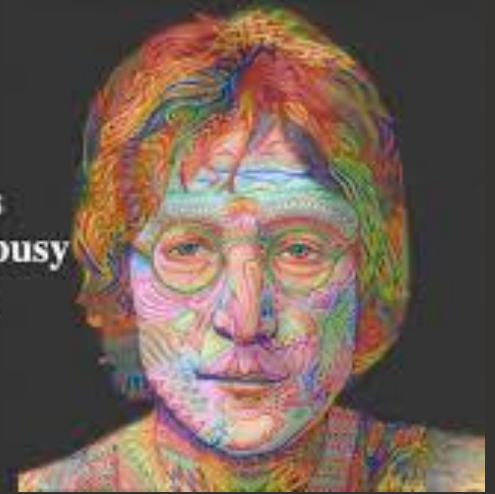
# PLANNING YOUR CAREER

- Not an easy endeavor considering the current socio-economic climate
- Life is full of surprises
- Be aware of your privileges and marginalization



Life is what happens  
to you while you're busy  
making other plans.

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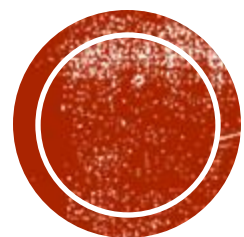




- You are never alone, we are your support mechanism, do not feel shy asking for help
- Do your best, boost your skills as much as possible without burning yourself out
- Do not give up your passions
- Do not set too ambitious goals for yourself
- Do not compare and contrast yourself with others
- Be yourself
- Your well-being comes first
- Do what is meaningful for you

**CAREER FOR THE  
SAKE OF CAREER?**

- Career building does not have to be **EGOISTIC, COMPETITIVE** and **SELFISH**
- It could be **CONSTRUCTIVE, COLLABORATIVE** and **GENEROUS**
- Not hiding knowledge, CVs, job opportunities but seeking out opportunities in solidarity



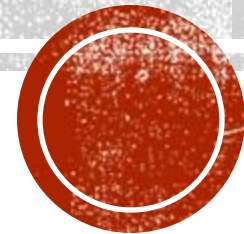
# OPTIONS AHEAD



**TEACHING?**

**ACADEMIA?**

**INDUSTRY?**

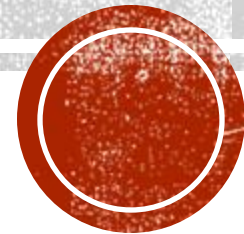




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# UP TO YOUR IMAGINATION

Competent in multiple areas



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# HARD TIME CHOOSING?





# TEACHING

- Public schools (K-12)
- Private schools (K-12)
- Language schools
- Higher education programs

## Requirements

- Public schools – MEB AGS – Akademi giriş sınavı
- Private schools – CV, demo class, interview
- Higher education programs –ALES, YDS Dil, MA degree + CV, demo class, interview



# ACADEMIA

- Teaching at the academic English departments and Hazırlık programs
- Becoming a Research Assistant (RA) at a university in Turkey or abroad
- Becoming a Teaching Assistant (TA) abroad

## Requirements

- ALES, YDS Dil, MA degree + CV, demo class, interview
- ALES, YDS Dil, graduate student + CV, interview
- TOEFL/IELTS score, CV, letter of intent



# GRADUATE STUDIES

- English Language Teaching – English Studies – TESOL programs – Language and Literacy Programs – Applied Linguistics
- Linguistics
- English Literature, Comparative Literature, Language and Literature
- Educational Sociology, Educational Linguistics, Curriculum Development, Educational Administration and Leadership, Multicultural Education
- Gender Studies
- Business Administration
- History, sociology, psychology, philosophy, political science

## Requirements

- ALES/GRE, EPE/TOEFL/IELTS, GPA
- Letter of intent, indicating your research interests
- Sound knowledgebase
- Interest and enthusiasm
- Keeping yourself up-to-date about current studies
- Getting to know the program you are applying, what kind of courses are available, research fields of faculty members



# INDUSTRY

- Human resources office
- UX researcher (user experience)
- Sales officer
- Translator/editor
- Educational consultant
- Language engineer/linguist

## Requirements

- CV, interview, job experience, voluntary experience







**WHAT TO DO?  
WHERE TO START?**

- Polish your English, Turkish and other L1s and L2s.
- Develop competence in one field, read/work systematically
- Gain experience – teaching, voluntary service, etc.
- Follow educational, technological, academic developments
- Believe in yourself, develop your confidence, you are **GOOD ENOUGH**

**FULBRIGHT**

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**OPPORTUNITIES**



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## Why FLE?: Richer than Bruce Wayne

by H. Zeynep Can I remember the night in 2019 I had to fill out the university preference form. It was the last day to submit preferences so that ÖSYM could hopefully place me in one of my preferred universities. Well, I only had one in my mind. I was not in a language class...

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### Discovering Academia: A Journey of Choices and Changes



### Doing an Applied Linguistics Ph.D. in the United States



### Boğaziçi University Linguistics MA Program

This is Ege Baran Dalmaz, a graduate of the department of Foreign



### Being a Research Assistant at a Foundation (Private) University



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