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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**2025–Present** **Part-Time Lecturer**
Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta/Cyprus

**2024–Present** **Field Coordinator / Archaeologist**
Committee on Missing Persons in Cyprus (CMP), Cyprus

**2021–2024** **Deputy Field Coordinator / Archaeologist**
Committee on Missing Persons in Cyprus (CMP), Cyprus

**2020–2021** **Field Technical Services Assistant**
Committee on Missing Persons in Cyprus (CMP), Cyprus

## EDUCATION

**PhD in Prehistoric Archaeology**, Istanbul University, Istanbul, Türkiye
2018–2025

**MA in Museum Management**, Istanbul University, Istanbul, Türkiye
2015–2018

**BA in Prehistoric Archaeology**, Istanbul University, Istanbul, Türkiye
2010–2014

## THESES

### Doctoral Dissertation

Yurtdaş, E. (2025). *Interactions between Cyprus and the mainland during the Pottery Neolithic Period* [Unpublished doctoral dissertation]. Istanbul University, Institute of Social Sciences.

### Master's Thesis

Yurtdaş, E. (2018). *Aşağı Pınar Open-Air Museum: Time Tunnel—The story of Kırklareli from past to present exhibition design* [Unpublished master's thesis]. Istanbul University, Institute of Social Sciences.

## PUBLICATIONS

### Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Yurtdaş, E., & Şevketoğlu, M. (2023). Klepini-Troulli: A coastal Neolithic settlement in Cyprus and possible mainland interactions. *Colloquium Anatolicum, 22*, 89–116.

Yurtdaş, E., & Özerenler, M. (2021). Morphou Bay Prehistoric Survey preliminary report: Pebble tools from Orga-Kourvelia and Vasilia-Mosphilia. *TÜBA-AR, 29*.

Özdoğan, E., Yurtdaş, E., Nergiz, Ş., Azeri, H., Birol, Ö., & Zidarov, P. (2020). Manyas Gölü doğu kesim yüzey araştırmaları: Bulgular ve ön değerlendirme. *Arkeoloji ve Sanat, 164*, 1–20.

**Book Chapters**

Hanson, I., Şevketoğlu, M., Yakupoğluları, P., Yurtdaş, E., & Özen, P. (2023). Protecting the maritime heritage of the North Cyprus coastline. In *Hayat: A life dedicated to archaeology: Studies in Mediterranean archaeology in memory of Hayat Erkanal*.

**Published Conference / Meeting Contributions**

Yurtdaş, E. (2019). Aşağı Pınar, Son Neolitik–İlk Kalkolitik Dönem hendekleri. In *İstanbul Üniversitesi Arkeolojik Kazı ve Araştırmalar Toplantısı 18*.

Yurtdaş, E., & Nergiz, Ş. (2019). Manyas Gölü doğu kesim tarihöncesi araştırmaları 2018. In *İstanbul Üniversitesi Edebiyat Fakültesi Arkeolojik Kazı ve Araştırmalar Toplantısı 18*.

Yurtdaş, E. (2018). Aşağı Pınar Açık Hava Müzesi: Zaman Tüneli, geçmişten günümüze Kırklareli'nin öyküsü sergi binası. In *İstanbul Üniversitesi Edebiyat Fakültesi Arkeolojik Kazı ve Araştırmalar Toplantısı 17*.

Bayır, C., & Yurtdaş, E. (2017). Aşağı Pınar Höyüğü Son Neolitik–İlk Kalkolitik Dönem. In *İstanbul Üniversitesi Edebiyat Fakültesi Arkeolojik Kazı ve Araştırmalar Toplantısı 16*.

Yurtdaş, E., Bayır, C., & Etik, E. (2017). Kırklareli Projesi kültürel miras çalışmaları: Aşağı Pınar Açık Hava Müzesi. In *İstanbul Üniversitesi Edebiyat Fakültesi Arkeolojik Kazı ve Araştırmalar Toplantısı 16*.

Yurtdaş, E., Azeri, H., & Bayır, C. (2017). Aşağı Pınar Late Neolithic–Early Chalcolithic Period pottery. In *Uluslararası Trakya Seramikleri Kongresi / International Congress of Thrace Ceramics*. Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University.

**Other Publications**

Yurtdaş, E. (2018). 3. Anadolu ve Yakın Çevresi Prehistorya Araştırmaları Çalıştayı. *Türk Eskiçağ Bilimleri Enstitüsü Haberler, 44*.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & INVITED TALKS

Yurtdaş, E. (2026, April 8). *Overseas Neolithization: Cyprus between the Levant, Anatolia, and Mesopotamia* [Invited lecture, hybrid presentation]. ARUCAD Department of Archaeology, Kyrenia, Cyprus.

Yurtdaş, E. (2025, April 21–22). *Çanak Çömlekli Neolitik Dönem'de Kıbrıs ile Anakara Etkileşimi* [Paper presentation]. 22nd Istanbul University Archaeological Excavations and Research Meeting, Istanbul, Türkiye.

Yurtdaş, E. (2024, November 4–8). *Pottery unity in diversity: Red-on-White Ware and the Neolithic synthesis in Cyprus* [Paper presentation]. World Neolithic Congress, Şanlıurfa, Türkiye.

Yurtdaş, E., Michael, M., & Karşılı, D. (2024, February 19–24). *Forensic archaeology methodologies developed in direct ratio to practice and experience: Innovative drilling technique for the well excavations of the Committee on Missing Persons in Cyprus* [Paper presentation]. 76th Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, Denver, Colorado, United States.

Yurtdaş, E. (2019, May 13–15). *Reuse of traditional architecture as a modern exhibition building: Aşağı Pınar Open Air Museum, Time Tunnel Exhibition Building design* [Paper presentation]. 18th Istanbul University Archaeological Excavations and Research Meeting, Istanbul, Türkiye.

Yurtdaş, E. (2017). *The prehistoric period architecture in the light of Aşağı Pınar Mound* [Invited lecture]. Basic Design in Architecture Course, Department of Architecture, Kadir Has University, Istanbul, Türkiye.

Yurtdaş, E. (2016). *Evaluation of the Peggy Guggenheim Museum (Venice) collection* [Paper presentation]. The Culture Industry and the Recent Exhibitions Conference, Karaköy Chamber of Architects, Istanbul, Türkiye.

## ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELDWORK & PROJECT EXPERIENCE

**2023 Tatlısu-Çiftlikdüzü/Akanthou-Arkosykos Rescue Excavation Project**

Famagusta, Cyprus — Rescue excavation

*Scientific Director: Assoc. Prof. Müge Şevketoğlu*

**2020–2022 Morphou Bay Prehistoric Survey**

Morphou–Kyrenia, Cyprus — Project Director and Scientific Director; prehistoric field survey

**2017–2019 Eastern Part of Lake Manyas (Kuş Gölü) Neolithic Research**

Bandırma, Türkiye — Field survey; Istanbul University, Department of Prehistoric Archaeology

*Scientific Director: Prof. Dr Eylem Özdoğan*

**2012–2019 Aşağı Pınar Mound / Kırklareli Project**

Kırklareli, Türkiye — Archaeological excavation; Istanbul University, Department of Prehistoric Archaeology

*Scientific Director: Prof. Dr Mehmet Özdoğan*

**2014 Underwater Archaeological Fieldwork, Bulgaria**

Bulgaria — Underwater archaeological survey and excavation

October–November 2014: Preliminary underwater archaeological survey in the waters of the harbour of Chernomorets.

October–December 2014: Underwater archaeological excavation of the submerged Early Bronze Age settlement in the southern bay of Kiten.

*Scientific Director: Prof. Dr Hristina Angelova*

**2013 Underwater History and Field Practices**

Sozopol, Bulgaria — Underwater archaeology field training, Sozopol Underwater Research Centre

Cross-border Cooperation for Capacity Development in the Field of Archaeological Heritage (CrossCoopArch), Project No. 2007CBI6IPO008-2011-2-089; partner: Kırklareli Cultural Assets Association, Türkiye.

*Scientific Director: Prof. Dr Hristina Angelova*

## MUSEUM & EXHIBITION DESIGN PROJECTS

**Lefke Mining Museum** (2021)

Museum design project, Department of Antiquities and Museums, Cyprus.

**Time Tunnel Exhibition, Aşağı Pınar Open-Air Museum** (2017–2018)

Exhibition design, Kırklareli Project, Kırklareli, Türkiye.

**Lefke Culture and Folk Museum** (2016)

Museum design, Triggering a Sustainable Local Development Action Project, Lefke, Cyprus.

## TECHNICAL SKILLS & CERTIFICATIONS

**Technical Skills**

Archaeological 3D modelling and photogrammetry; technical archaeological drawing and documentation; mapping and spatial data recording; GNSS surveying, including RTK-GNSS.

**Certifications**

2022 — EASA A1/A3 Remote Pilot Certificate, Cyprus

2014 — PADI Advanced Open Water Diver Certification, Bulgaria

2013 — PADI Open Water Diver Certification, Bulgaria

## LANGUAGES

**Turkish** — Native

**English** — Advanced proficiency

## INTERNSHIPS

**2012–2015** Istanbul Archaeology Museums, Lapidary and Terracotta Collection.

**2011** Güzelyurt Archaeology and Nature Museum, Cyprus.