

# Burak Kaya

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- Personal Info** Born on March 22, 1988. Turkish citizen.
- Education** Ph.D. in Mathematics, May 2016  
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey,  
New Brunswick, NJ, USA
- Dissertation: *Cantor minimal systems from a descriptive perspective*  
Advisor: Simon Thomas
- B.S. in Mathematics with High Honor, June 2010  
CGPA: 3.90 / 4.00,  
Middle East Technical University,  
Ankara, Turkey
- Positions**
- Teaching Assistant  
Rutgers University September 2010-May 2016.
  - Instructor  
METU July 2016-August 2016, February 2017-September 2017.
  - Assistant Professor  
METU September 2017-present.
- Research Interests** Set theory, descriptive set theory and its applications.
- Publications**
- *The complexity of the topological conjugacy problem for Toeplitz subshifts*, Israel J. Math. 220 (2017), no. 2, 873-897.  
doi:10.1007/s11856-017-1537-4
  - *The complexity of topological conjugacy of pointed Cantor minimal systems*, Arch. Math. Logic 56 (2017), no. 3-4, 215-235.  
doi:10.1007/s00153-017-0534-y
  - (with Otto H. Kegel and Mahmut Kuzucuoğlu) *On the existence of  $\kappa$ -existentially closed groups*, 111 (2018), no. 3, 225-229.  
doi:10.1007/s00013-018-1213-x
- Conferences and Workshops Attended**
- IMBM Mathematics Days II  
Istanbul, Turkey September 2018
  - Simon Thomas, the first 60 years  
Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ. September 2017
  - Association for Symbolic Logic 2016 North American Annual Meeting  
Storrs, CT. May 2016
  - 2015 Canadian Mathematical Society Winter Meeting  
Montréal, Canada. December 2015
  - 8th Young Set Theory Workshop  
Jerusalem, Israel. October 2015

- Antalya Algebra Days XVII  
Izmir, Turkey. May 2015
- 2014 Rutgers Logic Conference  
Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ. October 2014
- 7th Young Set Theory Workshop  
Będlewo, Poland. May 2014
- 2013 Fall Mid-Atlantic Mathematical Logic Seminar  
Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ. October 2013
- 6th Young Set Theory Workshop  
Oropa, Italy. June 2013
- NY Graduate Student Logic Conference  
CUNY Graduate Center, New York City, NY. April 2013
- 2012 Fall Mid-Atlantic Mathematical Logic Seminar  
Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ. October 2012

### Talks and Seminars

- Çankaya University  
Ankara, Turkey November 2018
- Atılım University  
Ankara, Turkey October 2018
- IMBM Mathematics Days II  
Istanbul, Turkey September 2018
- METU Mathematics Department, General Seminar  
Ankara, Turkey. October 2016, November 2017
- Hacettepe Mathematics Department, General Seminar  
Ankara, Turkey. October 2017
- Association for Symbolic Logic 2016 North American Annual Meeting  
Storrs, CT. May 2016
- Rutgers Mathematics Department, Logic Seminar  
Piscataway, NJ. February 2016
- 2015 Canadian Mathematical Society Winter Meeting  
Montréal, Canada. December 2015
- Cornell Mathematics Department, Logic Seminar  
Ithaca, NY. November 2015
- MSFAU Mathematics Department, General Seminar  
Istanbul, Turkey.  
January 2014/2015, December 2015, November 2016, March 2018
- METU Mathematics Department, Algebra Seminar  
Ankara, Turkey.  
December 2013/2014/2015, June 2015, Fall 2017, Spring 2018
- Rutgers Mathematics Department, Descriptive Set Theory Seminar  
Piscataway, NJ. Fall 2013

## Teaching Experience

Instructor at METU

- MATH 111 Fundamentals of Mathematics Fall 2018
- MATH 119 Calculus with Analytic Geometry Fall 2017/2018
- MATH 120 Calculus of Functions of Several Variables  
Summer 2016/2017/2018, Spring 2017
- MATH 319 Lebesgue Integral Fall 2017
- MATH 320 Set Theory Spring 2017/2018

Instructor at Rutgers University

- MATH 151 Calculus I for Mathematical and Physical Sciences Summer 2012

Teaching assistant at Rutgers University

- MATH 135 Calculus I Fall 2011, Spring 2012
- MATH 151 Calculus I for Mathematical and Physical Sciences Fall 2012/2013
- MATH 152 Calculus II for Mathematical and Physical Sciences  
Fall 2014, Spring 2016

Grader at Rutgers University

- MATH 300 Introduction to Mathematical Reasoning Fall 2010, Spring 2011
- MATH 403 Introduction to Theory of Functions of a Complex Variable  
Spring 2011

Mentor for the Directed Reading Program of Rutgers Mathematics Department

- Supervised Yao Rui Yeo for his project in Set Theory. Spring 2013
- Supervised Brennan Young for his project in Set Theory. Fall 2013

(Voluntary) Instructor at the Nesin Mathematics Village

- Some results in combinatorial set theory Summer 2017
- Paradoxical decompositions: The Banach-Tarski paradox and others  
Summer 2018
- Axiom of determinacy and some of its consequences Summer 2018

## Academic Honors and Awards

- Received The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey Scholarship for Undergraduates. 2006-2010

## Professional memberships

- American Mathematical Society
- Association for Symbolic Logic

## Languages

Turkish (native), English (fluent).