

Merve AKDOGAN

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Education

- 2014- 2019 **MEF University**
Faculty of Art, Design and Architecture
**High Honour - Ranked 2nd with %100 Performance Scholarship*
**CGPA : 3.88 out of 4.00*
- 2010- 2014 **Hatay Selim Nevzat Sahin Anatolian School**

Teaching and Work Experience

- 2017- current **SO? Architecture and Ideas**
Architect
soistanbul.com
Istanbul - Turkey
- 2018- current **Architectural Technology II Course - MEF University**
Part-time instructor
with Tomris Akin
Istanbul - Turkey
- 2018-current **i-do-poke Tattoo Studio**
Handpoke tattoo artist at i-do-poke private tattoo studio
https://www.instagram.com/i_do_poke/
Istanbul - Turkey , Berlin - Germany
- 2018- 2021 **Yoldas Studio - LAB**
Project Assistant, manager and designer of Yoldas Studio + LAB
by Pinar Yoldas
- 2019-2020 **Architectural Design Studio Support Lectures - MEF University**
Part-time lecturer for a mandatory course for 2nd and 3th degree architecture students
on architectural 3D modelling, computational methods and representation to support
their architectural design studios.
- 2018-2019 **Tokyo Space-Dance Museum by Tetsuro Fukuhara**
Project assistant, research on relationship between body-space
Making of an AI driven body model: "APAROS"
http://www.ne.jp/asahi/tokyo/sd/index_e.html
- 2017 **Alphaville Architects**
Intern
Making of a grasshopper script for the design and fabrication of an
installation for the Nuit Blanche Festival between Kyoto and Paris.
<https://a-ville.net/en/4548>
Kyoto - Japan
- 2017 **Architectural Technology III Course - MEF University**
Student asisstant of Tomris Akin
Istanbul - Turkey
- 2016 **Arycanda Ancient City**
Intern
Documentation on archeological excavation site
Antalya - Turkey
- 2017 **Calderon-Folch Studio**
Project Assistant, intern
Barcelona - Spain

Workshops, Exhibitions, Research

- 2021 **Venice Architecture Biennale: "How will we live together?"**
17th International Architecture Exhibition curated by Hashim Sarkis
Project Assistant and manager of Yoldas Studio + LAB by Pinar Yoldas
Worked on concept design, digital and physical fabrication, exhibition layout, international communication.
<https://www.labiennale.org/en/architecture/2021/across-borders/pinar-yoldas>
Venice - Italy
- 2021 **Migros Museum fur Gegenwartskunst: "Potential Worlds 2: Eco-Fictions"**
Group exhibition curated by Heike Munder, artwork by Pinar Yoldas
Project Assistant, manager and designer of Yoldas Studio + LAB by Pinar Yoldas
Worked on poster design, exhibition layout, installation manual
<https://migrosmuseum.ch/en/exhibitions/potential-worlds-2-eco-fictions>
Zurich - Switzerland
- 2021 **CCCB: "Science Friction - Living Among Companion Species"**
Group exhibition curated by Maria Ptqk, artwork by Pinar Yoldas
Project Assistant, manager and designer of Yoldas Studio + LAB by Pinar Yoldas
Worked on exhibition layout, installation manual
<https://www.cccb.org/en/exhibitions/file/science-friction/234907>
Barcelona - Spain
- 2021 **Dunlop Art Gallery : "States of Collapse"**
Group exhibition curated by Amber Christensen, Stacey Fayant, Tomas Jonsson, Wendy Peart, artwork by Pinar Yoldas
Project Assistant, manager and designer of Yoldas Studio + LAB by Pinar Yoldas
Worked on "Hollow Ocean 2048" game introduction video
<https://www.reginalibrary.ca/dunlop-art-gallery/browse-exhibitions/4763406>
Regina, SK
- 2021 **Gus Fisher Gallery : "happiness is only real when shared"**
Group exhibition curated by Lisa Beauchamp, artwork by Pinar Yoldas
Project Assistant, manager and designer of Yoldas Studio + LAB by Pinar Yoldas
Worked on poster design, exhibition layout
<https://gusfishergallery.auckland.ac.nz/happiness-is-only-real-when-shared/>
Regina, SK
- 2019 **EKAVART : "Witnesses - Ecophilia"**
Group exhibition of Bilge Alkor and Pinar Yoldas
Project Assistant, manager and designer of Yoldas Studio + LAB by Pinar Yoldas
Worked on exhibition design, fabrication, installation
https://www.artsy.net/show/ekavart-gallery-bilge-alkor-witnesses-and-pinar-yoldas-ecophilia?sort=partner_show_position
Istanbul - Turkey
- 2019 **Dreamscapes: Hypercritical Dissections in Space Exhibition**
at Studio X
Group exhibition curated by Bahar Avanoğlu, Beril Gur, Avsar Gurpinar
Video work "Time" exhibited
Istanbul - Turkey
- 2019 **Chambord inachevé : Filling in the blanks Workshop**
Group exhibition and exhibition curated by Dominique Perrault
Participated as MEF FADA Design LAB
<https://www.fada.mef.edu.tr/fada-design-lab>
Chambord - France
- 2019 **Space Dance and Design Workshop**
at Bilgi University by Tetsuro Fukuhara
Istanbul - Turkey
- 2019 **MEF University Design Build Studio : "Bostan"**
Studio tutor with Hurcan Bayram, Sezai Aygul, Eyup Arikboga
Community involvement project
<https://www.fada.mef.edu.tr/Portfolio/Bostan>
Istanbul - Turkey

- 2019 **MEF FADA Workshop Week : "Sey"**
Workshop tutor with Cansu Gosterisli
<https://www.fada.mef.edu.tr/workshop-week>
Istanbul - Turkey
- 2018 **Hope on Water - An Interdisciplinary Course on Designing Temporary Floating Houses in Post-Earthquake Istanbul**
Research Project
Worked as designer and editor of the book Living on Water, which contains all the research.
https://www.academia.edu/62499277/Living_on_Water_An_Interdisciplinary_Course_on_Designing_Temporary_Floating_Houses_in_Post_Earthquake_Istanbul
<https://www.soistanbul.com/hope-on-water>
Istanbul - Turkey
- 2018 **Re-drawing Venice Workshop - Venice Architecture Biennial**
Workshop tutors : Eren Ciraci, Erdem Tuzun
Participant of "Vardiya" Project at Pavilion of Turkey
vardiya.iksv.org
Venice - Italy
- 2017 **Living with Rising Water Workshop**
Participant of Atelier Luma's Workshop with Kunlé Adeyemi
atelier-luma.org/en/projects/living-with-rising-water
Arles - France
- 2017 **IABA - Mediterranean Triangle**
International Architecture Biennial Antalya participant
Member of design team and responsible for digital fabrication
<https://parametric-architecture.com/mediterranean-triangle/>
Antalya - Turkey
- 2016 **MEF University Design Build Studio : "m³"**
Intern
Community involvement project
Istanbul - Turkey

Awards & Competitions

- 2021 **Cumhuriyet Square, and Ataturk Street Camlibel Urban Design Competition**
Research and competition project with SO? Architecture, Center for Spatial Justice and TYLA Landscape and Urbanism
Honorable Mention
- 2019 **Landmark Adana - AGIAD**
Invited competition with SO? Architecture and Ideas
First Prize
- 2019 **Bachelor of Architecture**
MEF University Faculty of Arts, Design and Architecture
Ranked 2nd - High Honour
- 2018 **IAPS Culture and Space**
"Sonsuz bir kentsel artikulasyon mekani olarak Istanbul"
Jury Special Award
- 2018 **MiMED 2018**
Association of Architecture Education
first prize
- 2018 **MEF FADA Third Year Student Award**
3rd year best architectural studio project award at the faculty
- 2017 **MEF FADA Second Year Student Award**
2nd year best architectural studio project award at the faculty

2017	MiMED 2017 Fourth term project -thin air- Jury Special Award
2016	MEF FADA First Year Student Award *1st year best architectural studio project award at the faculty
2016	MiMED 2016 *Association of Architecture Education *first prize

Computer Skills

Adobe Suit	Advanced
Rhinoceros 3D	Advanced
V-ray	Advanced
Lumion	Advanced
AutoCAD	Advanced
Grasshopper	Intermediate
Sketchup	Intermediate
Keyshot	Intermediate
Blender	Intermediate
Unity	Beginner

Languages

English	Fluently
German	Beginner
Japanese	Beginner
Turkish	Mother tongue