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Education

- 2017 -** Ph.D. in Theoretical and Evolutionary Biology, Charles University, Czechia
Thesis: *Human Mating In A Cross-cultural Perspective*
- 2015 - 2017** MS in Cognitive Science, Middle East Technical University, Turkey
Thesis: *Decision Making Under Uncertainty: Factors Influencing Mate Selection In A Dating App Simulation*
- 2012 - 2013** MSc in Psychology, University of Groningen, The Netherlands
Thesis: *Self-esteem in Breast and Prostate Cancer Survivors: A Systematic Literature Review*
- 2010 - 2011** Erasmus, Psychology, University of Groningen, The Netherlands
- 2007 - 2012** B.S. in Psychology, Middle East Technical University, Turkey

Grants

- 2019 - 2022** **GA UK-** Grantova Agentura Univerzita Karlova (Grant Agency Charles University)
Co-researcher for the project no. 1118119. Mate preferences and their relation to actual mate choice: Comparison between the Additive and the Threshold Models.
- 2018 - 2021** **GA UK-** Grantova Agentura Univerzita Karlova (Grant Agency Charles University)
Principal Researcher for the project no. 1742218. Exploring various types of romantic relationships in a transforming society.
- 2017 - 2021** **STARS**, Faculty of Science, Charles University, Czechia
- 2015 - 2016** **Techno-Initiative Capital Support Programme**, The Ministry of Science, Industry, and Technology, Turkey
- 2012 - 2013** **Talent Grant**, University of Groningen, The Netherlands
- 2010 - 2011** **Erasmus Grant**
- 2007 - 2012** **Undergraduate Scholarship of Scientist Education Support Programme**, The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK)

Workshops and Conference Presentations

- 2019, Sept** **Semchenko, A.Y.** (2019, September). Making an eye-catching and informative poster with L^AT_EX. Workshop given at the 6th Polish Society for Human and Evolution Studies, Prague, Czechia.
- 2019, Sept** **Semchenko, A.Y.**, Eysel, G., Csajbok, Z., Kaya-Kurtman, P., Sterbova, Z. & Havlicek, J. (2019, September). *Variation in romantic relationship types.* Poster presented at the 6th Polish Society for Human and Evolution Studies, Prague, Czechia.
- 2019, April** **Semchenko, A.Y.**, & Lewis, D.M.G. (2019, April). *Perception of facial attractiveness under uncertainty.* Poster presented at the 14th Annual Conference of the European Human Behavior and Evolution Association, Toulouse, France.
- 2018, July** **Semchenko, A.Y.**, Eysel, G., Csajbok, Z., & Havlicek, J. (2018, July). *Exploring variation in the romantic relationships.* Poster presented at the 30th Annual Conference of the Human Behavior and Evolution Society, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.
- 2018, April** **Semchenko, A.Y.**, & Lewis, D.M.G. (2018, April). *The relationship between dating application ‘matches’ attractiveness and sexual-including unsafe-intentions.* Talk presented at the 13th Annual Conference of the European Human Behavior and Evolution Association, Pecs, Hungary.

Publications

Semchenko, A.Y., & Havlicek, J. (2020). Costs and Benefits of Mate Poaching. In: Shackelford T., Weekes-Shackelford V. (eds) Encyclopedia of Evolutionary Psychological Science. Springer, Cham. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-16999-6_1748 – 1.

Academic Work Experience

09.2018 - Current Researcher at Department of Zoology, Charles University

Service

11.2018 - 09.2019 **Co-organizing The 6th Polish Society for Human and Evolution Studies Conference in Prague**- I worked as a contact person.
02.2012 - 03.2012 **Introducing Turkish culture**, AIESEC Cultural Exchange Programme
I introduced Turkish culture to 6 to 16-year-old Polish students in Lublin.

Game Exhibitions and Developer Conferences

October, 2019 I attended to the Django workshop at **PyCon Balkan, Belgrade, Serbia**.
I created this website with Django: <http://semchena.pythonanywhere.com/>
October, 2019 I attended to the Cognitive People Blending workshop at **PyCon Balkan, Belgrade, Serbia**.
I learned how to obtain face landmarks and blend images.
January, 2019 I exhibited ‘Arranged’ at **the Pocket Gamer Connects, London, UK**
December, 2018 I exhibited ‘Arranged’ at **the Game Developer Session, Prague, Czechia**

Non-Academic Work Experience

2018 - **Unity3D Developer at Kabuk Games**
I have been developing a visual novel about the traditions of arranged marriages in Turkey, the trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bk4c4tOcvfM>
2015 - 2016 **Project coordinator and the owner of Aventurin Software**
I wrote a project to develop a mobile application targeting the social skills of 3 to 6-year-old children with autism. With that project, I earned the Techno- Initiative Capital Support from The Ministry of Science, Industry, and Technology, Turkey. As a result, the application, Sevgi and Can At School was developed.
2014 - 2015 **Human Resources Development Specialist at Hyundai Assan, Turkey**

Computer Skills

Languages \LaTeX , Python, R, C#
Game Engines Unity3D

Languages

Native Turkish
Advanced English
Elementary Dutch