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- Parlak, Zafer. "Greenwashing in the Service of Consumer Culture". *17th International Cultural Studies Symposium: Monuments, Museums and Murals: Preservation, Commemoration, and American Identity*. Ege University, İzmir. 08-10 May 2019
- Parlak, Zafer. "Turkey in Memoirs of Peace Corps Volunteers", Peace Corps Turkey Reunion and 55th Anniversary. Washington DC. Arlington, 24 Sept., 2016.
- Parlak, Zafer. "Assimilation Process of Turkish-Americans" Second Turkish Americans Symposium, Kültür Araştırmaları Derneği (KAD)- ARIT, İstanbul 1 June 2016.
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- Parlak, Zafer. "Female American Educators' Perception of the Ottoman Empire and Turkey" *36th International American Studies ASAT Conference (American Studies Association of Turkey)*. Atatürk Üniversitesi, Erzurum. 15-17 May 2014
- Parlak, Zafer. "How to Use Short Stories in ELT" Erasmus Academic Exchange Program. 20-27 September 2013. Pitesti University, Romania.
- Parlak, Zafer. "Education and Cultural Exchanges" Erasmus Academic Exchange Program. 20-27 September 2013. Pitesti University, Romania.
- Parlak, Zafer. "Muslim Slaves' Reactions to Slavery in the United States." *Ege University 14th International Cultural Studies Symposium: Confinement, Resistance, Freedom*. İzmir. 08-10 May 2013

- Parlak, Zafer. "Representation of Foreign Female Murders in Turkish Mass Media." *ICECI'13 – 1st International Conference on Education, Culture and Identity*. Sarajevo, Bosnia- Herzegovina. 6-8 July, 2013.
- Parlak, Zafer. "Indian Boarding Schools: Education and Assimilation of Native Americans." *2nd International Symposium on Language and Communication: Exploring novelties*. Izmir Üniversitesi, İzmir, 17-19 July, 2013.
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- Parlak, Zafer. "American Foreign Policy in the Age of Superheroes" *International Symposium of Western Culture and Literatures (BAKEA)*. Pamukkale Üniversitesi, 7-9 October, 2009.
- Parlak, Zafer. "Representation of Turks and Turkey in the Western Media" *12th International Cultural Studies Symposium (CSS2009)*. Ege Üniversitesi, 29 April-1 May, 2009.
- Parlak, Zafer. "Representation of the West and Westerners in the Mainstream Turkish Printed Media in 1960s" *4th International IDEA Conference*, Celal Bayar Üniversitesi, 15-17 April, 2009.
- Parlak, Zafer. "Information Warfare and Perceptions Management in the Age of Knowledge" ÜNAK2008, Yaşar Üniversitesi, 11 October, 2008.
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- Member of Uđur Bocekleri Derneđi (Ladybugs Association)
- Member of Buđday Derneđi (Wheat Foundation)