

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### PERSONAL DATA

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### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

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2019-Present	Associate Professor Marmara University Faculty of Theology, Department of Kalām Istanbul, Turkey
2018-2019	Visiting Scholar, Post-Doctoral Researcher Syracuse University, Department of Religion Syracuse, NY, USA
2017-2018	Associate Professor Marmara University Faculty of Theology, Department of Kalām Istanbul, Turkey
2013-2017	Assistant Professor Marmara University Faculty of Theology, Department of Kalām Istanbul, Turkey
2013-2014	Visiting Scholar, Post-Doctoral Researcher McGill University Institute of Islamic Studies Montreal, Canada
2012-2013	Lecturer Marmara University Faculty of Theology, Department of Kalām Istanbul, Turkey

## EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

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- ✓ **Second PostDoc** : Syracuse University, Department of Religion (2018-2019)  
*Project*: Kant's Antinomies of Reason and Kalam Cosmological Arguments: A Critical Assessment  
*Supervisor*: Dr. Ahmed Abdel Meguid
- ✓ **First PostDoc** : McGill University, Institute of Islamic Studies (2013-2014)  
*Project*: Criticisms of Atomism in Classical Islamic Thought  
*Supervisor*: Dr. Robert Wisnovsky
- ✓ **Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)**: Islamic Philosophical Theology (Kalām)  
Marmara University, Institute of Social Sciences (2007-2012)  
*Dissertation*: Evaluation of Classical Period Kalām Atomism in the Viewpoint of Contemporary Cosmology  
*Advisor*: Prof. Dr. Ilyas Celebi
- ✓ **Master's Degree (MA)**: Islamic Philosophical Theology (Kalām)  
Marmara University, Institute of Social Sciences (2003-2005)
- ✓ **Bachelor's Degree (BA)**: Islamic Philosophy and Theology  
Marmara University, Faculty of Divinity (2003)

## PUBLICATIONS

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### 1. Books

- Bulgen, M. (2016). *Kelâmın Nesne Kuramı: Cüveynî'de Cisim, Hareket ve Nedensellik*, İstanbul: Çamlıca Yayınları, 2023 (ISBN: 978-625-8427-35-8)
- Bulgen, M. (2016). *Klasik İslâm Düşüncesinde Atomculuk Eleştirileri [Criticism of Atomism in Classical Islamic Thought]*, İstanbul: İFAV. (ISBN: 978-975-548-443-3)
- Bulgen, M. (2015). *Kelâm Atomculuğu ve Modern Kozmoloji [Kalam Atomism and Modern Cosmology]*, Ankara: TDV Yayınları (ISBN: 978-975-389-814-0)

### 2. Papers Published in Indexed Journals:

- Bulgen, M. (2022). "Mebde' ve Me'ād: Kelam İlmi ve Modern Kozmoloji Açısından Evrenin Başlangıcı ve Sonu". [Mabda' and Ma'ād: The Origin and the End of the Universe in Terms of Kalām and Modern Cosmology]. Ankara Üniversitesi İlahiyat Fakültesi Dergisi 63:2 (2022), 907-966 DOI: <https://doi.org/10.33227/auifd.1140282>
- Bulgen, M. (2022). Bulgen, Mehmet. "Tanrı'nın Varlığını Kanıtlamanın (İsbât-ı Vâcib) Kelâm Bilgi Teorisindeki Yeri: Kādî Abdulcebbar Örneği [Proving God's Existence in Terms of Kalām's Theory of Knowledge: The Case of Qādî 'Abd al-Jabbār]". Marifetname. 9/1 (Haziran/2022), s. 13-53. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.47425/marifetname.vi.1097347>
- Bulgen, M. (2021). "Science and Philosophy in The Classical Period of Kalām: An Analysis centered upon The Daqīq and Latīf Matters of Kalām", *Kader* 19/3 (December 2021), 938-967. <https://doi.org/10.18317/kaderdergi.1017086>
- Bulgen, M. (2019). "al-Māturīdī and Atomism", *ULUM*, 2/2 (December 2019), 223-264.

- Bulgen, M. (2019). “The Power of Language in the Classical Period of Kalam”, *Nazariyat* 5/1 (May 2019): 37-82.
- Bulgen, M. (2019). “The Criticism of Materialism in Late Ottoman’s New Science of Kalām”, *ULUM* 2/1 (July 2019), 133-167.
- Bulgen, M. (2018). “Continuous Re-Creation: From Kalām Atomism to Contemporary Cosmology”, *Kalām Journal*, 1 (2018): 59-66.
- Bulgen, M. (2018). “Reincarnation (Tan?sukh) According to Islam: Comparative, Historical and Contemporary Analyses”, *ULUM* 1/1 (July 2018): 127-162.
- Bulgen, M. (2018). “Did Physics [Cosmology] Render God Unnecessary? A Critical Assessment of The Grand Design, *ULUM* 1/2 (December 2018): 201-224.
- Bulgen, M. (2015). “The Place and Role of Daqīq al-kalām in the Classical Period of Kalām [Klasik Dönem Kelâmında Dakıku’l-Kelâm’ın Yeri ve Rolü]”, *Turkish Journal of Islamic Studies*, 33 (2015): 39-72.
- Bulgen, M. (2015). “Interpretations of the Cosmological Verses in the Qur'an by Late Ottoman Kalām Scholars: The Case of Omer Nasuhi Bilmen [Son Dönem Osmanlı Kelâmcılarının Kevni Ayetleri Yorumlama Yöntemleri Üzerine]”, *Kader: Journal of Research in Islamic Theology*, 13/1 (2015): 61-89.
- Bulgen, M. (2013). “Atomdan Kuantuma: Fizikteki Gelişmelerin Kelâm’a Etkisi [From Atom to Quantum: The Impact of Developments in Physics on Kalam]”, *Kader: Journal of Research in Islamic Theology*. 11/1 (2013): 243-252.
- Bulgen, M. (2012). “Interrelation of God, Human and The World in Islam”, *KazNU Bulletin Philosophy Series*, 39/2 (2012): 80-84.
- Bulgen, M. (2011). “İslâm Dini Açısından Tenasüh ve Reenkarnasyon [Transmigration and Reincarnation According to Islamic Religion]”, *Journal of The Faculty of Divinity*, 40 (2011/1): 63-92.
- Bulgen, M. (2010). “Kelâm İlminin Kozmolojik Boyutları ve Günümüz Kozmolojisi [Cosmological Aspects of The Science of Kalam and Contemporary Cosmology]” *Journal of The Faculty of Divinity*, 39 (2010/2) p. 49-80.

### 3. Papers Presented at International Conferences and published in Proceeding Books:

- Bulgen, M. (2019). “Science, Philosophy and Religion Relationship in Classical Kalam: An Evaluation from the Perspective of Imâm Mâturîdî”, Science and Religion Relationship in Classical Islam, Conference at Kilis University, 20-21 September 2019.
- Bulgen, M. (2019). “al-Juwayni and Atomism”, Islamic Philisophy Conference at Harvard University, 20-21 April 2019.
- Bulgen, M. (2018). “Klasik Dönem Kelamında Otorite Olarak Dil: Dil, Düşünce ve Varlık İlişkisi Açısından Bir Değerlendirme [Language as an Authority in The Classical Kalam: An Evaluation from the Perspective of Language, Thought and Being Relationship]”, *Uluslararası İslâm ve Yorum Sempozyumu II*, 2-3 Mayıs 2018, Malatya, Turkey.
- Bulgen, M. (2017). “The Role of Atomism in Maturidiyya Kalam” *Understanding Maturidi Kalam: Legacy, Present & Future Challenges*. 28th-29th October 2017. Amman, Jordan.
- Bulgen, M. (2017), “Kalām Atomism and Contemporary Cosmology”, *Abrahamic Reflections on Science and Religion*, July 9-14, 2017, Amman, Jordan.
- Bulgen, M. (2017), “Kant’ın Agnostik Antinomileri ve Kelâmcıların Kozmolojik Argümanları: Modern Bilim Açısından Değerlendirme [The Agnostic Antinomies of

Kant and the Cosmological Arguments of the Mutakallimun: Evaluation from the Point of Modern Science]”, *Uluslararası Din Karşısı Çağdaş Akımlar ve Deizm Sempozyumu*, 12-24 Mayıs 2017, Van, Turkey.

- Bulgen, M. (2016). “The Creation of Human Being as Mentioned in The Qur’an”, *Religious, Scientific and Ethical Controversies On the Beginning of Human Life, International Symposium in Rijeka*, Croatia, 13-14 May 2016.
- Bulgen, M. (2016). “Reviving Kalām Occasionalism by Ways of Quantum Gravity and Unified Theories”, *Conference On Theories Of Causality And Occasionalism*, Istanbul, Turkey, 6-7 June 2015.
- Bulgen, M. (2014). “The Relevance of Quantum Physics to Kalam Atomisms”, *International Imam Ash'ari and Ash'ariyyah Symposium*, Siirt, Turkey; 21-23 September 2014.
- Bulgen, M. (2012). “An Evaluation of the Effects of Socio-cultural Changes on the Religiosity” *Islam In The Modern World: Trends And Prospects*, International Scientific Symposium (18-22 April, 2012), Almaty, Kazakhstan.

#### 4. Chapters in Books

- Bulgen, M. (2022). “Modern Bilim Açısından Atomik Zaman ve Sürekli Yeniden Yaratma”. *Din Bilim Açısından Yaratılış (Derleme/edit) içinde 407-440*. İstanbul: Marmara Üniversitesi İlahiyat Fakültesi Vakfı. (ISBN: 9789755486048)
- Bulgen, M. (2022). “Evrin Teorisi: Din Bilim İlişkisi Açısından Bir Değerlendirme”. *Din Bilim Açısından Yaratılış (Derleme/edit) içinde 451-496*. İstanbul: Marmara Üniversitesi İlahiyat Fakültesi Vakfı. (ISBN: 9789755486048)
- Bulgen, M. (2021). “Cevher-Araz Teorisi (Kelâm Geleneği).” *İslam Düşüncesinde Teoriler-I: Metafizik*, Haz. Ömer Türker, içinde 2:540-586. İstanbul: Ketebe Yayınları.
- Bulgen, M. (2018). “İmam Matüridi ve Atomculuk” [Imam Maturidi and Atomism], *İmam Matüridi ve Matüridiyye Geleneği*, 2018, ISBN: 9789755484730: İFAV, Kitap.
- Bulgen, M. (2018). “Kelâm İlminde Ulûhiyet Bahislerinin Güncellenmesi Üzerine”, *İslâmî İlimlerde Metodoloji? VIII Kelâm İlmi ve İslâm Hukukunda İçerik Sorunları* (89 - 155), ISBN: 978-605-9519-87-8: Ensar, Kitap.
- Bulgen, M. (2017), “İslâm Düşüncesinde Evren [The Universe in Classical Islamic Thought]”, *Kur'an'ı Anlamanın Fikri Arka Planı, Varlık Bilgi İnsan*, İstanbul: Kuramer Yayınları
- Bulgen, M. (2017), “Aristo'nun Atomculuk Eleştirisi [Aristotle's Critique of Atomism]”, *2400'üncü Yılında Aristoteles ve Aristoteles'in Dünya Tefekküründeki Yeri*, Lefkoşe: Yakın Doğu Üniversitesi Yayınları.

#### 5. Edited Books

- Bulgen, M., Doko, E. (2022). *Din Bilim Açısından Yaratılış [Creation According to Religion and Science] (Derleme/edit) İstanbul: Marmara Üniversitesi İlahiyat Fakültesi Vakfı. (ISBN: 9789755486048)*
- Bulgen, M. Çelebi, İ. (2017) *The Content-Related Problems of Kalām and Islamic Law [Kelam İlmi ve İslam Hukukunda İçerik Sorunları]*, (Derleme/edit) İstanbul: Ensar Neşriyat (ISBN: 605-951-987-8).
- Bulgen, M. Çelebi, İ. (2016) *Constitutional Disciplines of Islamic Thought [İslâm Düşüncesinin Kurucu Unsurları]*, (Derleme/edit) İstanbul: Ensar Neşriyat (ISBN: 605-922-390-4).
- Bulgen, M. – Taşpınar İ. (2015). *Controversial Religious Topics in Islam - II [Tarihten*

*Günümüze Tartışmalı İnanç Konuları –II]* (Derleme/edit) İstanbul: Marmara Üniversitesi İlahiyat Fakültesi Vakfı. (ISBN: 975-548-393-1)

- Bulgen, M. Çelebi, İ. (2015) *The Place of Reason and Revelation in the Science of Kalam [Akaid ve Kelâm İlminde Akıl ve Vahyin Yeri]*, (Derleme/edit) İstanbul: Ensar Neşriyat (ISBN: 605-530-987-9)
- Bulgen, M. (2014). *Controversial Religious Topics in Islam I [Tarihten Günümüze Tartışmalı İnanç Konuları I]* (Derleme/edit), İstanbul: Marmara Üniversitesi İlahiyat Fakültesi Vakfı. (ISBN:975-548-345-0)
- Bulgen, M., Doko, E. (2014). *Contemporary Debates in Kalam I-II [Güncel Kelâm Tartışmaları]* (Derleme/edit) İstanbul: Marmara Üniversitesi İlahiyat Fakültesi Vakfı. (ISBN: 975-548-329-0)

#### 6. Translated Books

- Erasmus, J. (2022). *Kelam Kozmolojik Argümanı: Yeni Bir Değerlendirme [The Kalâm Cosmological Argument: A Reassessment]*. çev. Mehmet Bulgen, İstanbul: Albaraka. ISBN: 978-625-731-290-5
- Dhanani, A. (2021). *Kelamın Fizik Kuramı [The Physical Theory of Kalâm]* çev. Mehmet Bulgen. İstanbul: Klasik. ISBN: 978-975-248-459-7

#### FELLOWSHIPS/AWARDS

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2018	The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey Post-Doctoral Research Grand in Abroad
2018	Inonu University Turkey, Science Council Academic Award
2013	Turkish Presidency of Religious Affairs, Research Award
2013	The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey Post-Doctoral Research Grand in Abroad

#### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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2012-Present	History of Kalâm (Undergraduate)
	Systematic Kalâm (Undergraduate)
	Basic Islamic Beliefs (Undergraduate)
	History of Science in Islam (Undergraduate)
	The Concept of Universe in Kalam (Graduate)
	Kalâm – Cosmology Relationship (Graduate)
	Kalâm Atomism and Its Critics (Graduate)
	Comparative Theology (Graduate)
	Developments and Renewals in Kalâm (Graduate)
	Kalâm – Science Relationship (Graduate)

## **MEMBERSHIP & PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

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Vice-Head of Department	Fundamental Islamic Sciences Marmara University Faculty of Divinity (2014-2015)
Member of the Board of Directors	Kalām Department of Divinity Faculties in Turkey Coordination web Site (2012-2016) <a href="http://www.kelam.org">http://www.kelam.org</a>
Owner and Editor	Journal of Research in Islamic Theology (Kader) (ISSN: 1309-2030 KADER) (2015-Present) <a href="http://dergipark.gov.tr/kaderdergi">http://dergipark.gov.tr/kaderdergi</a>

## **INTERESTS AND RESEARCH AREAS**

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Fundamental Islamic Sciences, Systematic Kalām (Islamic Philosophical Theology); History of Kalām, Natural Theology, Philosophy of Religion, Cosmology (Physics); Cosmology (Anthropology); Relationship Between Science and Religion