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Curriculum Vitae

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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Philosophy of science, philosophy of mind, epistemology

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Neurophilosophy, Quine, scientism, naturalism

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Philosophy, Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey, 2014–2022.

M.A. in Philosophy, Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey, 2011–2014.

B.A. in Philosophy, Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey, 2004–2011.

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

Associate Dean, School of the Humanities and Social Sciences, Ibn Haldun University (2025 – Present).

PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE

Middle East Technical University, Department of Philosophy, February 2013 – October 2020. Ankara, Turkey.

Ardahan University, Department of Philosophy, October 2020 – March 2022. Ardahan.

THESES

Master thesis: “Is Cultural Neurophilosophy Possible?” METU Department of Philosophy, September 2014. Ankara, Turkey.

Ph.D. thesis: “A Clarificatory Defense of Eliminative Materialism.” METU Department of Philosophy. March 2022. Ankara, Turkey.

PUBLICATIONS

Journal articles (AHCI & SSCI)

1. (2021) “On the Proper Treatment of the Churchlands.” *Erkenntnis*, 86(4), pp. 905–918. DOI: 10.1007/s10670-019-00137-y [Journal rank: Q1]
2. (2021) “Churchland, Nagel, and Their Severe Critique of Folk Psychology.” *Teorema*, 40(3), pp. 5–27. [Journal rank: Q2]
3. (2021) “A Novel Reading of Thomas Nagel’s ‘Challenge’ to Physicalism.” *Organon F*, 28(4), pp. 802–818. DOI: 10.31577/orgf.2021.28403 [Journal rank: Q3]
4. (2022) [Note] “Against Slagle’s Reading of Eliminative Materialism on Self-Defeating.” *Philosophical Investigations*. 46(1), pp. 99-111. DOI: 10.1111/ph.in.12351 [Journal rank: Q2]
5. (2022) “The United Shades of Eliminative Materialism.” *Philosophical Forum*, 53(2),

pp. 95–113. DOI:10.1111/phil.12310 [Journal rank: Q3]

- (2023) “In defence of Churchland-style eliminative materialism: Objections and replies.” *South African Journal of Philosophy*. 41(4), pp. 347–359. DOI: 10.1080/02580136.2023.2199607 [Journal rank: Q2]

Journal articles (Philosopher’s Index)

- (2023) “Quine’s Naturalism is More Inclusive than ‘Liberal Naturalism.’” *Kutadgubilig: Felsefe-Bilim Arařtırmaları*. 48, pp. 231–245.
- (2023) “What does the continuity thesis really mean in Quine’s philosophy?” *FLSF Felsefe ve Sosyal Bilimler Dergisi*. 35(0), pp. 179–192. DOI: 10.53844/flsf.1224220
- (2022) “Yapay Bilinç Tartıřmasında Biyolojik Doğalacı Yaklařımın Hataları.” *Kaygı*. 2(2), pp. 881–901. DOI: 10.20981/kaygi.1092807
- (2022) “Çağdař Analitik Felsefede Sezgilerin Olumsuz Rolü Üzerine.” *Felsefe Dünyası*, 1 (75), pp. 118–138.
- (2021) “Kaç Tane Metafelsefi Yaklařım Var?” *Dört Öğe*. 19, pp. 135–150.
- (2021) “Nörofelsefe İndirgemeci mi Yoksa Eleyici midir?” [“Is Neurophilosophy Reductionist or Eliminativist?”] *FLSF*, 31, pp. 15–36.
- (2021) “Analitik Felsefe Neden Natralizme Karřıdır?” *Kaygı*, 20(1), pp. 289–305.
- (2020) “Analitik Felsefe Diye Bir Felsefe Okulu Var Mıdır?” [“Is There a Philosophical School Such as Analytic Philosophy?”] *Felsefe Dünyası*, 72, pp. 290–309.
- (2018) “Thomas Kuhn ve Devrimler Yoluyla Birikimsel İlerleme.” *Maltepe Üniversitesi Fen-Edebiyat Fakltesi Dergisi*, 2017 1+2, pp. 238–256.
- (2017) “Thomas Nagel’in ‘Fizikalizm’ ve ‘Yarasa Olmak Nasıl Bir Őeydir’ Makalelerinin Bilince Nesnel Bir Açıklama Verme Arayıřı Açısından Kıyaslanması.” *Beytulhikme Int Jour Phil*, 7(1), pp. 23–41.
- (with Berk Yaylım, 2017) “Eleyici Materyalizm ‘Zihnin Tm İçeriğini’ Elemeyi mi Önerir?” [“Does So-Called Eliminative Materialism Suggest that the Entire Content of the Mind Should Be Eliminated?”] *Felsefe Dünyası*, 66, pp. 252–273.
- (2017) “Nörofelsefe Neden Halen Uçta Bir Görüş Olarak Niteleniyor?” [“Why Do Philosophers Regard Neurophilosophy as Highly Marginal?”] *Kaygı: Uludağ Üniversitesi Fen-Edebiyat Fakltesi Felsefe Dergisi*, 29, pp. 99–110. DOI: 10.20981/kaygi.342417
- (2017) “Thomas Kuhn ve Onun Mantıksal Olmayan Rasyonalitesi.” [“Thomas Kuhn and His Extra-Logical Rationality.”] *Kutadgubilig: Felsefe-Bilim Arařtırmaları*, 34, pp. 751–775.
- (2017) “Nesnel Fenomenoloji Projesi Aracılıđıyla Thomas Nagel, Bilinci Nesnel bir Őekilde Açıklamaya Çalışır.” *Ethos*, 10(2), pp. 147–160.
- (2017) “The Tractatus, Logical Space, and Zombies.” *FLSF*, 23, pp. 291–306.

Under review

- Quinean naturalism and experimental parapsychology.

Work in progress

- Biliřsel bilim felsefesi. [The philosophy of cognitive science] Book chapter.
- Quinean naturalism and Kuhnian image of science.

BOOK CHAPTERS

1. (2024) “Bilinç ve Din: Çağdaş Felsefi Bilinç Kuramları II” Edited by Betl Akdemir-Sleyman. Kre yayınları, pp.
2. (2017) “Analitikçi Wittgenstein Kendi lmn Deneyimleyebildi mi?” *Yaşam ve lm Felsefesi*. Edited by A. Kadir Ççen. Sentez Yayınları, pp. 425–435.
3. (2014) “Yaygın Yanılgıların Kıskaçında Nrofelsefe” [“Saving Neurophilosophy from Mumpsimus”], *Gnmz Felsefe ile Dşnmek*. Edited by Bahadır Glşen, Erkan Bozkurt, Glce Sorguç, and Umut Morkoç. İzmir: Ege niversitesi Yayınları, pp. 151–160.

BOOK REVIEW

1. (2021) “Science, Scientism, and Never-Ending Myths about the Scientistic Stance.” *Metascience*. 30(2), pp. 323–326. DOI: 10.1007/s11016-021-00637-0

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

1. “The Overlaps between (Proper) Philosophy and (Actual) Science” [Graduate Conference in Metaphilosophy —Budapest, 2015] *On What It Is: Perspectives on Metaphilosophy*, 2016.
2. “Bilim Ağıında Tutarlılık” (Artvin, Mantık Çalıřtayı, 2016). *VI. Mantık Çalıřtayı Kitabı*, 2016.
3. “Doğalcı Epistemoloji: epistemolojinin inkarı mı asimilasyonu mu?” [Naturalized epistemology: denial or assimilation?] *VII. Mantık Çalıřtayı Kitabı*, 2017.
4. “Ontolojik Natralizm ve Yntemsel Natralizm Birbirini Dıřlar: deneysel parapsikolojinin dřndrdkleri zerine.” *VIII. Mantık Çalıřtayı Kitabı*, 2018.

CONFERENCES

1. “Sezgiler ve Çağdaş Analitik Felsefe.” *XIV. Mantık Çalıřtayı*. May 23 – 25, 2024. Bayburt University. Bayburt, Turkey.
2. “AHCI ve SSCI veritabanlarında endekslenen dergilerde tek kiřilik zgn arařtırma makalesi’ yayınlamıř olmak ğretim yeliğine atanmak iin zorunlu olmalı mıdır?” *Trkiye’de Yksek ğretimde Felsefe Eğitimi Sempozyumu*. October 26 – 28, 2023. İstanbul Medeniyet niversitesi, Felsefe Blm. İstanbul, Turkey.
3. “Quine’da Natralizmin Nrofelsefeye Doğru Evrimi.” *Quine zerine Eleřtirel İncelemeler Çalıřtayı*. July 7 – 8, 2023. In-person. Speaker. Bursa Uludağ University. Bursa, Turkey.
4. “Quinean Naturalism and Experimental Parapsychology.” *Writing for Publication in English-Language Journals*. June 12–14 2023. In-person. Speaker. Ibn Haldun University. Bařakřehir, İstanbul, Turkey.
5. “Doğal Zeka Mmkn m?” *XII. Mantık Çalıřtayı*. May 11–13, 2023. Van, Turkey
6. Çağdaş Bilinç Kuramları [The Contemporary Theories of Consciousness]. September 23–24, 2022. İstanbul, Turkey. (As a commentator)
7. “Eř-llmezlik hangi durumlarda en bariz halini alır?” *XI. Mantık Çalıřtayı*. May 26–28, 2022. Kastamonu, Turkey.
8. “Bilim-perestliğın nesi kt?” *X. Mantık Çalıřtayı*. September 2–4, 2021. Kapadokya,

Turkey.

9. "Quine's Naturalism Is More Liberal than Liberal Naturalism." *4th Annual TiLPS History of Analytic Philosophy Workshop*. December 14–15, 2020. Tilburg, Netherlands (online).
10. "Quine's Ignored Challenge to Imaginability-Based Arguments" (poster session). *Exploring the Mind's Eye: An Interdisciplinary Conference on Imagination*. October 25–26, 2019. Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey.
11. "The Neurophilosophical Approach to Morality: Elimination, Reduction, Revision, Unification, or Assimilation?" *International Interdisciplinary Summer School 2018: The Neurobiology of Moral Conscience with Patricia Churchland*. June 4–8, 2018. Tbingen, Germany.
12. "Quine Neden Ontolojik Natralizme Karşıydı?" *VIII. Mantık Çalıřtayı*. May 9–11, 2018. Blent Ecevit University, Faculty of Letters, Zonguldak, Turkey.
13. "The Problem in the Philosophical Community of Turkey." *Istanbul International Congress on Philosophy*. May 2–4, 2018. Istanbul University, Faculty of Letters. Istanbul, Turkey.
14. "Doğalcı epistemoloji: epistemolojinin inkarı mı asimilasyonu mu?" ["Naturalized Epistemology: The Denial or Assimilation of Epistemology?"] *VII. Mantık Çalıřtayı*. June 29 – July 1, 2017. Ondokuz Mayıs University, Samsun, Turkey.
15. "Thomas Nagel is, at Bottom, Not an Anti-Physicalist but a Defender of It." *Salzburg Conference for Young Analytic Philosophy 2016*. September 7–9, 2016. University of Salzburg, Austria.
16. "The Overlaps between Philosophy and Science." *On What It Is: The Philosophy of Philosophy*. February 13–15, 2015. Etvs Jzsef Collegium, Budapest, Hungary.
17. "The Proper Place of Neurophilosophy within Philosophical Naturalism." *9th Annual Conference of the Postgraduate Philosophy Association of Southern Africa (PPA) 2014*. July 19–20, 2014. University of KwaZulu-Natal, Durban, South Africa.

INVITED TALKS

1. "On what actual eliminative materialism is not." August 1, 2023. Boğaziçi University. Beşiktař, İstanbul, Turkey.
2. "İnsan Bilimleri, Beyin Bilimlerine İndirgenebilir mi?" December 14, 2022. İbn Haldun University. Çarřamba Buluřmaları. Bařakřehir, İstanbul, Turkey.
3. "Nrofelsefe İndirgemeci Bir Kuram Değildir." *IV. Zihin Sempozyumu [IV. Mind Symposium]*. March 25–26, 2017. Topic: Neuroscience and Philosophy. Raymar Otel, Ankara, Turkey.
4. "Nrofelsefe Ne Değildir zerine." ("On What Neurophilosophy Is Not.") *IV. Bilim Ve Felsefe Kampı [IV. Meeting of Science and Philosophy]*. Topic: Philosophy of Science, Quantum Mechanics, Philosophy of Mind, and Psychoanalysis. September 11–14, 2015. Karaburun, İzmir, Turkey.
5. "Neden Felsefe?" ("Why Philosophy?") *UNESCO World Philosophy Day*. November 2014. Haymana Nuri Bektař Anadolu Lisesi, Haymana, Ankara, Turkey.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

As primary instructor

1. Neurophilosophy (2024 Winter & 2025 Winter)

2. Philosophy of Science (2024 Fall & 2023 Fall & 2022 Fall)
3. Research Methods and Publication Ethics (2023 Fall & 2022 Fall)
4. Seminar (2023 Winter)
5. Philosophy of Mind (2022 Fall)
6. Scientific Method (2018)

As teaching assistant and occasional lecturer

1. Phil106: Theory of Knowledge
2. Phil108: Introduction to Philosophy (for Philosophy majors)
3. Phil108: Introduction to Philosophy (for Psychology majors, × 3)
4. Phil108: Introduction to Philosophy (for Sociology majors)
5. Phil241: Philosophy and Evolution
6. Phil442: Contemporary Philosophy (perception, epistemology, language)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE (extra-university work)

1. “Ortadoęu Teknik niversitesi ile Eęitimde İřbirlięi.” Tzyeksav [a private primary and secondary school for highly gifted students]. Weekly, for six months. 2015. ODT, Ankara, Turkey.

ORGANIZATIONAL EXPERIENCE

1. *National Philosophy Graduate Conference*. April 20 – 21, 2024. Ibn Haldun University. Sleymaniye, İstanbul, Turkey.
2. *Writing for Publication in English-Language Journals*. June 12 – 13, 2023. In-person. Organizer. Ibn Haldun University. Bařakřehir, İstanbul, Turkey.
3. *International Philosophy Graduate Conference*. May 6 – 7, 2023. Ibn Haldun University. Sleymaniye, İstanbul, Turkey.
4. *Publication seminar series*. March 2021 – May 2021, 10+ weeks. Organization committee member.
5. *Akademik İř Olanakları*. 14+ weeks. January 2021 – April 2021. Online. Organization committee member.
6. *3. ODT Lisans ęrencileri Felsefe Kongresi [3rd METU Undergraduate Students Philosophy Congress]*. April 14–15, 2018. METU, Ankara, Turkey. Organization committee member.
7. *2. ODT Lisans ęrencileri Felsefe Kongresi [2nd METU Undergraduate Students Philosophy Congress]*. December 9–10, 2017. METU, Ankara, Turkey. Organization committee member.
8. *2. ODT Lisansst Felsefe ęrencileri Kongresi [2nd METU Graduate Philosophy Students Congress]*. December 7–8, 2017. METU, Ankara, Turkey. Organization committee member.
9. *1. ODT Genç Akademisyenler Meta-Felsefe Kongresi [1st METU Young Scholars Metaphilosophy Congress]*. April 22–23, 2017. METU, Ankara, Turkey. Organization committee member.

10. 1. ODT Lisans ğrencileri Felsefe Kongresi [1st METU Undergraduate Students Philosophy Congress]. November 5–6, 2016. METU, Ankara, Turkey. Organization committee member.
11. 1. ODT Lisansst Felsefe ğrencileri Kongresi [1st METU Graduate Philosophy Students Congress]. June 11–12, 2016. METU, Ankara, Turkey. Organization committee member.

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Journal referee for *Felsefe Dnyası*, *Kaygı*, *Drt ğ*, *Felsefe Arkivi*, and *Beytulhikme: An International Journal of Philosophy*

AWARDS

Full scholarship for undergraduate study from İhsan Doğramacı Bilkent University, 2000–2011.

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

The Philosophy of Science Association
European Philosophy of Science Association
The Society for Philosophy and Psychology

REFERENCES

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