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EDUCATION

PhD, NELC Islamic Philosophy of Religion, 2012-2018 Indiana University Bloomington, Indiana, USA

- Dissertation under the advisory of John Walbridge and Timothy O'Connor: *Nature, God, and Creation: A Necessitarian Case* (2018)

MA, NELC Islamic Philosophy of Religion, 2010-2012– Indiana University Bloomington, Indiana, USA

BA, Department of Divinity, 2004-2008 – Ankara University, Ankara, Turkey

WORKING EXPERIENCE

Department of Philosophy, Bogazici University, *2024 to present*

- Assistant professor

Department of Philosophical and Religious Sciences, Marmara University, *2019 to 2024*

- Assistant professor

International Journal of Theological and Islamic Studies (JIST), *2022 to 2024*

- Editor in Chief

Department of Philosophy, İstanbul Şehir University, *2019-2020*

- Lecturer

Department of Philosophy, Indiana University Bloomington, *2018*

- Associate Instructor

Assistive Technologies and Accessibility Center, Indiana University Bloomington, *2012-2018*

- Kurzweil Editor

PUBLISHINGS

BOOKS

- *Düşünmenin Alfabetesi* [The Alphabet of Thinking – A Book of Critical Thinking], BabilKitap, İstanbul 2020.
- *Araştırmanın Alfabetesi* [The Alphabet of Research – Academic Culture for Beginners and Who Wants to Restart],

BabilKitap, İstanbul 2021.

- *Düşün Bir de Sağlıklı Düşün* [Think and Think Again – An Introduction to Healthy Thinking], Server, İstanbul 2022.
- *Gerçeklik Yeniden: Metafiziğe Dönüş Üzerine Bir İnceleme* [Reality Again: An Investigation on the Return of Metaphysics], Tımas, İstanbul 2023.
- – with F. Zehra Selvi, *Analik Felsefe Okumaları* [Readings on Analytic Philosophy], Eskiyeşi, Ankara 2024.
- *İşe Yaramayan Şeyler Üzerine* [On Not-Useful Things - Theses Against Nihilism], Tımaş, İstanbul 2025.

BOOKS TRANSLATED

- *Metaphysics of Free Will in Islamic Philosophy* by Prof. Gurbuz Deniz, from Turkish to English. Ankara University Press, Ankara, 2024.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- Two methods of Understanding the Sacred Book. *Journal of Islamic Research*. Vol. 3 No. 2, (2010) - Index Islamicus Accession Number: ICHA425230
- The Idea of Subjective Faith in al-Maturidi's Theology, *Journal of Islamic Research*. Vol. 4 No. 2, (2011)
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- God of Ibn Sînâ: Immutable Yet Responsive. *Eskiyeşi* 51 (December 2023), 977-991. ESCI
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BOOK REVIEWS

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ARTICLES TRANSLATED

- "A Third Version of the Ontological Argument in the Ibn Sinian Metaphysics" P. Morewedge, into Turkish "*İbn Sina Metafiziğinde Ontolojik Argümanın Üçüncü Versiyonu*", in *Din Felsefesi Açısından Meşşâi Gelen-ek-I* IV, ed. Recep Alpyağıl, İz Yayınları, İstanbul 2020. 404-428

CHAPTERS

- "Mücib Bizzat Teorisi" [The Idea of a Necessitarian God], *İslam Düşüncesinde Teoriler 1: Metafizik II*. ed. Ö. Türker. Ketebe Yayınları, İstanbul, 2021.
- Din-Bilim İlişkisinde Model Arayışları [Seeking for Methods in Science and Religion Debates] in *Güncel Kelam Tartışmaları II*, ed. M. Bulgen and E. Doko, MÜİF Yayınları, İstanbul, 2021.
- "Dinî İddialar Ne Kadar Rasyonel Olabilir?" [How rational can religious claims be?] in *Ekoller ve Kurumlar Düşünce Bilimleri*, ed. N. Doru and K. Gökdag, Mardin Artuklu Üniversitesi Yayınları, Mardin: 2022.
- "Ethics in the Premodern Ottoman Empire" in *Shakespeare and Virtue A Handbook*, ed. J. R. Lupton and D. Sherman, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge: UK; New York, NY, 2023.
- "Reconstruction of Legal Authority: An Analysis of the Contemporary Discourse on Maqâşid Al-Sharī'ah" in *İlahiyat Bilimlerinde Makâsıd*, vol. I, Nida Yayıncılık, İstanbul, 2023.

- "Eleştirel Düşünme" [Critical Thinking] in *Düşünme Biçimleri*, ed. Yasin Ramazan and Yusuf Şahin, Eskiyei Yayınları, Ankara 2025.
- "Gerçeklik" [Reality], in *Araftaki Kelimeler*, ed. Rukiye Aydoğdu Demir, DİB Yayınları, Ankara 2025.
- "Anlamanın Peşinde: Metafizik, Natüralizm ve Nihilizm" [After Meaning: Metaphysics, Naturalism, and Nihilism], in *Müslüman Düşünce ve Sorunları I*, ed. Gürbüz Deniz and Tuncer Namlı, Eskiyei, Ankara 2025.
- "Batı Literatüründe İslam Felsefesi: 20. Yüzyılda İngilizce Literatür Üzerine Bir İnceleme" [Islamic Philosophy in Western Literature: An Examination of 20th Century English Literature], in *Batı Literatüründe İslam Araştırmaları*, ed. E. Kabakcı, S. Ekiz, F. Çelik, Z. Başaran, Ketebe, İstanbul 2025.
- "Gerçekliğin Direnişi ve Metafiziğe Dönüş" [The Resistance of Reality and the Return to Metaphysics] in *Akıl, Bilim ve İnanç*, ed. M. Bulgen, E. Doko, Timaş Akademi, İstanbul 2026.

ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRY

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SERIES EDITOR

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- *Zihin Felsefesi* [Philosophy of Mind], Edward Feser, trans. Osman Baran Kaplan, BabilKitap, İstanbul 2023. ISBN: 9786057263117
- *Dedemin Sandalyesi – Felsefe Fikri 1*, Sumeyra Uzer, Mecaz Çocuk, İstanbul 2022. ISBN: 9786258148336
- *Dil ve Zihin İncelemelerinde Yeni Ufuklar*, Noam Chomsky, çev. Ferit Burak Aydar, Boğaziçi Üniversitesi Yayınevi, İstanbul 2025.
- *Borges ve Bellek*, Rodrigo Quian Quiroga. Ev. Ferit Burak Aydar, Boğaziçi Üniversitesi Yayınevi, İstanbul 2025.

ESSAYS

- Muhatabın Bağlamı -Dücan Cündioğlu'nun Yorum Metoduna Bir Bakış- [The Context of the Addressee], *Notlar Dergisi*, No.1 January 2015
- Anlayan-Doğa ve Dinî Okumanın İmkânı [The Possibility of Religious Reading], *Notlar Dergisi*, No. 2, May 2015
- İslam Akademik Kültürünü Bütüncül Okumak [A Holistic Reading of Islamic Academic Culture], *Notlar Dergisi*, No. 4, April 2016
- Doğa Varsayımı ve Yaratma [Assumption of Nature and Creation], *Milli Mecmua*, No. 14, June 2020
- Düşünce ve Gerçeklik Arasında: Gelenek, Sezgi ve Eleştiri [Between Thought and Reality: Tradition, Intuition, and Criticism], *Sabah Ulkesi*, No. 66, January 2021
- Her Değer Bir Değil [Not All Values are the Same], *Lacivert*, No.89, April 2022
- Duygu ve Düşünce İkileminden Ahenkli Gerçeklik Algısına [From the Dilemma of Emotions and Thoughts to an Harmonious Perception of Reality], *Sabah Ulkesi*, No.72, July 2022
- Doğrulama, Yanlışlama ve Din [Verification, Falsification, and Religion], *Teklif*, No.9, May 2023
- Dikkati Nasıl ve Nereye Toplayalım? [How and Where Should We Focus Our Attention?], *Mostar*, No. 244, June 2025
- Okuduğunu Anlamak: Yorumlamanın Kayıp Sanatı [Reading Comprehension: The Lost Art of Interpretation], *Nihayet*, No.129, September 2025

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- Umutsuzluk Sandığınız Tembellik Olabilir [What You Think is Despair Might Be Laziness], *Mostar*, No. 250, December 2025 ·
- Gerçek ve Doğru Ayrımında: Hakikatin Yapısı [At the Distinction Between Real and True: The Structure of Truth], *Mostar*, No. 251, January 2026 ·
- Anlamak ve Bilginin Gerçek Zemini [Understanding and the True Ground of Knowledge], *Mostar*, No. 252, February 2026 ·
- Hüsniyetin Konforu [The Comfort of Wishful Thinking], *Mostar*, No. 254, April 2026 ·
- Hakikatin Grameri: Tümler ve Yaşam Biçimleri [The Grammar of Truth: Universals and Forms of Life], *Teklif*, No. 26, May 2026 ·
- Eğitimin Alternatifi Yok mu? [Is There No Alternative to Education?], *Mostar*, No. 256, June 2026 ·
- Yabancılaşmanın Beklenmedik Sonu [The Unexpected End of Alienation], *Mostar*, No.257, July 2026 ·
- Şüphenin Dünyasında Hayatın Anlam(lar)ı [The Meaning(s) of Life in the World of Doubt], *Sabah Ülkesi*, No.88, July 2026

PRESENTATIONS

- Rethinking Rationality of Religion with Alfarabi, *"Mapping the Landscapes of Islamic Studies at IU Conference"*, Indiana University Bloomington, Bloomington, IN USA November 1, 2014
- Taking Avicenna Seriously: Reevaluation of al-Ghazali's objections on creation, *50th Anniversary Meeting of MESA* in Boston, MA USA, November 17-20, 2016
- Farabi on Religion: Certainty, Realization, and Community, Graduate Student Colloquium On Middle Eastern & Islamic Studies *History, Memory, Identity* Co-Organized by Diyanet Islamic Research Institute & Ali Vural Ak Center For Global Islamic Studies At GMU Lanham, MD USA, April 8-9, 2017
- Does belief in the afterlife give meaning to life? *"Abrahamic Reflections on the Afterlife"* sponsored by Haifa University, Jerusalem Israel, March 8-20, 2022
- Dinî İddialar Rasyonel Olabilir mi? [Can Religious Beliefs be Rational?], *"III. Uluslararası Dil, Düşünce ve Din Bilimleri Kongresi"*, Mardin Turkey, May 25-27, 2022
- Leaving Things in His Hands: An Analysis of the Believer's Confidence in God (tawakkul), *"The Rationality of Religious Emotions in Judaism, Christianity and Islam"* Goethe University Frankfurt Am Main, Forschungskolleg Humanwissenschaften Bad Homburg Germany, May 15-17, 2023
- God of the Philosophers and God of Ibn Sīnā, *"Philosophy and Religions in the Abrahamic Traditions: International Conference"*, Marmara University and Templeton Foundation, Istanbul Turkey, May 29-June 1, 2023
- Reconstruction of Legal Authority in Islamic Jurisprudence, "Maqasid in Religious Studies: International Symposium", Van YY İlahiyat Faculty of Divinity, Van, October 13-15, 2023.

LANGUAGES

- Native Language **Turkish**
- Proficiency in all four skills in **English**
- Advanced skills in **Arabic**
- Intermediate in all four skills in **Farsi**

- Advanced reading skill in **German**
- Proficiency in reading all kinds of **Ottoman Turkish** scripts.

REWARDS

- *Ministry of National Education of Republic of Turkey*, Scholarship for Graduate Studies in Foreign Countries, 2009-2015
- The Louise McNutt Dissertation Fellowship, 2016
- Two times academic grant from *Islamitische Stichting Nederland*, 2007 and 2008