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## Area of Specialization

Philosophy of Language

## Areas of Competence

History of Analytic Philosophy · Epistemology · Logic

## Education

- 2013–2018: PhD in Philosophy, St Andrews and Stirling Graduate Programme (SASP), St Andrews/Stirling, UK
  - Thesis title: “The Phrasal Implicature Theory of Metaphors and Slurs”
  - Supervisors: Dr. Derek Ball and Prof. Josh Dever
  - Examiners: Dr. Patrick Greenough and Prof. Elisabeth Camp (Rutgers University)
- 2012–2013: PhD in Philosophy (discontinued), Boğaziçi University, İstanbul, Turkey
- 2012 July: Theories of Communication, International Summer School in Cognitive Sciences and Semantics, Riga, Latvia
- 2008–2012: MA in Philosophy, Boğaziçi University, İstanbul, Turkey
  - Thesis title: “On the Rigidity of General Terms”
  - Advisor: Prof. İlhan İnan
- 2007–2008: MSc in Computer Science (discontinued), Galatasaray University, İstanbul, Turkey
- 2006–2007: French Preparatory Year, Galatasaray University, İstanbul, Turkey
- 2000–2006: BSc in Computer Science, Yıldız Technical University, İstanbul, Turkey

## Employment

- 2020– : Assistant Professor, Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University, Department of Philosophy, İstanbul, Turkey
- 2008–2020: Research Assistant, Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University, Department of Philosophy, İstanbul, Turkey
- 2005–2006: Software Developer, Elektronik Bilgi İletişim (EBİ), İstanbul, Turkey

## Research Visits

- 2011 Fall: Visiting Scholar, City University of New York Graduate Center, Philosophy Programme, New York, USA
  - Supervisors: Prof. Stephen Neale and Prof. Michael Devitt

## Publication

### Edited Collections

1. Özgüç Güven, Egemen Seyfettin Kuşcu, and Alper Yavuz, eds. (2023). *Ağaçları Tanıyan Filozof. Ömer Naci Soykan Felsefesi Üzerine İncelemeler*. İstanbul: İnsancıl Yayınları ["The Philosopher Who Is Acquainted With Trees: Studies on the Philosophy of Ömer Naci Soykan"]

### Journal Articles

1. Alper Yavuz (2018). "Sözcük Sezdirimine Dayalı Nefret Sözcükleri Kuramı". In: *ETHOS: Felsefe ve Toplumsal Bilimlerde Diyaloglar* 11.2, pp. 1–29 ["The Phrasal Implicature Theory of Slurs"]
2. Alper Yavuz (2019). "Etkileşimci Metafor Kuramının Eleştirisi". In: *Kilikya Felsefe Dergisi* (1), pp. 1–14 ["Criticism of the Interactionist Theory of Metaphor"]
3. Alper Yavuz (2020). "Bilgi Kirliliği ve Bireysel Sorumluluk: Salgın Deneyimimiz". In: *MSGSÜ Sosyal Bilimler Dergisi* 2.20, pp. 203–217 ["Disinformation and Individual Responsibility: Our Experience of the Pandemic"]
4. Alper Yavuz (2022). "'Mantık ve Konuşma' Üzerine". In: *Posseible: Felsefe Dergisi* 11.1, pp. 51–70 ["On 'Logic and Conversation'"]
5. Alper Yavuz (2023). "Wittgenstein'da Etik ve Estetiğin Bakış Açısı Etkisi Üzerine". In: *Kilikya Felsefe Dergisi* (2), pp. 21–33 ["On the Aspectual Effect of Ethics and Aesthetics in Wittgenstein"]

### Book Chapters

1. Alper Yavuz (2007). "Bergson'un 'Metafiziğe Giriş' Adlı Yazısı Üstüne Bir İnceleme". In: *Yozlaşma*. Ed. by Sinan Özbek. Felsefelogos. İstanbul: Felsefelogos Yayınları, pp. 199–206 ["A Study on Bergson's 'Introduction to Metaphysics'"]
2. Alper Yavuz (2018). "Sanatta Sahtecilik Üzerine". In: *Kaç İnsanı Yaşadım. Cengiz Gündoğdu'nun 75. Yaşına Armağan*. Ed. by Berrin Taş. İstanbul: İnsancıl Yayınları, pp. 112–117 ["On Forgery in Art"]
3. Alper Yavuz (2018). "Frege'nin Özel Ad Kuramındaki Sonsuz Gerileme Sorunu". In: *VIII. Mantık Çalıştayı Kitabı*. Ed. by Vedat Kamer and Şafak Ural. İstanbul: Mantık Derneği Yayınları, pp. 513–527 ["An Infinite Regress Problem in Frege's Theory of Names"]
4. Alper Yavuz (2023). "Soykan'la Mimarlığa Felsefi Bir Bakış". In: *Ağaçları Tanıyan Filozof. Ömer Naci Soykan Felsefesi Üzerine İncelemeler*. Ed. by Özgüç Güven, Egemen Seyfettin Kuşcu, and Alper Yavuz. İstanbul: İnsancıl Yayınları, pp. 267–280 ["A Philosophical Look at Architecture With Soykan"]
5. Alper Yavuz (2023). "Ömer Naci Soykan". In: *Cumhuriyetimizin 100. Yılında 100 Felsefecimiz*. Ed. by Nihat Durmaz. Vol. 2. Ankara: Nobel, pp. 169–181

### Translations (Eng-Tur)

1. Bertrand Russell (2015). "Gönderim Üzerine". Trans. by Alper Yavuz. In: *Felsefe Tartışmaları* 49, pp. 55–71 [Bertrand Russell – "On Denoting"]
2. John Harris (2022). "Yaşam Piyangosu". Trans. by Bilhan Gözcü et al. In: *ETHOS: Felsefe ve Toplumsal Bilimlerde Diyaloglar* 15.1, pp. 19–28 [John Harris – "Survival Lottery"]
3. Paul Grice (2022). "Mantık ve Konuşma". Trans. by Alper Yavuz. In: *Posseible: Felsefe Dergisi* 11.1, pp. 71–87 [Paul Grice – "Logic and Conversation"]

## Selected Talks

1. “A Pragmatic Theory of Metaphor”, Open Minds XI Student Conference, University of Manchester, Manchester, UK, 12/2015.
2. “Metaphors and Slurs”, Arché Slurring and Swearing Conference, St Andrews, UK, 06/2017
3. “A New Conception of What-Is-Said”, ECAP9: European Congress of Analytic Philosophy, Munich, Germany, 08/2017
4. “Frege’nin Özel Ad Kuramındaki Sonsuz Gerileme Sorunu”, VIII. Mantık Çalıştayı, Zonguldak, Turkey, 05/2018 [“An Infinite Regress Problem in Frege’s Theory of Names”]
5. “A Problem in Frege’s Theory of Names”, Arché 20th Anniversary Conference, St Andrews, UK, 06/2019
6. “Metaphor and Interaction”, Koç University Philosophy Club Seminar, Online, 04/2021
7. “Wittgenstein’da Söylemek Göstermek Ayrımı”, XI. Mantık Çalıştayı, Kastamonu, Turkey, 05/2022 [“Saying and Showing Distinction in Wittgenstein”]
8. “Müzikteki Metafor”, Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University Musicology Department, İstanbul, Turkey, 05/2023 [“Metaphor in Music”]
9. “Reference and Truth”, ECAP11: European Congress of Analytic Philosophy, Vienna, Austria, 08/2023

## Teaching

### Lecturing

- FEL231 Descartes, Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 Fall
- FEL112 Bilgi Felsefesi [Epistemology], Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 Spring
- FEL442 Dil Felsefesinde Güncel Tartışmalar [Current Discussions in Philosophy of Language], Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University, 2019 Spring
- FEL201 Varlık Felsefesi [Ontology], Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 Fall
- FEL405 Dil Felsefesi [Philosophy of Language], Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University, 2020, 2021, 2022 Fall
- FEL238 Modern Dillerde Felsefe Metinleri [Philosophical Texts in Modern Languages II], Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University, 2021 Spring
- FEL524 Çağdaş Dil Felsefesi Tartışmaları [Contemporary Discussions in Philosophy of Language], Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University, 2021 Spring
- FEL532 Kurgu Felsefesi [Philosophy of Fiction], Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University, 2022 Spring
- FEL500/6000 Seminer [Seminar], Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University, 2023 Spring
- FEL534 Bilgisel Adaletsizlik [Epistemic Injustice], Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University, 2023 Spring

### Tutoring

- PY1006 Reasoning and Knowledge, University of St Andrews, 2015 Spring
- PY1010 Mind and World, University of St Andrews, 2015 Fall
- PY1012 Reasoning, University of St Andrews, 2016 Spring

## Professional Service

- 2015– : Leaf Editor for PhilPapers, “Metaphor”
- 2016 Fall: Convener for Arché Language and Mind Research Group
- June 2017: Organizer (with Poppy Mankowitz and Ashley Shaw) for Arché Slurring and Swearing Conference
  - Conference funding was awarded by Arché, Mind Association, Analysis Trust, Scots Philosophical Association, The Aristotelian Society (£6400 total)
- Administrative duties at Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University
  - 2022– : Member of the Faculty Management Committee
  - 2022– : Graduate Advisor
  - 2022– : Assistant Director of the Institute of Social Sciences
- Referee for *Inquiry*, *Erkenntnis*, *Analytic Philosophy*, *Felsefe Tartışmaları*, *Felsefe Arkivi*, *Kutadgubilig*, *FLSF*, *Posseible*

## References

- Dr. Derek Ball, University of St Andrews, db71@st-andrews.ac.uk
- Prof. İlhan İnan, Koç University, iinan@ku.edu.tr