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Education

- PhD English Literature, University of **Edinburgh** (2000)
Dissertation title: “The Joyful and the Woeful: A Study of Uncertainty in Meister Eckhart, Derrida and Pinter”
- MSc English Literature, University of **Edinburgh** (1996)
- B.A. honours English and American Literature, University of **Warwick** (1991)

Specializations

World Literature, Theories of World Literature and World History, Postcolonial, Religion and Literature, South Asian literature, Representations of Islam

Employment

Professor of World Literature, School of Foreign Service, **Georgetown University-Qatar**, 2013-
promoted to Full Professor at Georgia State University, Atlanta, **USA** in 2011-13
Associate Professor of Postcolonial Literature at Georgia State University, Atlanta, **USA** 2008-2010
part-time instructor at Europa-Universität Viadrina, **Frankfurt Oder**, 2006-8
part-time instructor at John F. Kennedy Institut, Freie Universität, **Berlin** 2006
Assistant Professor at Bogaziçi University, Istanbul, **Turkey** 2001-5
Research year in Bihar, **India** 2000
Assistant Professor of English Literature, Erciyes University, Kayseri, **Turkey** 1998-2000
Graduate Teaching Assistant, Edinburgh University, **Scotland** 1997-8
Language tutor, Università di Bari, **South Italy**, 1991-5

Publications

A) books

1. Almond, I. (2004) *Sufism and Deconstruction: A Comparative Study of Ibn 'Arabi and Derrida*. London/New York. Routledge. 166 pp.

-reviewed in *International Journal of Middle Eastern Studies* 38:1 (2006); *Literature and Theology* 20:4 (2006); *Journal of Muhyiddin Ibn 'Arabi Society* 38:1 (2006); *Monthly Review (US)* 58:7 (2006); *Journal of the History of Sufism* 5 (2007); *Heythrop Journal* 50:4 (2009); *Journal of Islamic Thought and Civilization* 1:1 (Spring 2011); *Philosophy East and West* 62:2 (2012); *Radikal Kitap* (10.12.12); *Radikal* (6.3.2013); *Yeni Safak* (16.1.2013); *Milestones* (27.12.2017 - review essay by Richard Wood); *Sacred Web* 39 (2017)

• translated into **Arabic** (Cairo: National Center for Translation, 2011), **Persian** (Teheran: Parseh Books, 2012), **Turkish** (Ayrinti Kitab, 2013), **Indonesian** (Jakarta: Mizan Publika, 2014) and **Albanian** (Logos-A Publications: Macedonia, 2017)

2. *The New Orientalists: Postmodern Representations of Islam From Foucault to Baudrillard*. (2007) London/New York. I.B. Tauris. 228pp.

-reviewed in *Journal for Cultural and Religious Theory* 9:3 (Fall 2008 – by Carl Raschke); *Mostar Dergisi* 54 (2008); *Lebanon Daily Star* (15/10/07); *Ansamed* (Oct2007); *Weekendavis* (15/10/07); *Abstracta Iranica* 31 (2008) ; *Prilozi za orijentalnu filologiju* vol. 59 (2010); *Yearbook of Muslims in Europe* vol.3 (2011); *Journal of Islamic Thought and Civilization* 1:1 (Spring 2011); *ejtimae* (28.12.12); *Kitapzaman* (8.12.2013); *Yeni Safak* (13.1.2014); *Islam Arastirmalari Dergisi* vol.31 (2014); *Bilge Strateji Dergisi* 6:11 (2014); *al-mustaqbal al-'arabi* 431 (2015); *Payam Aftab* (16.4.16); *International Journal for Arabic Linguistics and Literature Studies* (7.6.2020)

•translated into **Arabic** (Takween, Kuwait City, 2025) and **Turkish** (Pinhan Yayincilar, 2013)

3. *Two Faiths , One Banner: When Christians Marched With Muslims Across Europe's Battlegrounds* (2009) Harvard University Press (US) / I. B. Tauris. (UK)

-reviewed in *Journal of Religion* 90:1 (2010); *International Journal of Baudrillard Studies* 7:2 (2010); *Journal of Military History* 74:2 (2010); *The Tablet* (25/4/09); *US Publishers Weekly* (3/9/09); *Svenska Dagbladet* (19/5/09); *The Australian* (14/11/09); *Journal of Ecumenical Studies* (2010) ; *Nationalities Papers* 38: 4 (2010 – by Hans Köchler); *Asian Affairs* vol. 41 (2010); *Canadian Journal of History* (2011); *Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations* 21:4 (2010); *British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies* 37:3 (2010); *Journal of World History* 22:3 (2011); *World History Connected* 8:1 (2011); *Yearbook of Muslims in Europe* vol.3 (2011); *Muftab*

(16/5/12); *Sud-ost Forschungen* 69/70 (2010/11); *Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History* 13:4 (2012); *Kitap Zamani* (1.3.2013); *Vatankitap* (15.4.2013); *Religious Studies Review* 39:2 (2013); *al-roeya* (Egypt – 9.10.2014); *Washington Post* (25.1.2016); *The Independent* (UK – 26.1.2016)

•translated into **Arabic** (Beirut: Dar al-‘arabiya ‘alam nashrun, 2014), **Turkish** (Dogan Kitaplar, 2013) and **Korean** (Mizah books, 2010)

4. *History of Islam in German Thought From Leibniz to Nietzsche* (London/New York: Routledge, 2009)

-reviewed in *Monatshefte* 102:4 (2010); *Literature and Theology* 24:4 (2010); *German History* (Routledge) 28:2 (2010); *Pregled* (University of Sarajevo journal November 2009); *Glasnik* no. 11-12(2009); *Reviews in History* 880 (2010); *Sophia* 50:3 (2011); *Yearbook of Muslims in Europe* vol.3 (2011); *Journal of Islamic Studies* 23:2 (2012); *Inceleyen* 11 (19.6.2012); *The Modern Language Review* 107:3 (2012); *European History Quarterly* 44.1 (2014)

• translated into **Arabic** (Madarata: 2017), **German** (Frank & Timme: 2017), **Bosnian/Serbo-Croat** (El Kalem: Sarajevo, 2019) and **Turkish** (Istanbul: Ketebe, 2024)

5. *The Thought of Nirad C. Chaudhuri: Islam, Empire and Loss* (Cambridge University Press, 2015)

-reviewed in *Society of Contemporary Thought and the Islamicate World Review* (24.1.2017); *Wasafiri* no.89 (Spring 2017); *South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies* 41 (Sept 2018)

•translated into **Bengali** (UPL Press: Dhaka, 2019)

6. *World Literature Decentered: Beyond the “West” Through Turkey, Mexico and Bengal* (New York: Routledge 2021)

-reviewed in *Gulf Times* (18.6.21); *Beshara* no. 19 (Summer 2021); *New Perspectives on Turkey* (2022); *Journal of Postcolonial Writing* (March 2023); *Comparative Critical Studies* 20:1 (2023); *Daily Star* (by Kaiser Haq – 23.04.2023); *Journal of Mediterranean Studies* 23:1 (2024)

•translated into **Turkish** (Istanbul: Vakifbank, 2025)

B) articles in journals and chapters in books

Journals published in include *PMLA*, *Harvard Theological Review*, *ELH*, *New Literary History*, *Radical Philosophy*, *Philosophy and Literature*, *Journal of European Studies*, *Eighteenth Century Studies*, *Ariel*, *Journal of Commonwealth Literature*, *Philosophy East and West* and *Medieval Philosophy and Theology*.

51. “Some Brief Reflections On The Function of Myth in Agha Shahid Ali’s *The Country Without A Post Office*.” in *Crossroads* (forthcoming 2025)

50. “Armenians in Modern Turkish Literature: The Ghost Stories of Orhan Pamuk” – *Journal of Modern Literature* 47:2 (2024)

49. “Meister Eckhart on Merchants, Commerce and the Idea of Exchange” in *Meister Eckhart Jabrbuch* vol. 17 (2023) pp145-171

48. "Disappearing in the Ecstasy of History: Armenians and the Monocultural Sublime in Modern Turkish Literature" - *PMLA* 137:5 (October 2022)
47. "Representing the Representers: Non-Western Depictions of Orientalists and Orientalism in Turkish, Mexican, and Bengali Writing" in *Journal of Commonwealth Literature* (2020)
46. "Looking at Myth in Modern Mexican Literature" in Sandy Rao Mehta (ed), *Language and Literature in a Glocal World* (Springer, 2018) pp139-160
45. "Decentering World Literature: The Ghost Story in Mexican, Turkish and Bengali fiction" in *The Comparatist* no.71 (January 2017)
44. "Sufism, Secularism and Communism in Modern Turkish Poetry: The Persistence of the Mystical in the work of Nazim Hikmet and Orhan Veli." in *Journal of Turkish Literature* (April 2015)
43. "Five Ways of Deconstructing Europe" in *Journal of European Studies* 44:1 (March 2014)
- translated into Bosnian/Serbo-Croat as "Pet nacina dekonstruisanja Evrope", *Forum Bosnae*, 61-62/13(2013): 54-74.
 - Translated into Russian as "пять способов деконструкции Европы /pyat' sposobov dekonstruktsii Yevropu" in pluriversum.org 19.2.2014
 - reprinted in *Belgrade Journal for Media and Communication* 2:3 (2013)
42. "Messianic Themes in South Asian Literature: Reading Bibhutibhushan Banerji in the light of Agamben" in *Journal of Cultural and Religious Theory* 12.3 (2013)
41. "British and Israeli Assistance to U.S. Strategies of Torture and Counter-insurgency in Central and Latin America 1967-96" in *Journal of Critical Globalisation Studies* 6:2013
- translated into Russian "Как либеральные демократии создавали эскадроны смерти/ Kak liberal'nye demokratii sozdavali èskadrony smerti" in geopolitika.ru 10.10.2013
 - reprinted in English in *Journal of Eurasian Affairs* 1:1 (2013)
 - translated into Portuguese as "Assistência Britânica e Israelense às Estratégias Americanas de Tortura e Contra-Insurgência na América Latina" in legiovictrix.co.uk 18.6.2015
 - reprinted a 2nd time in katehon.com 2.2.2016
40. "Anti-Capitalist Objections to the Postcolonial: Some Conciliatory Remarks on Zizek and Context" in *Ariel* 43.1 (2012)
39. "Four Ways of Reading the Work of Nirad C. Chaudhuri: A Case Study of a Postcolonial Conservative" in *Orbis Litterarum* 66:6 (2011)
38. "Deconstructing Luther's Islam: The Turk as Curse or Cure?" in *Yearbook of Muslims in Europe* vol.3 (E.J. Brill, 2011)
- translated into Bosnian/Serbo-Croat in *Predstavljanja Islama U Zapadnjackoj Misli* (CNS: Sarajevo, 2011) pp17-52
 - reprinted in English in *Representations of Islam in Western Thought* (CNS: Sarajevo, 2011) pp19-65

-translated into Turkish in *İslam ve Batılı Düşünürler üzerine Yazılar* (Nirengi Kitap: Ankara, 2013)

37. "Melancholy, Ghostliness and Economy in the Short Fiction of Amit Chaudhuri" in *Journal of Postcolonial Writing* 46: 2(2010).

36. "Two Versions of Islam and the Apocalypse: The Persistence of Eschatology in Schlegel, Baudrillard and Žižek." in *Routledge Journal of Cultural Studies* 2009 13:3/4

-reprinted in A. Bradley (ed), *The Messianic Now: Philosophy, Religion, Culture* (Routledge, 2011)

-translated into Bosnian/Serbo-Croat in *Sarajevo Notebooks*

-translated a 2nd time in Bosnian/Serbo-Croat in *Predstavljanja Islama U Zapadnjackoj Misli* (CNS: Sarajevo, 2011) pp185-203

- translated into Turkish in *İslam ve Batılı Düşünürler üzerine Yazılar* (Nirengi Kitap: Ankara, 2013)

35. "Kipling's Islam and its Problems" in A.F. Mathew (ed), *Some Essays on Postmodernism, Globalization and the Media* (Ahmedabad: MICA Press, 2008)

34. "Terrible Turks, Bedouin Poets and Prussian Prophets: The Shifting Place of Islam in Herder's Thought". *PMLA* 2008 (January 123:1) pp57-75

-translated into Turkish online as "Herder: Arap Fantazileri Olarak İslam" in <https://www.posttruthdergi.com/herder-arap-fantazileri-olarak-islam/> (Jan 2023)

33. "Suffering in Silence - or in English: A Review of Amin Malak's *Muslim Narratives and the Discourse of English* and Ramu Nagappan's *Speaking Havoc: Social Suffering and South Asian Narratives*" (review essay) in *Modern Fiction Studies* 53:3 (2007)

32. Leibniz, Historicism and the Plague of Islam. *Eighteenth Century Studies* 39:4 (2006)

- translated into Turkish in *İslam ve Batılı Düşünürler üzerine Yazılar* (Nirengi Kitap: Ankara, 2013)

-translated into Turkish a second time online as "Leibniz, Tarihselcilik ve İslam Vebası" at <https://www.posttruthdergi.com/leibniz-tarihselcilik-ve-islam-vebasi/> (Feb 2023)

31. Rogues of Modernity: Picaresque Variations in the Postcolonial Genre of the Enlightenment Missionary. *Orbis Litterarum*. 61:2 (2006).

30. Dissolving Indianness (Or, How Europeans Read Indian Fiction). *Orbis Litterarum* 60:2(2005)

29. The Madness of Islam: Foucault's Occident and the Revolution in Iran. *Radical Philosophy* 128 (December 2004)

-translated into Indonesian in *Nietzsche berdamai dengan Islam*,29-64

28. The Darker Islam within the American Gothic: Sufi Motifs in the Stories of H.P. Lovecraft.

Zeitschrift für Anglistik und Amerikanistik 3:3(2004)

- translated into Turkish in *Islam ve Batılı Düşünürler üzerine Yazılar* (Nirengi Kitap: Ankara, 2013)
- translated into Portuguese as "O Islã das trevas no gótico americano" in the Brazilian journal *Circulo de Giz* 1:1 (June 2015)
- translated into Russian as «ТЁМНЫЙ ИСЛАМ В АМЕРИКАНСКОЙ ГОТИКЕ: СУФИЙСКИЕ МОТИВЫ В РАССКАЗАХ Г. Ф. ЛАВКРАФТА» (fantlab.ru 25 February 2022)

27. 'All Bright and Glittering in the Smokeless Air': Wordsworthian Comparisons of the City with Augustine's *Civitas Dei* in V. Tinkler (ed), *Babylon or New Jerusalem? Perceptions of the City in Literature*, Rodopi Press, Atlanta (US) and Amsterdam, 2004.

26. On Re-Orientalizing the Indian Novel: A Case Study of Rohinton Mistry's *A Fine Balance* in *Orbis Litterarum* 59:3(2004)

25. Borges the Post-Orientalist: Images of Islam from the Edge of the West in *Modern Fiction Studies* 50:2 (2004)

24. The Imbalance of Islam: Muslims and Unhappiness in Vikram Seth's *A Suitable Boy*. *Journal of Commonwealth Literature* 39:1, (2004)43-53

- reprinted in Vikram Seth's *A Suitable Boy: An Anthology of Recent Criticism*, ed. M. Prasad (New Delhi: Pencraft International, 2005)
- translated into Serbo-Croat as "Neravnoteza islama u romanu Prikladan momak" and broadcast on Croatian Radio1
- translated into Turkish in *Islam ve Batılı Düşünürler üzerine Yazılar* (Nirengi Kitap: Ankara, 2013)

23. Experimenting with Islam: Nietzschean Reflections on Bowles' Araplina. *Philosophy and Literature* 28, (2004)98-112

- reprinted in W. Chang (ed), *Beats Meets East* (Sichuan University Press: Chengdu, China, 2006)
- translated into Turkish in *Islam ve Batılı Düşünürler üzerine Yazılar* (Nirengi Kitap: Ankara, 2013)
- reprinted a 2nd time in *Short Story Criticism*, vol. 98 (2007)

22. Postcolonial Melancholy: An Examination of Sadness in Amitav Ghosh's *The Shadow Lines*. *Orbis Litterarum* 59:2, (2004)90-99

- reprinted in M. Prasad (ed), *Amitav Ghosh's The Shadow Lines* (New Delhi: Pencraft International, 2008)
- reprinted a second time in B. Choudhury (ed), *Amitav Ghosh Critical Essays* (New Delhi: PHI Learning, 2009)

21. The Meaning of Infinity in Sufi and Deconstructive Hermeneutics: When Is An Empty Text an Infinite One? *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 72:1, (2004) 97-117

20. Derrida and the Secret of the Non-Secret: On Re-Spiritualizing the Profane. *Literature and Theology* 17:4, (2003)457-471

19. Religious Echoes of the Errant Text: Darker Shades of Derrida's Pathless Way. *The Heythrop Journal* 44:3, (2003) 294-304

18. The Shackles of Reason: Sufi/Deconstructive Opposition to Rational Thought. *Philosophy East and West* 53:1,(2003) 22-31
17. Mullahs, Mystics, Moderates and Moghuls: The Many Islams of Salman Rushdie. *ELH* 70:4, (2003)1137-1151
- reprinted in *Contemporary Literary Criticism Select* vol. 191 (2004)
 - reprinted a 2nd time in *Twentieth Century Literary Criticism* vol.166 (2005)
16. Islam, Melancholy and Sad, Concrete Minarets: The Futility of Narratives in Orhan Pamuk's *The Black Book*. *New Literary History* 34:1, (2003)75-90
- reprinted in *Contemporary Literary Criticism Select* (Gale Group) vol. 185
15. Nietzsche's Peace With Islam: My Enemy's Enemy Is My Friend. *German Life and Letters* 55:1,(2003) 43-55
- translated into Turkish in *Dogu Bati* 7:25
 - reprinted in Turkish in *Dinbilimler* 31:5
 - reprinted in English in *Representations of Islam in Western Thought* (CNS: Sarajevo, 2011) pp67-88
 - translated into Bosnian/Serbo-Croat in *Sarajevo Notebooks*
 - translated a second time in Bosnian/Serbo-Croat in *Predstavlanja Islama U Zapadnjackoj Misli* (CNS: Sarajevo, 2011) pp67-89
 - translated into Indonesian as "Nietzsche Berdamai dengan Islam" in *Nietzsche berdamai dengan Islam*, 1-28
 - republished in Turkish online in www.itaatsiz.org 11.6.2020
 - republished in Turkish online a second time in *Gazete Demokrat* 1.07.2020
 - translated into Turkish a third time as "Nietzsche'nin İslam ile Barışı" in <https://www.posttruthdergi.com/nietzschenin-islam-ile-barisi/> (March 2023)
14. The Honesty of the Perplexed: Derrida and Ibn 'Arabi on Confusion. *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 70:3, (2002)515-538
- translated into Arabic for www.sudaneseonline.com (October 2009)
 - republished in webislam.com (27.2.2012)
13. The Appalling Richness of Reticence: Silence in the Work of Natalia Ginzburg. *Italian Quarterly* 39:151/2, (2002) 27-34
12. Different fragments, Different Vases: A Neoplatonic Commentary on Benjamin's "The Task of the Translator". *The Heythrop Journal* 43:2, (2002) 185-198
11. Lessons from Kipling and Rao: How To Re-Appropriate Another Culture. *Orbis Litterarum* 57:4, (2002) 275-287
10. Dreams of Arabia, Tales of Buddha: Joyce and Images of the East. *Orbis Litterarum* 57:1,(2002) 18-30
- translated into Turkish in *Sosyal Bilimler Enstitüsü Dergisi* 15: 2003
 - translated in Bosnian/Serbo-Croat in *Predstavlanja Islama U Zapadnjackoj Misli* (CNS: Sarajevo, 2011) pp89-96
 - reprinted in English in *Representations of Islam in Western Thought* (CNS: Sarajevo, 2011) pp89-

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- translated into Turkish a 2nd time in *Islam ve Batılı Düşünürler üzerine Yazılar* (Nirengi Kitap: Ankara, 2013)

9. Divine Needs, Divine Illusions: Preliminary Remarks Towards A Comparative Study of Ibn 'Arabi and Meister Eckhart. *Medieval Philosophy and Theology* 10,(2001) 263-282

-reprinted in *Journal of Muhyiddin Ibn 'Arabi Society* (2009)

-translated into Russian as Предварительные замечания к сравнительному изучению Майстера Экхарта и Ибн аль-Араби/ Предvaritel'nye zamečanija k sravnitel'nomu izučeniju Majstera Èkharta i Ibn al'-Arabi in *Philosophy of Religion: Analytic Researches* 2:1 (2018) pp30-49

8. Darker Shades of Malgudi: Solitary Figures of Modernity in the Stories of R.K. Narayan. *Journal of Commonwealth Literature* 36:2, (2001) 107-116

7. Chekhovian Overtones in Early Joyce: Some Brief Remarks on 'Araby' and 'The Kiss'. *Orbis Litterarum* 56:5,(2001) 367-377

6. "Larkin and the Mundane: Mystic without a Mystery" in *New Larkins for Old*, ed. James Booth (London: Macmillan, 2000 and New York: St Martin's Press, 2000)

5. How *Not* To Deconstruct A Dominican: Derrida on God and 'Hyper-Truth'. *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 68:2, (2000) 329-343

4. Absorbed into the Other: A Neoplatonic Reading of *The Birthday Party*. *Literature & Theology* 14:2, (2000)174-187

3. Doing Violence Upon God: Nonviolent Alterities and their Medieval Precedents. *The Harvard Theological Review* 92:3, (1999) 325-347

2. Derrida and Negative Theology: A Poststructuralist Reading of Meister Eckhart. *The Heythrop Journal* 40:2, (1999)150-165

1. Tlön, Pilgrimages and Postmodern Banality. *The Bulletin of Hispanic Studies* 75:2, 229-240 (1998)

-reprinted in *Short Story Criticism* vol.41 (2001)

C: Co-Authored Articles

1. "'Islam, Turks and Armenians in *The Forty Days of Musa Dagh*: A Postcolonial Approach to Franz Werfel" with Adile Aslan in *Orbis Litterarum* (forthcoming)

D: Selected Writings Re-Printed/Translated in Other Volumes:

1.Ian Almond, *Representations of Islam in Western Thought* (CNS: Sarajevo, 2011) – selected essays reprinted in English.

2.Ian Almond, *Predstavljanja Islama U Zapadnjackoj Misli* (CNS: Sarajevo, 2011) – Selected essays translated into Bosnian/Serbo-Croat.

3. Ian Almond, *Nietzsche berdamai dengan Islam*, (Kepik Ungu: Depok, 2011) – selected essays translated into Indonesian.

4. Ian Almond, *Islam ve Batili Düşünürler üzerine Yazılar* (Nirengi Kitap: Ankara, 2014) – selected essays translated into Turkish

E: Encyclopaedia entries

-Entry on Leibniz in John Cheshworth (ed), *Christian-Muslim Relations. A Bibliographical History. Volume 14 Central and Eastern Europe (1700-1800)* Leiden: E. J. Brill, 2020

Book Reviews

-Kaiser Haq's *The New Frontier* (poems) in *Asiatic* 18:1 (June 2024)

-Laura Doyle's *Inter-Imperiality* (Duke UP, 2020) in *Comparative Literature* (December 2022)

-Irfan Ahmad's *Religion as Critique* (UNC Press, 2017) in *Politics, Religion & Ideology* (2019) 20:4

-Nergis Erturk's *Grammatology and Literary Modernity in Turkey* (Oxford University Press, 2011) in *SCTIW Review*, July 28, 2015. <http://sctiw.org/sctiwreviewarchives/archives/659>

-Ranjan Ghosh's *Globalizing Dissent: Essays on Arundhati Roy* (Routledge, 2009) in *Ariel* (forthcoming)

-Arthur Bradley's *Negative Theology and Modern French Thought* (Routledge, 2004) in *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* September (2005)

-Denys Turner's *The Darkness of God: Negativity in Christian Mysticism* (Cambridge University Press, 1995) in *World Studies in Christianity* (1999)

Scholarships/Fellowships/Awards/Achievements.

-my books and articles have been translated into thirteen languages (Arabic, Albanian, Bengali, Bosnian/Serbo-Croat, French, German, Korean, Indonesian, Russian, Polish, Portuguese, Persian, Turkish)

-the Arabic translation of my book *Sufism and Deconstruction* was shortlisted (one of 7) for the largest literary prize in existence, the Sheikh Zayed Book Prize (2011 – the first prize is worth \$200,000)

-awarded over \$240,000 of Faculty Research Grants (Qatar Foundation) and Conference Grants during period 2013-25 in conjunction with Georgetown University-Qatar.

-listed in the global top 2 percent of most cited researchers by a 2024 Stanford University study (J.P.A. Ionnadis, "Updated Science-Wide Author Databases")

-the Korean translation of my book *Two Faiths One Banner* won the Book of the Month award (Korean Ministry of Sport and Entertainment, 2011)

- over thirty expenses-paid invitations to lecture in Europe/the US/the Middle East/India (see below)-and many others declined

-over 1400 citations on Google Scholar

-\$5,000 summer research award from Georgia State University in 2009

- \$4,000 K. Blundell Trust award in 2007 for book project from the Society of Authors

- \$40,000 US dollars in research awards during the period 2001-2005 from the Bosphorus/Bogaziçi University Research Trust

-Faculty prize two years running (2002/3) for coming first in the entire faculty's publications evaluation (Bosphorus University)

-Edinburgh University Teaching Fellowship award during second year of my PhD (\$5000)

-Cowan House Fellowship from Edinburgh University 1996-8 (free University accommodation for two years)

-Warwick University Exchange Scholarship for the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana for my second undergraduate year (1989)

-Edinburgh University Lewis Edwards Award for Creative Writing (won twice 1997, 1998, amounting to 2500 US dollars)

Organisations/Official Affiliations

-I have worked in Washington with the British Council, the UN Alliance of Civilizations and the Prince AlWaleed Bin Talal Center in as a member of the Common Ground initiative (2011)

-I have also worked with the British Council in the former Yugoslavia (Slovenia and Bosnia) on lecture tours and consciousness raising in Sarajevo (2011)

-I have worked as a consultant and guest lecturer for the Prime Minister's Office of the Turkish Government (2012)

-I have been involved with major research institutes like the Open University (UK) and the Wissenschaftskolleg (Berlin)

-I have worked together with the Center for Arab Studies in Georgetown University and the U.S. Department of Education

Professional Activities

-I have served as a referee for manuscript proposals to publishers such as Cambridge University Press, Routledge, Ashgate, Continuum, Palgrave, Bloomsbury Press, SUNY Press, Routledge India and Syracuse University Press

-I have served as a referee for articles submitted to *PMLA*, *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, *Sophia*, *Journal of Critical Globalisation Studies*, *Latin American and Caribbean Ethnic Studies*, *Journal of Postcolonial Writing*, *Journal of Religion*, *Journal of American Cultural Studies*, *The Heythrop Journal*, *Journal of Comparative Literature*, *Ariel*, *Political Theology*, *Philosophy East and West*, *Mosaic*, *Journal of South Asian Studies*, *Life Writing*, *Oxford Bibliographies*, *Clio*, *New Perspectives on Turkey*, *Interventions*, *Cambridge Review of International Affairs*, *Otherness*, *Modernism/Modernity*, *The Review of Politics*, *African Studies*

-I have also evaluated research proposals for HERA (Humanities in the European Research Area)

-I have been invited as an external referee for PhD/tenure candidates in Babson College (Boston, US), Lancaster University (UK), Monash University (Australia), SOAS (London), Stockton University (New Jersey), Sabanci University (Istanbul), Universite de Fribourg (Switzerland), UMT Lahore (Pakistan), Northwestern University-Qatar, Bogazici University (Istanbul), Koc University (Istanbul) and Doha Institute of Graduate Studies (Qatar).

Online Journalism:

I have been a contributor to media organisations and websites such as Al Jazeera, Times Higher Education, Middle East Eye, Counter Punch and Political Theology Network.

-“Why Do US Campuses Tolerate Debt Bondage On Their Qatar Campuses?” (co-authored with Karl Widerquist) in *Times Higher Education*, February 21st 2024

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/blog/why-do-us-universities-tolerate-debt-bondage-their-qatar-campuses>

-“The Danger of conflating anti-semitism with anti-Zionism” in *Al Jazeera*, 12th August, 2018

<https://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/opinion/danger-conflating-anti-zionism-anti-semitism-180812094500385.html>

-trans. into Bosnian/Serbo-Croat

- “Is there room for critical thinking in Islam?” in *Al Jazeera*, 6th April 2018.

<https://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/opinion/room-critical-thinking-islam-180406080925909.html>

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Conferences\Guest Lectures:

Invited (flight/accomodation/expenses paid):

-invited to give keynote at Media and Representation conference by Lady Sri Ram College, **Delhi** 23rd March, 2025

-invited to give a keynote speech at English Language and Literature conference in Ibra, **Oman** 22nd February, 2025 by University of Hawaii at Hilo and Asharqiya University, Oman

-invited to give a talk on “Literary Theory and Social Theory” to the Sociology Department of Ibn Haldun University at Başakşehir (**Istanbul**) on 18th December, 2023

-invited to give a talk on “World Literature Decentered” at Koç University (**Istanbul**) on 13th December, 2023

-invited to give a talk on “Capital and Mysticism” at the Comparative Literature Department in the Doha Institute for Graduate Studies (**Qatar**), 17th April 2023; gave the same talk again, online, for LUMS/Lahore University of Management Sciences, 20th February, 2023 (**Pakistan**), and again, in person, for the English Department of Georgia State University (**Atlanta, US**) on 4th May, 2023

-invited to give a talk on “Sufism and Capital” at Marmara University, **Istanbul** 9th November, 2022

-invited to give a talk on “Exchange and Excess in Eckhart” for the Meister Eckhart Gesellschaft at the **University of Vienna**, October 18-22 2022

-invited to give a talk on “World Literature Decentered” at Mela House/Mela Huset, Oslo, **Norway** on September 29th, 2022

-invited to give a talk on “Sufism and Capital” at NYU-Abu Dhabi, **UAE** 22nd September, 2022

-invited to give a talk on Franz Werfel and Islam at the University of **Strasbourg**, April 21st, 2022 (eventually had to give it on zoom)

-invited to give a talk on “The Enlightenment as Global Phenomenon” at The Center for Contemporary Arab Studies, Georgetown University, **Washington DC** 5th-9th August, 2019

-invited to give four lectures at summer school of Faculty of Islamic Studies, Islamic University of Science and Technology, Srinagar, **Kashmir**, India 24th June 2018, and also a further lecture on “Nietzsche and Islam” at the Iqbal Institute of Culture and Philosophy (Kashmir University)

-invited to give plenary lecture at Nietzsche Society Conference, **Bath**, UK 1st-3rd September, 2017

-invited to give a talk on “Approaches to World Literature” for the One Asia Foundation at the Universidad de Complutense, **Madrid** March 28th 2017

-invited to give keynote speech at Annual Conference on Language and Linguistics, Sultan Qaboos University, Muscat, **Oman** November 3-5th 2016

-invited to give a talk on “Islam in Latin America” at Williams College, **Massachusetts**, 27th February 2015

-invited to give keynote lecture at Bosnia Media Forum, Mostar , **Bosnia** 30th July 2013

-invited to give a series of video lectures on Islam at Hijaz College, Nuneaton, **Birmingham** UK 5th June 2013

-invited to give a talk on “Five Ways of Deconstructing Europe” to the Georgetown University in Qatar at Doha, **Qatar** 1st February 2013

-invited to participate in symposium on “Cultural Eschatology” organized by the Department of English at **Lancaster University** UK Sept 21-22 2012

-invited to give a talk on “British and Israeli torture in Latin America 1963-1997” by Amnesty International at **Berry College**, Rome, Georgia 15th November 2011

-invited to give a public address on Islam and Europe by the Turkish Prime Minister's Office in **Istanbul**, Turkey, May 8th 2012 - I gave this talk at Istanbul Sehir University, Middle East Technical University (**Ankara**) and Erciyes University (**Kayseri**)

-invited to hold a seminar on my book *The New Orientalists* at The Open University (Milton Keynes, **UK**) February 8th-10th 2012

-invited to give a talk on “Zizek, Postcolonial thought and Anti-Capitalism” at the University of North

Bengal, Siliguri, **India** 18th July 2011

-invited by the British Council (USA) to give a talk at the symposium “Deconstructing the Clash of Civilizations” Georgetown University, **Washington** 21st May 2011

-invited by George Mason University (**Washington**) to participate in History workshop 7th May 2011

-invited to give a lecture on *Two Faiths, One Banner* at the English Dept of Aarhus University, **Denmark**, 23rd November 2010

-invited by the British Council to give a week’s series of lectures on representations of Islam in the West at the University of Sarajevo, **Bosnia** and the University of Ljubljana, **Slovenia** 23rd-30th May, 2010

-invited to give a talk on Nazim Hikmet and Orhan Veli at Bilge University, **Istanbul**, 14th -18th September 2009

-invited to give a talk on Hegel and Islam at the Islam and Modernity workshop, Theology Faculty, **University of Copenhagen**, 23-25th September 2008

-invited to give a paper on "Meister Eckhart and Ibn 'Arabi" at the Ibn 'Arabi Symposium, Worcester College, **Oxford**, March 28th, 2008

-invited to present a paper "Keeping the Turks Out of Islam: Goethe's Ottoman Plan" at a workshop organised by the **Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin**, June 18-20th, 2007

-invited to give a talk on "Schlegel, Islam and Apocalyptic Time" at Georgia State University, **Atlanta**, USA, October 15th, 2007

and also presented this talk at a conference on Messianism at **Lancaster University, UK** (July 3-5th, 2007).

-invited to give a talk on "Iraq and the Hegelian Legacy of Zizek's Islam" at Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, **Virginia**, USA 20th January 2006.

and presented this talk again to the English Department at Middle East Technical University, Ankara, **Turkey** 28th September 2006

-invited to give a talk on "Narratives and the Postmodern" at the MICA Institute for Communications, Ahmedabad, **India**, March 15th 2005

Normal (non-honorarium/standard conference) presentations:

-gave a talk on “Capitalism and Mysticism: Looking at Money and Commerce in Medieval Mystical Traditions – the Case of Kabbalah” at Georgetown University **Qatar** 28th November, 2024

-presented “The Ghost Story and Social Mobility in Mexican Literature” in 23rd Annual Conference of Mexicanistas at UC-Irvine 5th-7th May 2016, Irvine, **California**, USA

-presented “The Ecstatic Emptiness of Islam: Baudrillard’s Last Hope Against the New World Order” at the Diversity Conference in the University of California at **Los Angeles**, LA 7th-10th July, 2004

and presented this paper again this time at the conference “The Postmodern Challenge” at Kogakuin University, **Tokyo** March 11th -13th 2004

-presented “Experimenting with Islam: Nietzschean Reflections on Bowles’ Araplaina” at the Beat Meets East conference held by Sichuan University in Chengdu, **China**, June 2-5 2004

-presented “Derrida and Islam: The Peoples of the Book” at the MLA conference in **New York**, USA on the 27 December 2003

-presented “Wordsworthian Comparisons of the City with Augustine’s *Civitas Dei*” at the conference The City in Literature, held at the University of Leiden, **Holland** in September 1997

Courses Designed and Taught

Over 11 years at Georgetown University Qatar, my average ‘overall’ teaching evaluation from students for 28 courses has been **4.7** out of a possible **5**.

Georgetown University (Qatar)

INAF 1010 Pro-Seminar: Religion and Capitalism
 CULP 2377 South Asian Film and Fiction
 ENG 2550 World Cinema
 INAF 100 Anti-Colonial and Decolonial World Literature
 CULP 045 Theorizing Culture and Politics
 WRIT 014 Mexico: Culture, History, Politics
 WRIT 015 The Critique of Capitalism
 ENGL 380 Mexico, Turkey and Bengal: Parallel Literatures, Parallel Modernities
 HUMW 13 Latin American Culture, History, Politics
 ENGL 043 Introduction to Critical Theory
 CULP 349 Honors Thesis Writing
 ENGL 215 Modern Turkish Literature
 ENGL 384 South Asian Literature
 CULP 389 Anti-capitalism in Film, Faith and Literature
 ENGL 070 Approaches to World Literature
 ENGL 373 Capitalism and Mysticism
 ENGL 214 Turkish & Armenian Literature

Over 5 years at Georgia State University, my average ‘overall’ teaching evaluation from students for fifteen courses was **4.6** out of a possible **5** (department average 4.5; university average 4.1)

Georgia State University

ENGL 2110 World Literature (a course I taught every other semester for 5 years)
 ENGL 3940 British Literature 1900-45
 ENGL 3720 20th Century British Poetry
 ENGL 3040 Introduction to Critical Theory
 ENGL 4200 Anti-capitalism in Film, Faith and Literature

Graduate:

ENGL 8050 Postcolonial Theory

ENGL 8900 South Asian Literature
ENGL 9000 Zizek

Centre for Languages at the Europa-Universität Viadrina (Frankfurt Oder)

SS O7 Introduction to Migration Theory (taught in conjunction with Prof. Schiffauer - texts by Bourdieu, Butler, Spivak and Said)
India: Its People, Languages, Cultures (general introduction for undergrads - Ghosh, Rushdie, Naipaul, Narayan)

At the John F. Kennedy Institut/ Freie Universität in Berlin

SS 06 - Islam in American Literature (from Emerson to the Beats)

At Bogaziçi University (Istanbul)

Postgraduate:

CCS 511 Cultural and Critical Theory – Foucault, Zizek, Kristeva, Baudrillard
EL 509 Postcolonial Indian Fiction
EL 580 Images of Islam in Western Literature - with emphasis on 19th century British/French

Undergraduate:

PHIL 416 Derrida – undergrad course covering mainly early Derrida
PHIL 496 Islam in Western Thought – undergrad course covering images of Islam from Leibniz and Kant to Foucault and Nietzsche
LIT 406 James Joyce
LIT 495 Islam in Modern Indian Fiction (Raja Rao, Tagore, Ghosh, Seth)
LIT 494 Modern Italian Fiction (Pavese, Svevo, Pirandello, Calvino)
EL 409 Late English Romanticism
LIT 211 Chaucer
CL 220 Classical Civilization (Greek tragedy, comedy, Latin poetry)
EL 112 Western Civilizations (undergrad history course)

At Erciyes University (Kayseri, Turkey)

EL 212 Modern English Novel (Conrad, Stevenson, Woolf, Greene)
EL 315 History of Criticism (Aristotle to Twentieth Century)

Service

At Georgetown University (Qatar)

-Curriculum Committee, Research Grant Committee, Strategic Vision Committee, Research Colloquium Committee, Merit Evaluation Committee, Annual Conference Committee, Hiring Committee for New Positions, Culture and Politics Curricular Chair

at Georgia State University:

-Graduate Committee, Evaluation of the Chair Committee (08/09), Research Enhancement Committee, Executive Committee, Promotion and Tenure Committee

at College level

-Bye-Laws Committee

at Senate level

-Committee for Sustainable Development, Committee for Library Services

in Germany at the Sprachezentrum, Europa-Universität Viadrina (Frankfurt Oder):

-participated in exam construction and course design committees for Intermediate and Advanced level English courses

-worked on committee to design inter-disciplinary language course on Immigration studies with Prof. Werner Schiffauer

-at Alice Salomon Fachhochschule für Sozialarbeit, worked on committee to construct new English course for social studies students – with particular attention to linguistic needs of sociology and social work contexts

-assisted on various committees to arrange the marking and evaluation of university language exams

in Turkey:

-re-designed Masters in Cultural Studies courses for Bosphorus University in my last year (2005)

-supervised over seventy undergraduate theses at same university (2001-2005) and advised on a number of Masters/PhD theses

-at both Bosphorus University and Erciyes University, I assisted in a number of conferences, including the Oya Basak Shakespeare Conference, the PALA Challenging the Boundaries conference, the 5th Annual Seminar on American Literature.

-Editor for the Social Sciences Institute (Sosyal Bilimler Enstitüsü) at Bosphorus/Bogaziçi University, 2001-5 – in charge of the proofreading of English-language Phd and Masters theses

Languages Spoken:

Fluent: German, Italian, Turkish

Strong Intermediate: Spanish, French and Hindi

Intermediate: Bengali and Arabic

Can read in over twelve languages, including Hebrew, Latin and Greek.

Voluntary Activities in Free Time

-worked as a live-in volunteer in the Catholic Worker House For Homeless Families, Champaign-Urbana, Illinois during the summer of 1989

-worked on a regular basis as a helper and personnel organiser at the Homeless Shelter of the Order of Mother Theresa, Bari, South Italy 1992-4

-taught English on a voluntary basis at the Madonna English High School in Darbhanga, Bihar, India and at various other places in 2000

-taught English for free at a socialist co-operative learning centre (run by a Turkish-Kurdish student group) in the 1 Mayıs Mahallesi, Umraniye, Istanbul during the summer of 2005

-worked as a volunteer at the Peachtree/Pine Shelter (Task force for the Homeless) in Atlanta, USA (2008-2012) as part of my Presbyterian church

-taught English for free to cleaning workers as part of HELP program at Georgetown University-Qatar (2013-18)

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