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Education

University of California, Irvine

Irvine

PHD STUDENT IN PHILOSOPHY

2024-

- Pursuing Ph.D. Emphasis in Global Studies
- Pursuing Ph.D. Emphasis in Critical Theory

Bilkent University

Ankara

MA PHILOSOPHY

2022 - 2024

- Advisor: Dr. Jonathan D. Payton
- MA Thesis: 'A Fictionalist Social Ontology'

Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University

Istanbul

BA PHILOSOPHY

2017-2021

- Undergraduate Research Advisor: Dr. Alper Yavuz
- BA Thesis: 'Naming of Fictional Characters and Their Identities'

Publications

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

- Bakka, E.** (forthcoming). Social Normativity Without Realism: A Fictionalist Challenge. *Philosophy of the Social Sciences*.
- Bakka, E.** 2021. The Relation Between Names and Pretended Names in Kripke's Analysis of Fiction. In: *Cilicia Philosophy Journal* (2), pp. 36-53. (Turkish)

BOOK CHAPTERS

- Bakka, E.** 2024. Saul Kripke: *Identity and Necessity*. In: *Analytic Philosophy: A Reading Guide for Selected Essays*. Ed. by Cem Kamözüt and Umut Morkoç. Çanakkale: Akademim Yayınevi. (Turkish)

PUBLIC ARTICLES

- Bakka, E.** 2022. Kripke's Ontology of Fiction and Fictional Anti-Realist Identity Arguments. In: *Öncül Analytic Philosophy Journal* (1), pp. 130-156. (Turkish)
- Bakka, E.** 2021. Thoughts on Graham Harman's Object-Oriented Ontology. *Öncül Analytic Philosophy Journal*, online. (Turkish)
- Bakka, E.** 2021. Against the Legitimization of Animal Testing: Evaluation of Justification of Animal Testing. *Mimar Sinan Fine Art University Philosophy Blog*, online. (Turkish)
- Bakka, E.** 2020. The Problem of History of Philosophy: Against Michael Huemer. *Öncül Analytic Philosophy Journal*, online. (Turkish)

Teaching Experience

Fall 2026 **Introduction to Philosophy**, Teaching Assistant
Summer
2026 **Introduction to Philosophy**, Teaching Assistant

Irvine, CA

Irvine, CA

Presentations

CONTRIBUTED PRESENTATIONS (PEER-REVIEWED)

- Bakkal, E.** 2026. A Disjunctivist Account of Social Scientific Explanation 2026. Social Science Roundtable 2026: Virginia Tech, Virginia, the USA.
- Bakkal, E.** 2025. A Fictionalist Social Ontology. Social Ontology 2025: Trinity College Dublin, Dublin, Ireland.
- Bakkal, E.** 2025. A Fictionalist Social Ontology. 50th Annual Meeting of the Society for Exact Philosophy: University of California, Davis, California, the USA.
- Bakkal, E.** 2025. A Fictionalist Social Ontology. The 2025 Syracuse Philosophy Graduate Conference: Syracuse University, Syracuse, the USA.
- Bakkal, E.** 2024. A Fictionalist Social Ontology. Social Ontology Faces the Future: Boğaziçi University, İstanbul, Turkey.
- Bakkal, E.** 2024. Comparison of Individual and Group Translations. Social Ontology Faces the Future: Boğaziçi University, İstanbul, Turkey.
- Bakkal, E.** 2024. Conceptual Analysis and Social Concepts. Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University Graduate Conference: Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University, İstanbul, Turkey. (Turkish)
- Bakkal, E.** 2024. Can Social Construction Be Reduced to A Doxastic Attitude? The Second Graduate Philosophy Workshop. Online.
- Bakkal, E.** 2023. Social and Metasocial Propositions. The 11th European Congress of Analytic Philosophy: Vienna University, Vienna, Austria.
- Bakkal, E.** 2023. A Doxastic Approach to Social Scientific Explanation. Philosophy Students' Symposium 2023: University of Maribor, Maribor, Slovenia.
- Bakkal, E.** 2023. The Role Of Critical Thinking in Socially Defective Contexts. XII. Logic Workshop by Turkish Logic Society: Atatürk Kültür Merkezi Başkanlığı, Ankara, Turkey. (Turkish)
- Bakkal, E.** 2022. Inferences from Metafictional Propositions. XI. Logic Workshop by Turkish Logic Society: Kastamonu Üniversitesi, Kastamonu, Turkey. (Turkish)
- Bakkal, E.** 2019. An Analysis of Oedipus Rex from the Perspective of Informal Logic. Undergraduate Philosophy Conference: İstanbul University, İstanbul, Turkey. (Turkish)

INVITED TALKS

- Bakkal, E.** A Fictionalist Social Ontology. Graduate Talk Series: University of California, Irvine Philosophy Department, California, the USA.
- Bakkal, E.** 2023. Comparing Mind-Dependence and Mind-Independence Perspectives on Social Kinds. Work in Progress: Bilkent University Philosophy Department, Ankara, Turkey.
- Bakkal, E.** 2023. In Defense of Abstract Creationism: A Response to Stuart Brock. Work in Progress: Bilkent University Philosophy Department, Ankara, Turkey.
- Bakkal, E.** 2021. What is Conceptual Engineering and How does it Affect Our Problems?. İstanbul Science Festival: İstanbul, Turkey. (Turkish)
- Bakkal, E.** 2020. The Main Concepts in Metaphilosophy and The Potentiality of Normative Metaphilosophy. Association of Philosophy Students in Turkey: Online. (Turkish)

Awards, Fellowships, & Grants

2024–2026	Fulbright Ph.D. Grant for Turkish Citizens , Fulbright Program	Up to 110,000\$
2024–2026	Philosophy Department Travel Bursary (x3) , University of California, Irvine	500\$
2026	Honorarium , Virginia Tech	250\$
2025	A. Melden Bursary , University of California, Irvine	500\$
2025	Summer Funding Fellowship , University of California, Irvine	3,000\$
2024	Summer Funding Fellowship , University of California, Irvine	3,000\$
2022–2024	Graduate Research Fellowship , Bilkent University	
2023	2224-A Scholarship for Participation in International Scientific Activities , Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye (TÜBİTAK)	1,300€

Outreach & Professional Development

2023	The 11th European Congress of Analytic Philosophy , Student Assistant	Vienna
	Political Legitimacy and Basic Hypothetical Consent by Niels de Haan in Social Ontology in Political Philosophy Conference , Moderator	Ankara
	Interview with Stephanie Collins on Social Ontology , published in 9th issue of <i>Öncül Analytic Philosophy Journal</i> , Interviewer and Translator	Ankara
2022	Bilkent PhilFest'22 , Bilkent University, Conference Officer	Ankara
	Bilkent Online Philosophy Dictionary , Translator	Ankara
2021	Language and Communication: Humankind and Bees by Dr. Ömer Aygün , <i>Öncül Philosophy Journal</i> , Moderator	Online
	Stoicism in Roman Empire by Dr. C. Cengiz Çevik , Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University, Conference Organizer	Online
	Creating Philosophy Blog for Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University Philosophy Club , Creator	Online
	The Single Thought in Arthur Schopenhauer's The World as Will and Representation by A. Onur Aktaş , Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University, Conference Organizer	Online
	Can The Mind Be Reduced to the Physical? by Dr. Tufan Kıymaz , Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University, Conference Organizer	Online
	Ancient Greek Philosophy , Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University, Seminar Organizer and Moderator	Online
	Tractatus in 100. Years: Century Old Ladder by Dr. Umut Morkoç , <i>Öncül Philosophy Journal</i> , Conference Organizer and Moderator	Online
	Language and Meaning in Tractatus by Dr. Dilek Arlı Çil , Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University, Conference Organizer and Moderator	Online
	Critical, Multidimensional and Creative Thinking by Assoc. Dr. Nazif Muhtaroglu , <i>Öncül Philosophy Journal</i> , Conference Organizer and Moderator	Online
	Online Philosophy Dictionary Project , Bilkent University, Translator	Online
2020	Academic Writing by Dr. Alper Yavuz , Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University, Workshop Organizer	Istanbul
2019	The Ancient Greek Philosophy , Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University, Seminar Organizer	Istanbul
	Is Math Invented or Discovered? by Can Gürses , Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University, Conference Organizer	Istanbul
	World Philosophy Day Undergraduate Philosophy Conference , Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University, Conference Organizer	Istanbul
	Critical Thinking by Assoc. Dr. Nazif Muhtaroglu , Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University, Workshop Organizer	Istanbul
	Sensus Communis: The Aesthetics Foundation of Being Communal by Dr. Emine Sarıkartal , Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University, Conference Organizer	Istanbul

Work-in-Progress

An article on Anscombe, Wittgenstein and practical rationality (R&R).

Translation of *The Ant Trap: Rebuilding the Foundations of the Social Sciences* by Brian Epstein (editor)

Languages

Turkish native, **English** advanced

References

Simon Wigley (wigley@bilkent.edu.tr)

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