

Ayşe Seda Umul

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Research Interests: feminist epistemology; epistemic injustice; social and political philosophy; philosophy of gender; social ontology; metaphysics of gender; queer theory

Education

Bilkent University MA Philosophy (2024-2026)

- Graduated on 27 January 2026
- cGPA: 3.37/4.00

Middle East Technical University BA Philosophy (2019-2024)

- cGPA: 3.55/4.00
- Graduated with High Honours

Ari Anatolian High School (2015-2019)

- Diploma Grade: 91.87/100

Research Experience

Masters Thesis

- Title: Who is Misogyny for?
- Supervised by Asst. Prof. Mary Katrina Krizan, Bilkent University
- Critically examines Kate Manne's framework for misogyny, assesses its intersectionality and unity in relation to the hostilities faced by queer people.
- Argues Manne's account fails intersectionality due to its narrow geographical focus, commitment to the gender binary, and omission of transmisogyny.
- Concludes by considering and rejecting misandrogyny and contends that the philosophical literature currently lacks a systemic account of queer oppression.

Conferences & Presentations

The Meaning of Misogyny (30 June - 1 July 2026)

- Presentation Title: The Meaning of Misogynist: An Internal Critique of Manne
- Accepted for presentation, will present at the University of Manchester.

GAP-12: Pathways to Truth (8-11 September 2025)

- Presentation Title: Who is Misogyny For? Reclaiming Feminist Theory with Queermisia in the Age of Reactionary Politics
- Accepted for presentation, but unable to attend due to unforeseen circumstances.

Diversity Reading List 10th Anniversary Conference (2-4 July 2025)

- Presentation Title: Who is Misogyny For? The Case for Queermisia in the New Dark Ages
- Received funding for my expenses.
- [Presentation Link](#)

‘What’s Next for Feminism?’ LSExSWIP 2025 Conference in Feminist and Gender Theory (29-30 May 2025)

- Presentation Title: Who is Misogyny For? The Case for Queermisia in the New Dark Ages
- Presented my research on the new framework I call queermisia, which aims to name and diagnose instances of hostilities, injustices, and marginalisation that queer individuals face under cisheteropatriarchy.
- [Presentation Link](#)

Lisbon Conference on Feminist Epistemology: An Interdisciplinary Dialogue (28-29 October 2024)

- Presentation Title: Structural Gaslighting in Patriarchal Societies: The Marginalisation of Queer Identities in Turkey
- Presented my research on how structural gaslighting aims and functions to further marginalise queer individuals with a focus on how it happens in Turkey.
- [Presentation Link](#)

Scholarships & Fundings

MA Philosophy

- I received a full scholarship for my MA at Bilkent University.
- The scholarship included all school fees and a monthly stipend.

Diversity Reading List 10th Anniversary Conference Funding

- I was awarded £1000 for my conference expenses.

Awards & Honours

- Graduated with High Honours, BA Philosophy, Middle East Technical University
- Multiple High Honour distinctions during undergraduate study

Work Experience

Graduate Researcher, Bilkent University, Department of Philosophy (January 2024 - Present)

- Bilkent University, Department of Philosophy
- Conducted independent original research.
- Proctored departmental and non-departmental exams.

Memberships

SWIP-TR (Society for Women in Philosophy in Turkey)

- Since Spring 2024

Languages

- English (C2)
- Turkish (Native)
- German (A1)