Ayşe Seda Umul

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Research Interests: social ontology; feminist epistemology; social and political philosophy; philosophy of sex, gender, & sexuality; queer theory; political philosophy of language

Education

Bilkent University MA Philosophy (2024-2026)
- cGPA: 3.37/4.00

Middle East Technical University BA Philosophy (2019-2024)
- cGPA: 3.55/4.00

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 analyses Kate Manne's account of misogyny in terms of its success in meeting the goal of being a unified and intersectional account by considering cases including people outside of the gender binary.
- Argues her assumption of the gender binary and omission of transmisogyny from her account, among other things, leads her account to not meet its stated goals.
- Concludes by considering and rejecting misandrogyny and emphasises the need for a systemic unified account of queer oppression.

Conferences & Presentations

"The Meaning of Misogynist: An Internal Critique of Manne," ***The Meaning of Misogyny,*** **University of Manchester, UK** (30 June - 1 July 2026)

"Who is Misogyny For? Reclaiming Feminist Theory with Queermisia in the Age of Reactionary Politics," ***GAP-12: Pathways to Truth*****, Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf, Germany** (8-11 September 2025)

"Who is Misogyny For? The Case for Queermisia in the New Dark Ages," ***Diversity Reading List 10th Anniversary Conference*****, University of Manchester, UK** (2-4 July 2025)

"Who is Misogyny For? The Case for Queermisia in the New Dark Ages," *'What's Next for Feminism?' LSExSWIP 2025 Conference in Feminist and Gender Theory,* London School of Economics, UK (29-30 May 2025)

"Structural Gaslighting in Patriarchal Societies: The Marginalisation of Queer Identities in Turkey," *Lisbon Conference on Feminist Epistemology: An Interdisciplinary Dialogue*, University of Lisbon, Portugal (28-29 October 2024)

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 Award

- I was awarded £1000.

The Meaning of Misogyny Conference Award

- I was awarded £300.

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)

- Conducted independent original research.
- Proctored departmental and non-departmental exams.

Languages

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