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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, Türkiye
- 2012 July: Theories of Communication, International Summer School in Cognitive Sciences and Semantics, Riga, Latvia
- 2008–2012: MA in Philosophy, Boğaziçi University, İstanbul, Türkiye
 - Thesis title: “On the Rigidity of General Terms”
 - Advisor: Prof. İlhan İnan
- 2007–2008: MSc in Computer Science (discontinued), Galatasaray University, İstanbul, Türkiye
- 2006–2007: French Preparatory Year, Galatasaray University, İstanbul, Türkiye
- 2000–2006: BSc in Computer Science, Yıldız Technical University, İstanbul, Türkiye

Employment

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

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

- 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

- Alper Yavuz (2007). "Bergson'un 'Metafiziğe Giriş' Adlı Yazısı Üstüne Bir İnceleme". In: *Felsefelogos* 33–34, pp. 199–206 ["A Study on Bergson's 'Introduction to Metaphysics'"]
- 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"]
- Alper Yavuz (2019). "Etkileşimci Metafor Kuramının Eleştirisi". In: *Kilikya Felsefe Dergisi* 1, pp. 1–14 ["Criticism of the Interactionist Theory of Metaphor"]
- 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"]
- Alper Yavuz (2022). "'Mantık ve Konuşma' Üzerine". In: *Posseible: Felsefe Dergisi* 11.1, pp. 51–70 ["On 'Logic and Conversation'"]
- 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

- 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"]
- 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"]
- 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"]
- Alper Yavuz (2023). "Ömer Naci Soykan". In: *Cumhuriyetimizin 100. Yılında 100 Felsefecimiz*. Ed. by Nihat Durmaz. Vol. 2. Ankara: Nobel, pp. 169–181
- Alper Yavuz (2024). "W. V. Quine - 'Deneyimciliğin İki Dogması'". In: *Analitik Felsefeyi Tanımak Seçilmiş Metinler Üzerine Okuma Rehberi*. Ed. by M. Cem Kamözüt and Umut Morkoç. Çanakkale: Akademim, pp. 35–56 ["W. V. Quine – 'Two Dogmas of Empiricism'"]

Reviews

- Alper Yavuz (2024). “A Referential Theory of Truth and Falsity”. In: *The Philosophical Quarterly* 74.2, pp. 703–707
- Alper Yavuz (2025). “The Pervasiveness of Metaphors and Analogies, in and out of Science”. In: *Metascience* 34, pp. 191–194

Translations (Eng-Tur)

- Bertrand Russell (2015). “Gönderim Üzerine”. Trans. by Alper Yavuz. In: *Felsefe Tartışmaları* 49, pp. 55–71 [Bertrand Russell – “On Denoting”]
- 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”]
- 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

- “A Pragmatic Theory of Metaphor”, Open Minds XI Student Conference, University of Manchester, Manchester, UK, 12/2015.
- “Metaphors and Slurs”, Arché Slurring and Swearing Conference, St Andrews, UK, 06/2017
- “A New Conception of What-Is-Said”, ECAP9: European Congress of Analytic Philosophy, Munich, Germany, 08/2017
- “Frege’nin Özel Ad Kuramındaki Sonsuz Gerileme Sorunu”, VIII. Mantık Çalıştayı, Zonguldak, Türkiye, 05/2018 [“An Infinite Regress Problem in Frege’s Theory of Names”]
- “A Problem in Frege’s Theory of Names”, Arché 20th Anniversary Conference, St Andrews, UK, 06/2019
- “Metaphor and Interaction”, Koç University Philosophy Club Seminar, Online, 04/2021
- “Wittgenstein’da Söylemek Göstermek Ayrımı”, XI. Mantık Çalıştayı, Kastamonu, Türkiye, 05/2022 [“Saying and Showing Distinction in Wittgenstein”]
- “Müzikteki Metafor”, Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University Musicology Department, İstanbul, Türkiye, 05/2023 [“Metaphor in Music”]
- “Reference and Truth”, ECAP11: European Congress of Analytic Philosophy, Vienna, Austria, 08/2023
- “Tümce Gönderimi ve Değilleme”, 10. Çağdaş Siyaset Felsefesi Sempozyumu, Antalya, Türkiye, 10/2024 [“Sentential Reference and Negation”]
- “Phrasal Implicatures”, Boğaziçi University Philosophy Colloquium, İstanbul, Türkiye, 04/2025
- “Phrasal Implicatures”, Middle East Technical University Philosophy Colloquium, Ankara, Türkiye, 04/2025
- “Metaphorical Expression in Music”, The 99th Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association, Glasgow, UK, 07/2025
- “Frege’nin Doğru’su ve Yanlış’ı”, I. Ulusal Mantık Sempozyumu, Denizli, Türkiye, 11/2025 [“Frege’s Truth and Falsity”]
- “Frege’s Theory of Fiction”, Symposium on the 100th Anniversary of Gottlob Frege’s Death, İstanbul, Türkiye, 12/2025

Teaching

Lecturing

Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University

- FEL118 Sembolik Mantık [Symbolic Logic], 2025, 2026
- FEL231 Descartes, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023
- FEL209 Bilgi Felsefesi [Epistemology], 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025
- FEL442 Dil Felsefesinde Güncel Tartışmalar [Current Discussions in Philosophy of Language], 2019
- FEL212 Metafizik [Metaphysics], 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2025
- FEL405 Dil Felsefesi [Philosophy of Language], 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025
- FEL238 Modern Dillerde Felsefe Metinleri [Philosophical Texts in Modern Languages II], 2021
- FEL348 İleri Mantık [Advanced Logic] 2026
- FEL524 Çağdaş Dil Felsefesi Tartışmaları [Contemporary Discussions in Philosophy of Language], 2021
- FEL532 Kurgu Felsefesi [Philosophy of Fiction], 2022
- FEL500/6000 Seminer [Seminar], 2023
- FEL534 Bilgisel Adaletsizlik [Epistemic Injustice], 2023
- FEL538 Dil Felsefesinde Toplumsal Politik Tartışmalar [Social and Political Discussions in Philosophy of Language], 2024
- FEL544 Söz Edimleri Kuramı [Speech Act Theory], 2026

Tutoring

University of St Andrews

- PY1006 Reasoning and Knowledge, 2015
- PY1010 Mind and World, 2015
- PY1012 Reasoning, 2016

Professional Service

- 2015–present : 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
 - 2022–2024 : Graduate Advisor
 - 2022–present: Member of the Faculty Management Committee
 - 2022–2024: Assistant Director of the Institute of Social Sciences
 - 2024–present: Vice Chair of the Department of Philosophy
- Referee for *Inquiry*, *Erkenntnis*, *Analytic Philosophy*, *Philosophies*, *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