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EDUCATION

University of St Andrews, St Andrews and Stirling Graduate Programme (SASP) 2025- Present
Master of Philosophy (MPhil) in Philosophy

Koç University, College of Social Sciences and Humanities 2020 – 2025
Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, *first of the class, second of the faculty (summa cum laude)*
Graduated with an area GPA of 4.0 / 4.0, and a cumulative GPA of 3.96 / 4.0

Koç University, College of Social Sciences and Humanities 2020 – 2025
Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, *second of the faculty (summa cum laude)*
Graduated with an area GPA of 3.93 / 4.0, and a cumulative GPA of 3.96 / 4.0

Koç University, College of Administrative Sciences and Economics 2020-- 2025
Track Certificate [Equivalent to a Minor] Programme in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE)
Graduated with an area GPA of 4.0 / 4.0, and a cumulative GPA of 3.96 / 4.0

Ludwig Maximilian University (MCMP), Munich Autumn 2023
Erasmus Exchange Student

STATEMENT OF RESEARCH INTERESTS

My primary research interests are in the *philosophy of logic*. I am interested in the demarcation problem of logicity. Particularly, that of modal operators. I work on how to extend the invariance criteria of logicity of first-order operators to those of modal logics. My secondary interests are in the *philosophy of mathematics* and *metaphysics*, broadly construed.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

- [1] Atakan, Ümit Ege. 2025. 'What Is A Logical Notion?: Invariance Under Potential Isomorphisms and its Extension to Modal Logic.' *Logos: The Undergraduate Journal of Philosophy at Cornell University* 21: 65-74. <https://bpb-us-e1.wpmucdn.com/blogs.cornell.edu/dist/6/8621/files/2025/09/Logos-Journal-Volume-XXI-Spring-2025.pdf>
- [2] Atakan, Ümit Ege. 2025. 'I Do Not Exist, Never Existed, and Shall Never Exist.' *Prokopton: Undergraduate Journal of Philosophy at Bilkent University* 6: 21-28. <https://prokopton.bilkent.edu.tr/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/Atakan2025.pdf>
- [3] Atakan, Ümit Ege. 2024. 'A Merleau-Pontian Critique of Sartrean Philosophy of Negation.' *Journal of French and Francophone Philosophy* 32, no. 1/2: 110–120. <https://doi.org/10.5195/jffp.2024.1051>

- [4] Atakan, Ümit Ege. 2023. 'How is Sociological Knowledge Possible? Influences of Kantian Epistemology in Max Weber's "Verstehende Soziologie" and the Problem of Objectivity.' *Reinvention: an International Journal of Undergraduate Research* 16, no. 1: 58–72. <https://doi.org/10.31273/reinvention.v16i1.1187> (published by the University of Warwick)
- [5] Atakan, Ümit Ege. 2022. 'Ontological Understanding of Truth, Perspective and Morality in Nietzsche the Anti-Relativist.' *Aletheia: Texas A&M Journal of Undergraduate Philosophy* 6: 27–37. https://issuu.com/tamu.aletheia/docs/aletheia_fall_2021_edition_final/27

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

[1] University of Cambridge, UK

Nineteenth Annual Cambridge Graduate Conference on Philosophy of Mathematics and Logic.

Presentation Title: 'What Is A Logical Notion?: Invariance Under Potential Isomorphisms and its Extension to Modal Logic' **24-25 January 2026**

[2] Vilnius University, Lithuania

3rd Logic and Philosophy Conference. [forthcoming]

Presentation Title: 'Going Beyond the Logicality Orthodoxy: An Attempt to Extend First-Order Invariance to Modal Bisimulations Using Potential Isomorphisms' **22-23 May 2026**

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Koç University, Istanbul, Turkey

As an Undergraduate Teaching Assistant:

- PHIL 338: Philosophy of Mind **Spring 2025**
 - EQUR 121: Introduction to Symbolic Logic **Autumn 2021 – Spring 2023**
- (*Empirical and Quantitative Reasoning Core Program*)

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- Second Ranking Student Award in CSSH Faculty, Koç University **Spring 2025**
 - Top Ranking Student Award in Sociology, Koç University **Spring 2025**
 - Erasmus Study Mobility Grant, Koç University **Autumn 2023**
 - Fiat Italia Summer Study Abroad Grant, Koç University **Summer 2023**
 - Vehbi Koç Scholar Award recipient for five consecutive academic years **2020 – 2025**
- (*granted each academic semester by Koç University for students with a SPA greater than 3.75/4.00*)

SEMI-PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Koç University, Philosophy Club, Board Member. **2021- 2023**
Koç University, Ergon: An Undergraduate Philosophy Journal, Editorial Board Member. **2021 – 2023**

OTHER SKILLS AND INTERESTS

Languages: Turkish (Native), English (Fluent), Italian (Fluent), German (B1)

Computer: MS Office Programmes, IBM SPSS, LaTeX.

Other Interests: Tennis and Theatre.

In my earlier life, I was a semi-professional actor. Between 2016 and 2018, I performed on stages throughout Istanbul, Turkey. During my high school years, I published articles on theatre theory. I wrote about diverse acting methods, especially those of Stanislavski, Brecht, and Grotowski.

REFERENCES

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