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## ● ABOUT ME

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Master's student in Theoretical Philosophy at Ruhr University Bochum, working at the intersection of philosophy of mind, AI ethics, inner speech, self-knowledge, and human–AI interaction. My current work examines how generative AI may reshape first-person authority, self-articulation, autonomy, and judgment. I also have professional experience in software development, which informs my philosophical work on digital cognitive environments.

## ● EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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10/2024 – 08/2026 Bochum, Germany

**MASTER OF ARTS, PHILOSOPHY** Ruhr University Bochum

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### Master's Thesis — in progress

Supervisor: Prof. Albert Newen, Ruhr University Bochum

My thesis investigates how the Self-Memory System (SMS) and self-organization interact in depression. It develops an account of how normally revisable self-narratives can become self-confirming through distorted retrieval, rumination, and autobiographical incorporation. The project connects questions about selfhood, affective cognition, agency, and the conditions under which reflective judgment becomes constrained.

**Field of study** Theoretical Philosophy | **Final grade** Current grade average: 1.1 |

**Thesis** From Retrieval Distortion to Rigid Selfhood: Depression and the Self-Memory Cycle

31/08/2014 – 19/07/2019 İstanbul, Türkiye

**PHILOSOPHY UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION BA** İstanbul 29 Mayıs University

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**Field of study** Philosophy | **Final grade** GPA: 3.40/4.00

## ● RESEARCH INTERESTS

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AI ethics; philosophy of mind; human–AI interaction; AI companions; inner speech; first-person authority; autonomy and judgment; self-knowledge; affective dependence; relational normativity; cognitive technology.

## ● CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

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05/05/2026 Faculty of Arts and Humanities, University of Porto, Porto, Portugal

**6th International Conference on Philosophy of Mind: Artificial Intelligence (6ICPH)**

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### Conference Presentation

**“Outsourced Articulation: Inner Speech and First-Person Authority after Generative AI”**

6th International Conference on Philosophy of Mind, Porto, Portugal, May 2026.

Presented a paper on the relation between inner speech, AI-mediated articulation, and the risk that fluent generative systems may substitute ready-made verbal clarity for the agent's own reflective labour of articulation.

## ● SELECTED ACADEMIC WORK

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- **“Outsourced Articulation: Inner Speech and First-Person Authority after Generative AI.”** Manuscript in preparation, co-authored with Robert W. Clowes.

- **“From Retrieval Distortion to Rigid Selfhood: Depression and the Self-Memory Cycle”** — MA thesis in progress.

## ● SKILLS

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### Programming and Data Tools

programming: Python, MATLAB and SQL | Microsoft Excel | Javascript(Nodejs, ExpressJs) | Javascript (VueJS - ReactJS) | Git, Git Hub, SVN

### Academic Skills

Editorial Work | draft scientific or academic papers and technical documentation | Literature Review Analysis

## ● WORK EXPERIENCE

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### SOFTWARE DEVELOPER – PIERMTTP – 12/2023 – 06/2024 – ISTANBUL, TÜRKIYE

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- Developed web features using JavaScript, jQuery, PHP Blade templates, and data-visualization tools. Integrated ApexCharts for visual representation of energy-optimization results.

### SOFTWARE DEVELOPER – YORK&CHAPEL – 02/2023 – 11/2023 – VANCOUVER, CANADA

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- Worked as sole developer on a Learning Management System. Implemented state-management improvements, optimized performance, and collaborated with stakeholders to translate project requirements into functional web applications.

## ● LANGUAGE SKILLS

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Mother tongue(s): **TURKISH**

Other language(s): **TOEFL - IBT / ENGLISH-C1 ( 95 ) / TEST DATE: 17.04.2024 | GERMAN-A2**