

Ahmet Aktaş | Curriculum Vitae

Personal Information

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Education

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| 2023 - | Purdue University, Department of Philosophy, PhD |
| 2021 - 2023 | Middle East Technical University, Department of Philosophy, MA Thesis Title: <i>Precarious Necessity: Deleuze and the Theory of Thought</i> Committee: Corry Shores, Daniel Smith, Barış Parkan |
| 2016 - 2021 | Boğaziçi University, Department of Philosophy, BA |
| 2020 - 2021 | Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, UFR10, Erasmus, |

Fellowships and Awards

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| 2023-2025 | Fulbright PhD Scholarship (worth \$100.000) |
| 2021-2023 | The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK) 2210/E Graduate Scholarship |
| 2016- 2021 | The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK) 2205 Undergraduate Scholarship , (supporting the best 0,4% of Turkish students) |

Publications

Articles & Philosophical Writings

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| Under Review | Time and Thinking: Deleuze's Critical Revival of Metaphysics, <i>Deleuze and Guattari Studies</i> |
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- Under Review Was Spinoza a Deleuzian? Rethinking Emotions, Affects and the Powers of Mourning, *Theory Culture and Society*.
- 2023 [Thrown into the World, Attached to Love: On the Forms of World-Sharing and Mourning in Heidegger](#). Human Studies (2023). Online First. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10746-023-09701-6>
- 2023 “Bir Ders Arası Sohbeti: Değer mi Hiç?”, co-authored with Sibel Nisan Namlı, in *Gençlerle Başbaşa: Felsefenin Bahçesinde* by Yıldız Silier, Yordam Kitap, 2023. (A philosophical Essay in the form of dialogue discussing cynicism, appeared in one of the sections dedicated to the essays authored by students in a book by Yıldız Silier).
- 2021 “[Moby Dick: A Spinozist Tritone Fugue](#)”, in *ThinKnow Magazine*, vol 2, pp. 23-27.
- 2018 “[A Critical Assessment of Spinoza’s Theory of Affect: Affects, Beliefs, and Human Freedom](#)” (in Turkish), in *Beytulhikme An International Journal of Philosophy* 8 (1), 2018, pp. 251-272.

Literary Writings & Translations into Turkish

- 2024 (Forthcoming) Carol Ann Duffy, [Alem’in Karısı, Translation: Ahmet Aktaş 160. Kilometre Yayınları](#). (Turkish Translation of Carol Ann Duffy’s famous poetry collection *World’s Wife*).
- 2022 Turkish translation of “[12 Poems by Iryna Shuvalova](#)”, with Semiha Mengüllüoğlu, published online on www.160incikilometre.com.
- 2022 Turkish Translation of “[Communism and Poetry](#)” by Alain Badiou, in *Bu Çağ* (Bu Çağ Poetry Journal), vol. 2. pp. 1-5.
- 2022 “Becoming-Verb of Poetry” (“Şiirin Eylem Oluşu,” Essay in Turkish on a Deleuzian analysis of two eminent contemporary Turkish Poets, co-authored with Mehmet Avcı), in *Bu Çağ* (*Bu Çağ Poetry Journal*), vol. 2, pp. 9-11.
- 2021 “Revealing Gesture” (“Açımlayıcı Jest”, Essay in Turkish on contemporary movements in Turkish poetry), in *Bu Çağ* (*Bu Çağ Poetry Journal*), vol. 1, pp. 89-97.
- 2019 Turkish Translation of “Carol Ann Duffy: Interview by Andrew McAllister,” in *Natama Şiir ve Eleştiri Dergisi* (*Natama Journal of Poetry and Literary Criticism*), vol. 21, pp. 42-50.
- 2019 Turkish Translation of Carol Ann Duffy’s poem *Mrs Faust*, in *Natama Şiir ve Eleştiri Dergisi* (*Natama Journal of Poetry and Literary Criticism*), vol. 21, pp. pp. 39-41.

- 2019 “*The Poet of the Other: Carol Ann Duffy*” (An essay in Turkish on the poetry of Carol Ann Duffy), in *Natama Şiir ve Eleştiri Dergisi (Natama Journal of Poetry and Literary Criticism)*, vol. 21, pp. 36-38.

Presentations

- 2023 “Was Spinoza a Deleuzian: The first of Affect in Deleuze,” Purdue Philosophy Department, The Fall 2023 Graduate Symposium.
- 2017 [“Are Emotions Intentional? A Spinozist Inquiry”](#), Presentation delivered in Turkish at Middle East Technical University Undergraduate Philosophy Student Conference in Middle East Technical University(ODTÜ) on 10 December 2017.
- 2017 “A Critique of Spinoza’s Therapy Methods”, Presentation delivered in Turkish at “29th Philosophy Congress” organized by Istanbul University Philosophy Society, on 14 December 2017

Association Memberships

- [Spinoza Circle in Turkey](#)

Languages

Turkish (Native), English (Fluent), French (Advanced), Italian (Beginner)

Other Activities

- Founded Deleuze Research Group at Purdue University, 2023
- His poems (in Turkish) are published in several online and printed literary magazines such as *Natama*, *Şiiri Özlüyorum*, *dabaddest* and *Petroleus*.
- Served as Moderator in an “[An Author Meets Her Critiques](#)” meeting organized by the METU Philosophy Department
- Running a poetry translation [blog](#)
- Ran several reading groups in Social Science Society at Boğaziçi University
- A contributor of [Phil-Free Community](#), a community founded by philosophy students at Boğaziçi University which arranges open-classes to foster international solidarity with Boğaziçi Resistance.