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Continental Philosophy, Feminist Philosophy, Social and Political Philosophy, History of Turkish Thought.

Competence

Ethics, Aesthetics.

Academic Positions

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2014 – Present	Professor	Koç University, İstanbul, Türkiye
2010 – 2014	Professor	Galatasaray University, İstanbul, Türkiye
2002 – 2010	Associate Professor	Galatasaray University, İstanbul, Türkiye
1999 – 2002	Assistant Professor	Galatasaray University, İstanbul, Türkiye

Education

<i>Year</i>	<i>Degree</i>	<i>Field</i>	<i>Institution</i>
1998	Ph.D.	Philosophy	University of Memphis, US
1992	M.A.	Philosophy	Boğaziçi Üniversitesi, Türkiye
1990	B.A.	Philosophy	Boğaziçi Üniversitesi, Türkiye

Languages

English — Fluent

French — Fluent

German — Reading

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Selected Publications

- « "Phenomenology and Intersectionality," submitted to the Proceedings of the Critical Philosophy of Caste and Race.
- « Ricoeur's Philosophy of Subjectivity at the Face of Foucauldian Genealogy of Power. SOPHIA (2025). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11841-025-01061-1>
- « "Lived Experience and Affectivity in Fanon," *Eco-Ethica*, Volume 11 (2023): 177-186. (Analyzes Frantz Fanon's phenomenology of race, lived experience, and affectivity in colonial contexts).
- « "Critical Philosophy of Race as Political Phenomenology: Questions to Robert Bernasconi," *Comparative and Continental Philosophy*, Volume 9, Issue 2 (2017): 130-139.
- « Book Chapter: "The European Ideal at the Face of the Muslim Other," *Europe After Derrida*, edited by Bora Isyar, Edinburg University Press, 2013, pp. 134-48.
- « "Filozofların Irk Düşüncesinin Peşinde" (*Pursuing Philosophers' Thought on Race*), *Defter*, Sonbahar 2000, No: 41, pp. 187-206.

Selected Edited Books

- « *Ontologies of Sex: Philosophy in Sexual Politics*, Rowman and Littlefield International, 2020. (Focuses on gender, sexual politics, and ontologies of sex, drawing on feminist and postmodern theories).
- « *Cinsel Farkın İnşası (The Construction of Sexual Difference)*, Metis Yayınları, 1st imprint March 2018, 3rd imprint 2021. (Examines the philosophical construction of gender and sexual difference).
- « Edited Book (*Turkish*): *Cinsiyetli Olmak: Sosyal Bilimlere Feminist Bakışlar (Gendered Being: Feminist Perspectives on Social Sciences)*, Edited by Zeynep Direk, YKY, June 2007 (5th edition 2015).

Selected Journal Articles

- « "Simone de Beauvoir'da Ontolojik ve Etik Bir Kavram Olarak Muğlaklık" (*Ambiguity as an Ontological and Ethical Concept in Simone de Beauvoir*), *felsefelogos*, sayı 84, 2025/1, pp. 103-136.
- « "On Turkey's Withdrawal from the Istanbul Convention," *German Journal of Comparative Politics*, Volume 17 (2023): 413-432. (Critiques Turkey's withdrawal from the Istanbul Convention, focusing on gender violence and feminism).
- « "Politics of Shame in Turkey: Public Shaming and Mourning," *Sophia International Journal of Philosophy*, volume 59, no 1, (2020) pp. 39-56. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11841-020-00772-x>
- « "Türkiye'de Me-too Hareketine İlişkin Düşünceler" (*Thoughts on the Me-too Movement in Turkey*), siyasihaber6.org, 24 Aralık 2020.
- « "Confronting Domestic Violence in Turkey: Feminism and the Public Space," *Eco-Ethica*, Volume 8 (2019), pp.75-92. (Discusses feminist responses to domestic violence in Turkey).
- « "Fatma Aliye Hanım: Gender Debates in Turkey," *Asiatische Studien—Études Asiatique*, 2018, pp.693-716. (Examines early gender debates in Turkey through the works of a pioneering Ottoman feminist).
- « "<< Una Riposta Femminista a Violence et civilité »," *Jura Gentium, Journal of Philosophy of International Law and Global Politics*, Vol: XII (2015), pp.167-180.
- « "Une Réponse Féministe a Violence et Civilité d'Etienne Balibar," *Rue Descartes* (2015/2), pp.88-103.

- ❧ "Yakın Partner Şiddeti" (*Intimate Partner Violence*), AltÜst Dergisi, Cinsiyet Kimlikleri, Kadın hareketi, sayı 15, Haziran 2015.
- ❧ "Immanence and Abjection in Simone de Beauvoir," *The Southern Journal of Philosophy*, Volume 49, Issue 1 (2011), pp. 49-72.
- ❧ "Simone de Beauvoir: Abjeksiyon ve Eros Etiği," *Cogito*, sayı 58, Bahar 2009, pp. 11-38.
- ❧ "Adet Kanaması Tecrübesi: Sınırlar ve Ufuklar" (*The Experience of Menstruation: Limits and Horizons*), *Cogito*, sayı 37, Güz 2003, pp. 250-261.
- ❧ "Feminizm ve Felsefe, Derrida'nın Cinsiyet Farklılığı Sorusuna Yaklaşımı" (*Feminism and Philosophy: Derrida's Approach to the Question of Sexual Difference*), *Defter*, Bahar 1997, No: 30, pp. 87-99.

Selected Book Chapters

- ❧ "Irigaray ve Fallusmerkezcilik Sorunu" (*Irigaray and the Problem of Phallogocentrism*), in *Cinsiyet Nöbeti, Cumhuriyetin Yüzüncü Yılında Toplumsal Cinsiyet Tartışmaları*, Vadi Yayınları, 2025, pp. 345-363.
- ❧ "The Political Use of the Negative Affects: Shame," in *Gender Facets of Shame as a Resource*, edited by Elisabeth Vanderheiden and Claude-Helene Mayer, Springer, 2024, pp. 55-70.
- ❧ *Derrida İstanbul'da: Sekülerizm, Öteki ve Sorumluluk (Derrida in Istanbul: Secularism, Alterity, and Responsibility)*, Fol Yayınları, 1st imprint November 2022.
- ❧ Serpil Çakır und Zeynep Direk "§ 17. Geschlechterdebatten," *Grundriss der Geschichte der Philosophie, Philosophie in der islamischen Welt Band 4/2*, 19. Und 20. Jahrhundert: Türkei, Iran and Südasien, Herausgegeben von Anke von Kugelgen, Schwabe Verlag, Germany, 2021, pp. 868-895.
- ❧ "Simone de Beauvoir's Relation to Hegel's Absolute," in *Blackwell Companion to Simone de Beauvoir*, 2017, pp. 198-210.
- ❧ "Animality in Lacan and Derrida: The Deconstruction of the Other," *Sophia Journal of Philosophy*, 2017.
- ❧ "Queer Kuramı ve Cinsiyet Farklılığı" (*Queer Theory and Sexual Difference*), in *Cinsellik Muamması: Türkiye'de Queer Kültür ve Muhalefet*, Metis 2012, pp. 72-92.
- ❧ "Judith Butler: Toplumsal Cinsiyet ve Bedenin Maddeleşmesi" (*Judith Butler: Gender and the Materialization of the Body*), in *Cinsiyetli Olmak: Sosyal bilimlere Feminist Bakışlar*, YKY, June 2007, pp. 67-84.
- ❧ "Başkada Aynı Kalmak: Türk Başkalığını Felsefi Olarak Düşünmenin Yolları Üstüne" (*Remaining the Same in the Other: Ways of Philosophically Thinking Turkish Alterity*), *Toplumbilim*, Güz 2003, sayı 98, pp.