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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Philosophy of Religion

Lancaster University, England

Thesis: “The Manifestations of the Ultimate Reality in the Writings of John Hick and Seyyed Hossein Nasr” 1991-1995

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MA in History and Philosophy of Religion

King’s College London, England

1990-1991

B.A in Theology

Erciyes University, Turkey

1981-1986

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Philosophy of Religion

Religious Pluralism and Interreligious Relations

Islam and Modernity

Perennial Philosophy

Contemporary Problems of Islamic Thought

Problem of Evil

Interfaith Relations

EDITORIALSHIP

Member of the Editorial Board of *The Journal of Organizational Theory Review*

HONORS AND AWARDS

M.A and Ph.D. Scholarship from the Foundation of Religious Affairs of Turkey

WORK EXPERIENCE

Faculty Associate at the Department of Philosophy at Indiana University of South Bend	2018-
Adjunct Professor at the Department of Philosophy in Notre Dame University in South Bend Indiana.	
Dean of Humanities and Social Science, Suleyman Sah University, Istanbul	2011-2016
Professor of Philosophy of Religion,	
Professor at Department of Philosophy, in 29 Mayis University, Istanbul	2010-2011
Associate Professor at Center for Islamic Studies (ISAM), Istanbul	2005-2010
Researcher at Center for Islamic Studies (ISAM), Istanbul	1996-2005

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS IN ENGLISH

1. *Religious Pluralism in Christian and Islamic Philosophy: The Thought of John Hick and Seyyed Hossein Nasr*, London: Curzon Press 1998. (Book).
2. "Islam and Religious Pluralism" *The Islamic Quarterly* Vol. 40, No. 3, 1996
3. "Religions and The Concept of The Ultimate: An Interview" *The Islamic Quarterly* Vol.40, No.4, 1996
4. "Religion and Change", *Summer Academy for Processes and Counterprocesses of Modernisation*, Berlin Humboldt University, 14-24/06/ 1997
5. "The Fall and Overcoming of Evil and Suffering in Islam" in *The Origin and the Overcoming of Evil and Suffering in the World Religion*, ed. by Peter Koslowski, London: Kluwer Academic Publishers, 2001, p. 24-47.
6. "The Proposition of the World Religions about the Origin and Overcoming of Evil: An Attempt at a Synthesis from an Islamic Perspective" in *The Origin and the Overcoming of Evil and Suffering in the World Religion*, ed. by Peter Koslowski, London: Kluwer Academic Publishers, 2001, p.118-131.
7. "What is Wrong with This Concept of Religious Experience" *Islam and Christian Muslim Relations* Vol. 14. No: 3 July 2003.

8. "The Question of Ranking Religions" *Akademik Arařtırmalar Dergisi*, Sayı 15, Yıl 4, Kasım 2002- Ocak 2003, s. 107-121.
9. "The Concept of Ahl Al-Dhimma and Religious Pluralism" *The Islamic Quarterly* Vol.48, No.1, 2003
10. "Sophia Perennis" (preface) in *Situating the Bosnian Paradigm: The Bosnian Experience of Multicultural Relations* by Nevad Kahteran, New York: Global Scholarly Publications, 2008.
11. "Why the Muslim Community Has Maintained the Contextual Value of Morality?" *Islamic Quarterly*, Vo. 55, Num. 3, 2011, pp. 233-252.
12. "Interfaith Dialogue in the Context of New Theological Language and Fethullah Gulen" *Journal of Objective Studies*, Vol. 23, No. 2, 2011, pp. 69-87.
13. "Is Perennial Philosophy Able to Provide a Global Perspective?" *International Symposium of Philosophy Education and Contemporary Society: A Global Meeting of Chairs of Philosophy Departments*, Department of Philosophy at Peking University, Beijing, China, 27-29/10/2012, s. 1-10.

PUBLICATIONS IN TURKISH (Some Translations to German, Persian and Malay)

Books:

1. *Pluralismi Diniyye: Rehhayı Asuman, Kesret-i Edyan ez Nigah John Hick ve Seyyid Hüseyin Nasr*, terceme: İnşai Rahmeti, Tehran, İnteşirat Nakşı Cihan, 1375 (Persian Translation of Religious Pluralism in Christian and Islamic Philosophy).
2. *Menyingkap Kebenaran, Pluralisme Agama dalam Filsafat Islam dan Kristen Seyyed Hossein Nasr dan John Hick*
Translated by Bandung Alifya (Malay translation of Religious Pluralism in Christian and Islamic Philosophy)
3. *Dinler ve Hakikat: J. Hick ve S. H. Nasr'ın Felsefesinde Dinî Çoğulculuk*, Ankara: İSAM Yayınları, 2006.
4. *Tanrı'nın Varlığına Dair Argümanlar: Ateist Din Felsefesi Eleştirisi*, Ankara: İSAM Yayınları, 2006.
5. *Dinî Çoğulculuk, Ateizm ve Geleneksel Ekol: Eleştirel bir Yaklaşım*, Ankara: İSAM yayınları, 2010.
6. *Küreselleşmenin Neresindeyiz?* İstanbul: İnsan Yayınları, 2012.
7. *Din Felsefesine Giriş*. İstanbul: Ufuk Yayınları, 2015

Book Chapters

1. "Sündenfall und Überwindung des Bösen und des Leidens im Islam", Ursprung und Überwindung des Bösen und des Leidens in den Weltreligionen, ed.Peter Koslowski, Hrsg., München, Wilhelm Fink Verlag, 2001, s. 31-62.
2. "Die Aussagen in den Weltreligionen über den Ursprung Sowie die Überwindung des Bösen und des Leidens. Versuch einer Synthese aus islamischer Sicht", Ursprung und Überwindung des Bösen und des Leidens in den Weltreligionen, ed.Peter Koslowski, Hrsg., München: Wilhelm Fink Verlag, 2001, s.153-170.
3. "Religionstheologischer Pluralismus in der Religionsphilosophie: Einige Methodische Betrachtungen", Die İslamischen Wissenschaften aus Sicht Muslimischer Theologen, Bülent Uçar/ İsmail H. Yavuzcan, Frankfurt, Peter Lang Publisher, 2010, s. 107-127.
4. "Welche Inhalte gehören in den Studiengang der Imamausbildung BA./MA.?", Imamausbildung in Deutschland: Islamische Theologie im Europäischen Kontext, ed.Bülent Uçar, Ter:Bettina Kruse-Schroder, Osnabrück, U&R Unipress, Universitätsverlag Osnabrück, 2010, s. 193-199.
5. "Hick ve Din Felsefesi" Oryantalistlerin Gözüyle İslam: Yaklaşımlar, Örnekler, der. Doç. Dr. Ahmet Yücel, İstanbul: Rağbet Yayınları, 2003, s. 267-318.
6. "Seyyid Hüseyin Nasr", Çağdaş İslam Düşünürleri, Bursa: Arasta, 2003, s. 135-150.
7. "Modern Dünyada Nübüvvet Tartışmaları" ,İslâm'da Peygamber
8. İnancı, Editör: İbrahim Coşkun, İstanbul: Ensar, 2009. s. 279-298.
9. "Ahlak'ın Toplumsallığı ve Kuranî Anlamı", Kur'an ve Toplumsal Ahlâk, ed. Hayati Hökelekli, Enver Uysal, Bursa, Kurav Yayınları, s. 126- 140, 2010.
10. "Gelenekselci Ekol", Doğudan Batıya Düşüncenin Serüveni,ed.Prof.Dr. Bayram Ali Çetinkaya,İnsan Yayınları,İstanbul,2015,c.10,s.749-771.

Entries in Encyclopedias

1. "İzmirli, İsmail Hakkı", "Nursi, Bediuzzaman Said", "Topcu, Nureddin", "Ülken, Hilmi Ziya", Biographical Dictionary of Twentieth-Century Philosophers, ed.Stuart Brown, Diané Collinson and Robert Wilkinson, London, Routledge, 1996.
2. "As'ada Afandi of Yanya", "Babanzade, Ahmed Naim", "Bosnavi", "Hüseyin Cozo", "Gölpınarlı", "Hacı Paşa", "Said Nursi", "Davud Kayseri", "Fakhraddin Mardini",

- “Mustafa Ali”, “Hüseyin Cahit Yalçın” The Biographical Encyclopedia of Islamic Philosophy, Ed.Oliver Leaman, London, Thoemmes Continuum Press,2006.
3. “Harikulâde” Türkiye Diyanet Vakfı İslam Ansiklopedisi , XVI. s. 183-185.
 4. “İsa Nuredin” Türkiye Diyanet Vakfı İslam Ansiklopedisi XXII., s. 483-484.
 5. “The Islamic Quarterly” Türkiye Diyanet Vakfı İslam Ansiklopedisi XXIII., s. 73.
 6. “Luther, Martin” Türkiye Diyanet Vakfı İslam Ansiklopedisi XXVII., s. 237- 239.

Articles

1. "Dinler ve Mutlak Hakikat Kavramı: John Hick ve Seyyid Hüseyin Nasr'la Bir Mülakat" İslam Araştırmaları Dergisi, Sayı 1, 1997, s. 175-188.
2. "Batı Perspektifinde Dini Çoğulculuk Meselesi" İslam Araştırmaları Dergisi, Sayı 2, 1998, s. 143-163.
3. “Dinî Çoğulculuk Meselesine Yeni bir Yaklaşım” İslam Araştırmaları Dergisi, Sayı 4, 2000, s.17-30.
4. “Analitik Pozitif Ateizmin Bir Eleştirisi: Michael Martin” İslam Araştırmaları Dergisi, Sayı 7, 2002, s. 75-95.
5. “Din ve Geleneksel Bakışaçısı: Seyyit Hüseyin Nasr ile bir Mülakat”, Bilimname, Sayı VI, 2004/3, s.41-50.
6. “Geleneksel Ekol’ün Gelenek Anlayışı”, İslamiyat, c.10,say.3,2007, s. 33-62.
7. “Kötülük Problemi: Spekülatif-Teorik Yaklaşım Karşı Dinî-Pratik Yaklaşım” İslam Araştırmaları Dergisi, Sayı 19, 2008, s.87-114, (Araştırma Eseri).
8. “İslam Düşüncesi Bağlamında Din Felsefesi Mümkün mü?”, Türk Bilimsel Derlemeler Dergisi, c.1, say.2, 2009, s.205-214.

Proceedings

1. “Geleneksel Ekol’ün Modernizm Eleştirisi ve İslam Düşüncesine Yansımaları”,İslam ve Modernleşme, İSAM Yayınları, İstanbul,1997, s. 55-69.
2. “Müzakereye Cevap”,İslam ve Modernleşme, İSAM Yayınları, İstanbul, 1997, s. 21-36.
3. “Modern Dünyada Nübüvvet Tartışmaları”, İslâm’da Peygamber İnancı, Editör: İbrahim Coşkun, Ensar Yayınları,İstanbul, 2009. s. 279-298.

4. “Mevlana’da Dinî Çoğulculuk” Uluslararası Mevlana Sempozyumu Bildirileri, Motto Yayınları, İstanbul, 2010, s. 213-235.
5. “Kriz Devirlerinde Felsefe”, Akademide Felsefe Hikmet ve Din, Bülent Ecevit Üniversitesi Yayınları, Zonguldak, 2014, s. 259-266.

Book Reviews

1. Bir Kutsal Bilim İhtiyacı, Seyyid Hüseyin Nasr, çev. Şehabettin Yalçın, İnsan Yayınları, İstanbul, 1995, İslam Araştırmaları Dergisi, 1, s. 207-210.
2. Din Felsefesine Giriş, Mehmet Bayraktar, Fecr Yayınevi, Ankara 1997. İslam Araştırmaları Dergisi, 2, s. 273-277
3. Aydınlanma Üzerine Bir Derkenar, Fehmi Baykan, Türkiye Diyanet Vakfı Yayınları, Ankara 1996, İslam Araştırmaları Dergisi, 2, s. 280-284
4. Quran Liberation and Pluralism: An Islamic Perspective of Interrreligious Solidarity against Opression, Oxford: One World Publication, 1997, İslam Araştırmaları Dergisi, 5, s. 215-225.
5. “Vefayat” Frithjof Schuon, 1907-1998. İslam Araştırmaları Dergisi, 2, s. 289-293.
6. Religion and the Order of Nature, Seyyed Hossein Nasr, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1996, İslam Araştırmaları Dergisi, 2004, s. 191-194.
7. Ezeli Hikmet ve Dinler: Dinler Tarihinde Tradisyonel Perspektif, Hüseyin Yılmaz, İstanbul: İnsan Yayınları, 2003, İslam Araştırmaları Dergisi, 2005.
8. Tolerance and Coercion in Islam: Interfaith Relation in the Muslim Tradition, Yohanan Friedmann (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2003). İslam Araştırmaları Dergisi, Sayı 19, 2008, s. 126-130.
9. Situating the Bosnian Paradigm: The Bosnian Experience of Multicultural Relations by Nevad Kahteran, (New York: Global Scholarly Publications, 2008), *Philosophy East and West*, Vol 60, Number 1, January 2010, pp. 125-127.
10. Western Sufism: From the Abbasids to the New Age by Mark Sedgwick, (New York: Oxford University Press, 2017) *Philosophy East and West*, Vol 68, Number 3, July 2018, pp. 1-2. Western Sufism: From the Abbasids to the New Age by Mark Sedgwick, (New York: Oxford University Press, 2017) *Philosophy East and West*, Vol 68, Number 3, July 2018, pp. 1-2

- 11- *Islamic Spirituality: Theology and Practice for the Modern World*. By Zeki Saritoprak. (New York: Bloomsbury, 2018) *Philosophy East and West*, Vol 69, Number 4, October 2019, pp. 231.

Non-Academic Publications

1. “Bir Değerlendirme Yazısı Üzerine Mülahazalar” *İslamiyât* (2001) sayı 2, s. 164-168.
2. “İslamî Yaşayış ve Düşünüşün Yeniden İnşası” *Köprü Dergisi*, Kış,2001, s. 80-88.
3. “Küreselleşme ve Din”, *Köprü Dergisi*, Kış, 2002, s. 32-48.
4. “Yirminci Yüzyıl Küreselleşme ve Din”, *Bilgi ve Düşünce*, Ekim 2002, s. 64- 71
5. “Yirminci Yüzyıl Küreselleşme ve İslam”, *Bilgi ve Düşünce*, Kasım 2002, s. 22-27.
6. “Küresel Dönüşüme Doğru”, *Bilgi ve Düşünce*, Şubat 2003.
7. “Türkiye’nin Gerçekleri”, *Yüzakı*,Nisan,2005.
8. “Cemaat: Ahlakî Değerlerin Varlık Alanı”, *EskiYeni*, Yaz 2006.
9. “Pozitivist Din Anlayışının Çıkmazları” *Diyanet Aylık Dergi*, Temmuz, 2007.
10. “Dostluğa Açılan Kapı: Tevhit” *Diyanet Aylık Dergi*, Kasım, 2007.
11. “İman, Aksiyon ve Kur’an’ı Anlama Teşebbüsü”, *Avrupa Diyanet Aylık Dergi*, Temmuz 2008, Sayı:111
12. “Dindarlık ve İslam Ahlakı” *Diyanet Aylık Dergi*, s., 9-12. Ocak,2009.
13. “Modernite Dine Alternatif Olabilir mi?” *Rihle*, Ekim-Aralık,2008.
14. “Dindarlık ve İslam Ahlakı” *Diyanet Aylık Dergi* s., 9-12. Ocak, 2009.
15. “Soruşturma: Ekonomi ve Değerler” *DEM Dergi*, Sayı 7, 2009.
16. “Gelenek ve Felsefesi” *EskiYeni*, Sayı 16, 2010, s. 5-13.
17. “Bilim Rehberlik Edebilir mi?” *Mostar*, Sayı 63, 2010, s. 30-32

THE COURSES THOUGHT RECENTLY

- Philosophy of Religion (Undergraduate Course) Summer Session 2020 at University of Notre Dame. Philosophy of religion is the rational analysis of all religious phenomena. In this course, we will examine basically the historical as well as the contemporary exposition of the cosmological, ontological, teleological arguments and the current demonstration of the fine-tuning arguments for the existence of God, as well as discussions about the problem of evil for and against the existence of God. Issues such as immortality, morality, science and religion, and religious pluralism will also be examined from a philosophical perspective. All these philosophical issues will

be related to real-life experience, in which philosophical concepts and discussions will be presented, not outmoded elements, but working, life-guiding principles. Emphasis will be placed on attentive reading and discussion of the important points underlined in class discussions and an in-depth understanding and evaluation of philosophical problems.

- Philosophy in the Public Sphere (Undergraduate Course). Spring 2020 at the Department of Philosophy at Indiana University of South Bend. This course introduces the basic philosophical themes in relation to personal and public sphere, without heavily relying on philosophical concepts as well the history of thoughts. We will present, for instance, themes such as society, technology, knowledge, and science in relation to the personal and public existence of an individual. This course does not concern to cover a philosophical theme entirely. Rather it relates a philosophical issue to life. For example, when we consider the issue of "value," we do not examine the nature or the kinds of value rather we deal with how value confront us in our private and public sphere. Secondly, in this course we do not deal with a philosophical theme in the context of the history of philosophy by referring to the philosophers; it is not the aim of the course to situate philosophical issues in the historical context. Thirdly, the particular emphasis has been made on a critical thinking through the group discussion; we attempt to relate the philosophical issues to daily life.
- Philosophy and Mysticism in Islamic Tradition (Undergraduate Course) Spring and Fall 2018-2019 at Department of Philosophy in University of Notre Dame. This course introduces philosophical and mystical thought and practices in Islamic tradition throughout history. We will examine the thoughts of the prominent philosophers such as Ibn Sina and Ibn Rushd, as well as ideas of the outstanding theologians such as Ghazzali and al-Razi and the insights of exceptional Sufis such as Ibn 'Arabi and Rumi. We will also focus on themes such as wisdom, virtues, love, the relationship between faith and reason, and the history of ideas, morality, and religion in Muslim society. Emphasis will be placed on attentive reading and discussion of the important points underlined in the class discussion and an in-depth understanding and evaluation of philosophical problems. We will also try to relate these historical philosophical problems to some current modern issues and daily life.

- Philosophy for Life: (Undergraduate Course) Spring and Fall 2019- at Department of Philosophy in University of Notre Dame. This course introduces the basic philosophical themes in relation to life, without heavily relying on philosophical concepts as well the history of thoughts. We will present, for instance, themes such as values, society, the idea of absolute, knowledge, being, truth, the nature of philosophical thinking, philosophy and science in relation to the personal existence of an individual. We will examine these philosophical issues under the guidance of two thinkers: A Polish Dominican logician Josef Maria Bochenski and a German existentialist philosopher Karl Theodor Jaspers. Each offers a different perspective on these issues.

Emphasis will be placed on attentive reading and discussion of the important points underlined in the class discussion and an in-depth understanding and evaluation of philosophical problems. We will also try to relate these philosophical problems to some current modern issues.

- Religious Pluralism Fall 2014-2015 (Graduate Seminar) This course seeks to introduce to students the major paradigms of interreligious relations namely, exclusivism, inclusivism and pluralism. It discusses the issue of religious pluralism from the perspective of John Hick a Christian philosopher and that of Seyyed Hossein Nasr, a Muslim philosopher. The course also helps to student to develop their own perspective on the truth claims of religions.
- Perennial Philosophy Spring 2014-2016 (Graduate Seminar)
This course introduces the contents and the major thinkers of Perennial Philosophy, such as Rene Guenon, Friedrich Schuon, Seyyed Hossein Nasr and Martin Lings. It also discusses the concept of tradition in Perennial Philosophy. In this context a critique of modernity, epistemological and ontological distinctive characteristics of this school of thought is also examined.
- Introduction to Philosophy Fall 2010-2011(Undergraduate Course)
This course seeks to introduce to students major perspectives, central issues and in philosophy, provides a broad overview of philosophical outlook and how it applies to everyday life. In this course the basic themes of philosophy, knowledge, truth,

thinking, being, values, human, society, the Absolute, the nature of philosophy were introduced.

- Islamic Philosophy (Faith University)

In this course I introduced the thought of the major representatives of Islamic Philosophy namely, al-Farabi, Ibn Sina, Ibn Rushd and al-Ghazali etc. The major perspectives, central issues of Islamic philosophy were discussed from the perspective of these great figures. The aim of this course is to provide a broad overview of Aristotelian Philosophy. In this course not only an Islamic Aristotelian Philosophy but also an Islamic thought of its own were introduced.

- Islam and Modernity

This course seeks to introduce to students major perspectives, central issues between Islam and Modernity. It aims to bring out similarities and dissimilarities between Islam and modernity. Some basic issues such as the issue of women, the Sharia, Islamic fundamentalism were comparatively discussed.

- History of Islamic Philosophy 2011-2012 (Undergraduate Course)

Google Scholar shows 300 citations in the international publications from June 2008 until now.