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Areas of Specialization: History of Moral and Political Philosophy (with emphasis on Mary Wollstonecraft and early feminist thought), Contemporary Social and Political Philosophy, Ethics of Consent

Areas of Competence: Ethics, Philosophy and Literature, Social Ontology, Feminist Philosophy and Gender Theory

EDUCATION

Bilkent University
PhD in Philosophy

2022-August 2027

KU Leuven
Master of Arts in Western Literature

2021-2022

Boğaziçi University
Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy (Double Major Program)
Bachelor of Arts in English Language and Literature

2018-2021

2016-2021

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Demirtaş, B. “With Pleasure: A Feminist Contractarian Supplement to the Nonideal Theory of Consent.” *Australian Feminist Studies*, 40(126), 375–389.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/08164649.2025.2543847>

BOOK REVIEWS

Demirtaş, B. (2026, January 15). A review of Joseph M. Conte’s Transnational Politics in the Post-9/11 Novel. *Electronic Book Review*. <https://electronicbookreview.com/publications/a-review-transnational-politics-in-the-post-911-novel/>

PRESENTATIONS

“Sexual Consent as a Standing Normative Relation in Enlightenment Philosophy and Marriage Law”
The 100th annual Joint Session of the Mind the Mind Association and Aristotelian Society, University of Reading, July 2026

“Friendship Cemented: Mary Wollstonecraft on Love”
16th Braga Meetings on Ethics and Political Philosophy, University of Minho, June 2026.

“‘Without knowledge there can be no morality!’: Mary Wollstonecraft’s Feminist Virtue Epistemology”
10th SWIP (Society for Women in Philosophy) Ireland Conference, Maynooth University, December 2025.

“Two hearts that beat as one!: The Social Ontology of Loving Companionship”
Social Ontology 2025 at Trinity College, Dublin, 2025.

“With Pleasure: A Feminist Contractarian Supplement to the Nonideal Theory of Consent”

The 98th meeting of the American Philosophical Association (APA) Pacific Division in San Francisco, 2025.

The 98th annual Joint Session of the Mind Association and Aristotelian Society at Birmingham University, Birmingham, 2024.

6th Conference of the Society for Women in Philosophy Türkiye (SWIP-TR) at Kadir Has University, İstanbul, 2023.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor

Social and Political Philosophy (PHIL 244-14)

Spring 2026

Research Assistant – Bilkent University

09/2024-Present

Social and Political Philosophy (PHIL 242-01&09)

Fall 2025

Ancient Philosophy (PHIL 102-01)

Spring 2025

Teaching Assistant – Bilkent University

09/2023-09/2024

Social and Political Philosophy (PHIL 244-7)

Spring 2024

Rationalists (PHIL 203-1)

Fall 2023

LECTURES

“Consent and Sexual Justice: Is There a Difference?”

International Women’s Day Lecture for Bilkent Philosophical Society, Bilkent University, Ankara, 2025

“Sexual Consent: Srinivasan, Ichikawa, Kukla”

Feminist Philosophy (PHIL 507-1) Guest Lecture at Bilkent University, Ankara, 2024.

SCHOLARSHIPS

TUBITAK 2211-A National PhD Scholarship Program (2023-Present)

Competitive national scholarship based on academic excellence

Departmental PhD Scholarship, Department of Philosophy, Bilkent University (2022–Present)

Full tuition and stipend awarded for doctoral study.

LANGUAGE AND SKILL ASSESMENTS

TOEFL IBT – 116/120 (Reading 29, Listening 29, Speaking 30, Writing 28) — July 2024

ALES (Verbal) – 84,89228 – March 2021

DELF B2 (French)– 63,50 – March 2018

SERVICE

Co-organizer, Workshop on the History of Modal Metaphysics, Department of Philosophy, Bilkent University, 2025.

Co-organizer, Princeton-Bilkent Workshop on the History and Philosophy of Science, Department of Philosophy, Bilkent University, 2024.

Co-organizer, Western Literature Graduate Student Conference, KU Leuven (Online), 2022.

Student Assistant, Boğaziçi University School of Foreign Languages, 2020-2021