

M.Kemal Işık
Curriculum Vitae

Research and Teaching Interests

Areas of Specialization: Ancient Greek Philosophy, 19th-Century German Philosophy (esp. Nietzsche), Phenomenology (esp. Husserl, Heidegger, and Fink)

Areas of Competence: Medieval Philosophy, Philosophy of Religion, Continental Philosophy, 20th-Century French Philosophy

Education

- 2023 **PhD.**, Department of Philosophy, DePaul University, Chicago, USA
Dissertation Title: Eleusis *contra* Delphi: The Idea of Eternal Return in Nietzsche, Heraclitus, and the Greek Mystery Cults
Committee: Sean Kirkland, William McNeill, Peg Birmingham
- 2015 **MPhil.**, Department of Philosophy, KU Leuven, Leuven, Belgium
Thesis Title: Χώρα and Necessity: Irrationality, Disorder, and Destruction in Plato's *Phaedrus* and *Timaeus*
Thesis Advisor: Henning Tegtmeier
- 2014 **M.A.**, Department of Philosophy, KU Leuven, Leuven, Belgium
Thesis Title: The Phenomenon of Life in Heidegger's Late Writings
Thesis Advisor: Ullrich Melle
- 2013 **B.A.**, Department of History, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey

Academic Positions

- 2023-2024 İstinye University, Assistant Professor
2022-2023 Boğaziçi University, Visiting Assistant Professor
2017-2022 DePaul University, Teaching Fellow
2015-2017 DePaul University, Teaching Assistant

Languages

Ancient Greek, German, and French (All officially completed during Ph.D.)
Reading and research skills in Biblical Hebrew, Classical Arabic, and Ottoman Turkish

Publications

“Moses, *Anamnesis*, and the Death of God” in *The Reception of Plato in Late Antiquity*, edited by Eva Anagnostou, George Steiris, and George Arabatzis. Berlin: De Gruyter, forthcoming in 2024

“The Question Concerning Ground and Theodicy in Schelling’s Plato” (forthcoming in *The Journal of Religion*) [AHCI, Q2]

“*Natura Fluens*: Time and Nature in Avicenna’s *Physics of Healing*” (forthcoming in *Filozofia: Journal for Philosophy*) [AHCI, Q1]

“Act of Terror and the Sublime at the Twilight of the Islamic State” in *Journal of Speculative Philosophy*, 37 (2): 216-233. [AHCI, Q2]

“‘Deep Yellow and Hot Red’ – Nietzsche’s Genealogy of Space” in *Cosmos and History: The Journal of Natural and Social Philosophy*, 18 (2):150-74. [ESCI, Q3]

De Theognide Megarensi: Nietzsche on Aristocracy and Blood” in *Megarali Theognis Üzerine*, written by Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche, 7-22. Istanbul: Dergah Yayinlari, 2021.

Work in Progress

“Eternal Recurrence and the Heraclitean Child” (under review)

“Who is Nietzsche’s Dionysus?” (under review)

“Plato’s Δαίμονες and the Topology of Future” (in preparation)

“Temporal Entanglement and Disembodiment in Sophocles’ *Trachiniae*” (in preparation)

Grants and Fellowships

2021 Doctoral and Undergraduate Opportunities for Scholarship (DUOS) Grant, DePaul University College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Project: *The Dionysian State: Friedrich Nietzsche on Politics and Community*

2020 Writing Quarter Fellowship, DePaul University

2016 Richardson Fellowship, French Language Courses in Paris

2016 International Graduate Research Fund, DePaul University, Project: *Foucault’s Unpublished Notes on Nietzsche and the notion of Herkunft*, Foucault Archives in Bibliothèque Nationale, Paris

2015- Graduate Teaching Fellowship

2007-2012 TUBITAK Grant

Conference Activity and Participation

- 2023 "Who is Nietzsche's Dionysus?" invited lecture at Boğaziçi University. Oct 27
- 2021 "Nietzsche on Time and Place of the Tragic" *History of Philosophy Society*. May 2
- 2020 "Nietzsche and the Temporalities of Destruction: Desert Time and Jungle Time" *History of Philosophy Society*. April 17.¹
- 2020 "History of Time: The Notion of Αἰών In Homer, Aeschylus, and Euripides" *Ancient Science Conference*, University College London. (UCL) February 22
- 2015 "Plato and Nietzsche on Place." *Place and Space Conference*, Kingston College, January 6
- 2014 "Heidegger and the Question of Animality in 1929-30 Lecture Course." Hoger Instituut voor Wijsbegeerte (HIW), KU Leuven. April 20.

Teaching Experience

İstinye University, Department of Philosophy, 2023-2024

Introduction to Philosophy	(1 section)
Logic	(1 section)
Medieval Philosophy	(1 section)
Epistemology	(1 section)

Boğaziçi University, Department of Philosophy, 2022-2023

Negative Theology	(1 section)
Greek tragedy	(1 section)

DePaul University, Department of Philosophy, 2015-2021

Introduction to Philosophy	(7 sections)
Love, Hatred, and Resentment	(5 sections)
Business Ethics	(2 sections)
Philosophy of God	(1 section)
Environmental Philosophy	(1 section)

¹ Conference cancelled after paper acceptance due to the pandemic.

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