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AOS - Ethics of Artificial Intelligence, Applied Ethics, Normative Ethics, Sweatshops, Exploitation
AOC - Logic, Environmental Ethics, Social and Political Philosophy

EDUCATION

- 2014 - 2020** *Binghamton University, State University of New York*, NY, United States
- PhD, SPEL (Social, Political, Ethical and Legal) Philosophy program
 - Dissertation: “Sweatshops: A Normative Analysis”
 - Supervisor: Assoc. Prof. Christopher Morgan-Knapp
 - GPA: 3.83
- 2010 - 2014** *Bogazici University*, Istanbul, Turkey
- MA, Faculty of Social Sciences – Philosophy
 - Thesis: “Hegel's Concept of Concept and Its Relationship to Kant's Negative Magnitudes and Marx's Concept of Capital in His *Capital*”
 - Supervisor: Prof. Johannes Fritsche
 - GPA: 3.92
- 1998 - 2006** *Boğaziçi University*, Istanbul, Turkey
- BSc, Faculty of Engineering – Computer Engineering

PUBLICATIONS

SSCI (Social Sciences Citation Index), AHCI (Arts and Humanities Citation Index)

- Kuyumcuoglu, H.S. (2023). “Reassessing the Exploitation Charge in Sweatshop Labor” *Croatian Journal of Philosophy* 28(68): 221–240 <https://doi.org/10.52685/cjp.23.68.6>
- Kuyumcuoglu, H.S. (2021). “Sweatshops, Harm, and Interference: A Contractualist Approach” *Journal of Business Ethics* 169:1–11. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10551-019-04302-9>

Other publications

- Kuyumcuoglu, H.S. (2024). “Sweatshops, Disrespect, and Interference: How to interfere in sweatshops without disrespecting the workers” *Business and Professional Ethics Journal* online first. <https://doi.org/10.5840/bpej2024614156>
- Kuyumcuoglu, H.S. (2022). “A contractualist defense of sweatshop regulation” *Bus Ethics Journal Review* 10(2): 8–13 <https://doi.org/10.12747/j1j02>

Book chapters

- Kuyumcuoğlu, H. S. (2026). A human dignity metric to evaluate AI models. In M. E. Kardeş & M. H. Çelikyön (Eds.), *Philosophy, Society and Artificial Intelligence* (pp. 184–194). Istanbul University Press. <http://dx.doi.org/10.26650/BS/AH11.2026.002-6.14>

PROJECTS

- Sabancı University supported project, Project leadership (May 2026 - May 2028)
 - Project name: Beyond fAIr – Algorithmic Fairness and Beyond in Artificially Intelligent Systems
 - Role: Project lead
- TÜBİTAK-supported research project, Project leadership (December 2024 - December 2026)
 - Project number: 224K674
 - Project name: What is Wrong with Exploitation? Contractualist Ethics and a New Theory of Exploitation
 - Role: Project lead

PhD DISSERTATION

- Title: *Sweatshops: A Normative Analysis*
- Abstract: This dissertation does a threefold work: (1) It investigates the literature on the concept of exploitation to find out which theory best explains the relevant moral wrong in sweatshops, (2) it shows that the defense of sweatshop jobs based on the choice argument—formulated by some scholars to defend sweatshops—is an untenable position. Moreover, as a response to the choice argument, the dissertation provides a basis for possible strategies for interference in sweatshop conditions. Finally, (3) it lays out the moral duties of groups and individuals for improving the situation.
- Supervisor: Assoc. Prof. Christopher Morgan-Knapp | c.morgan-knapp@binghamton.edu

ADVISORSHIP

- Horizon Europe project, independent AI ethics advisor (February 2023 - January 2027)
 - Project number: 101072375
 - Project name: Secured and Intelligent Massive Machine-to-Machine Communications for 6G
 - Project acronym: SCION
 - Role: Independent advisor for ethics of artificially intelligent technologies involved in the project
- Horizon Europe project, independent AI ethics advisor (February 2023 - January 2026)
 - Project number: 101094428
 - Project name: Customized Games and Routes for Cultural Heritage and Arts
 - Project acronym: CULTURATI
 - Role: Independent advisor for ethics of artificially intelligent technologies involved in the project

CONFERENCES & PRESENTATIONS

- *PPE Society London Meeting*, London, UK
July 9-11, 2026
Paper presented: “A Contractualist Account of Exploitation”
- *Wrocław University of Science and Technology, Philosophy in Technology - Different Perspectives Conference*, Wrocław, Poland
April 10-11, 2026
Paper presented: “A Moral Concession Bargain in AI Decision-Making”
- *Middle East Technical University, 5th International Applied Ethics Conference*, Ankara, Turkey
November 19-21, 2025
Paper presented: “A contractualist framework for navigating AI fairness dilemmas”
- *Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, 6th Conference on Philosophy of AI*, Amsterdam, Netherlands
October 23-24, 2025
Poster presented: “Contractualist Solution for the Fairness Impossibility Theorem”
- *University of Porto, 4th International Conference on Ethics of AI*, Porto, Portugal
July 24-30th, 2025
Paper presented: “A Human Dignity Metric to Resolve the Fairness-Accuracy Tradeoff in AI Models”
- *Sabancı University Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences*, Istanbul, Turkey (*invited speaker*)
January 15th, 2025
Paper presented: “Moral Equality as the New AI Metric”
- *SCION project workshops*, İzmir Institute of Technology, İzmir, Turkey
January 13th-14th, 2025
Works presented: “Ethics of Digital Twins and Semantic Communication”
“Ethics of Privacy”
- *İstanbul University Faculty of Letters - Social Sciences and Artificial Intelligence Congress*, Istanbul, Turkey
December 18-20th, 2024
Paper presented: “AI and Human Dignity in Social Science Research”
- *Society for Business Ethics 2024 Annual Conference*, Chicago, USA
August 8-11th, 2024
Paper presented: “Sweatshop Boycotts and Consumer Choices”
- *Eğitimde Yapay Zekâ Toplantısı*, Kadir Has Üniversitesi, İstanbul, Türkiye (*invited speaker*)
July 24th, 2024
Work presented: “Etik Eğitiminde Yapay Zekâ Kullanımı”
- *CULTURATI project workshop*, Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey
January 17th, 2024
Work presented: “AI Ethics and Fairness: Numerical Examples”
- *Boğaziçi University Applied Ethics class*, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey (*invited speaker*)
December 21st, 2023
Work presented: “AI Ethics and Fairness”
- *AHK workshop*, Alman-Türk Ticaret ve Sanayi Odası, Istanbul, Turkey (*invited speaker*)
August 22nd, 2023

Work presented: “Yapay Zekâ Etiği: Yanlılık”

- *3rd Practical Philosophy Conference for Postgraduate and Early Career Researchers*, Pratik Felsefe Topluluğu, Istanbul, Turkey
December 9th-10th, 2022
Worked as part of the organization committee, and as a referee in the science board.
- *Khas Core Talks*, Kadir Has University, Istanbul, Turkey (*invited speaker*)
March 15th, 2022
Paper presented: “Sweatshop Regulation and Global Equality”
- *2nd Practical Philosophy Conference for Postgraduate and Early Career Researchers*, Pratik Felsefe Topluluğu, Istanbul, Turkey
September 3rd-4th, 2021
Worked as part of the organization committee, and as a referee in the science board.
- *Uluslararası İlişkiler Bölüm Seminerleri*, Bilgi University, Istanbul, Turkey (*invited speaker*)
December 3rd, 2020
Paper presented: “Terhaneler ve Global Eşitlik”
- *Pratik Felsefe Lisansüstü Araştırmacı Konferansı*, Pratik Felsefe Topluluğu, Istanbul, Turkey
August 7th-8th, 2020
Worked as part of the organization committee, and as a referee in the science board.
- *Toplumsal Sorunlar ve Pratik Felsefe*, Doğu University, Istanbul, Turkey (*invited speaker*)
July 10th, 2019
Paper presented: “Terhaneler ve Müdahale”
- *Philosophy Talks 43*, İstanbul Şehir University, Istanbul, Turkey (*invited speaker*)
March 5th, 2019
Paper presented: “A Contractualist Approach to the Sweatshop Case”
- *2. Ulusal Çağdaş Siyaset Felsefesi Sempozyumu*, Mimar Sinan University, Istanbul, Turkey
December 13th-14th, 2018
Paper presented: “Terhaneler ve Ahlak”
- *Equality and Citizenship Summer School*, Rijeka, Croatia
June 25th-29th, 2018
Attended as a participant of the summer school
- *The Long Island Philosophical Society Conference*, Rockville Center, NY
April 14th, 2018
Paper presented: “Sweatshops, Choice, and Harm”
- *Institutions and Societies Graduate Conference*, Albany, NY
February 23rd, 2018
Paper presented: “Sweatshops, Choice, and Autonomy”
- *Binghamton University, State University of New York, Graduate Conference: Law-Breaking and Theories of Resistance*, Binghamton, NY
November 4th, 2017
Worked as part of the organization committee, and the program team.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

July 2025 – ...

Sabancı University, Istanbul, Turkey

Assistant Professor of philosophy at the Cultural Studies Program

Created syllabus, lectured, gave and graded exams

Courses taught:

- Philosophy of Artificial Intelligence (Fall 2025)
- Environmental Ethics and Sustainability (Spring 2026)
- Law and Ethics (Fall 2025, Spring 2026)

June 2021 – July 2025

Kadir Has University, Istanbul, Turkey

Assistant Professor of philosophy at the Core Program

Created syllabus, lectured, gave and graded exams

Courses taught:

- Environmental Ethics (Spring 2023, Spring 2024)
- Ethics of Artificial Intelligence (Spring 2022, Spring 2023, Spring 2024)
- Logic: Code of Reasoning (Spring 2022)
- Computational Thinking (Fall 2021, Fall 2022, Fall 2023)
- Universal Values and Ethics (Fall 2021, Fall 2022, Fall 2023)

February 2020 – June 2021

FMV Işık University, Istanbul, Turkey

Part-time Instructor at the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences

Created syllabus, lectured, gave and graded exams

Courses taught:

- Ethics (Spring 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021)
- Ethics, Science, and Social Responsibility (Spring 2021)

October 2020 – January 2021

Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey

Part-time Instructor at the Department of Philosophy

Created syllabus, lectured, gave and graded exams

Courses taught:

- Issues in Business Ethics: Sweatshops (Fall 2020)

September 2019 – June 2020

Bahçeşehir University, Istanbul, Turkey

Part-time Instructor at the School of Medicine

Created syllabus, lectured, gave and graded exams

Courses taught:

- Philosophy and Ethics in Medicine (Fall 2019, Spring 2020)

February 2019 – June 2019

İstanbul Şehir University, Istanbul, Turkey

Part-time Instructor at the Department of Philosophy

Created syllabus, lectured, held office hours, gave and graded exams

Courses taught:

- Environmental Ethics (Spring 2019)

September 2014 – August 2018

Binghamton University, State University of New York, NY, United States

- Created syllabus, lectured, held office hours, gave and graded exams
Courses taught (as the instructor):
 - Introduction to Social and Political Philosophy (in-class teaching)
 - Environmental Ethics (online teaching)
 - Methods of Reasoning (online teaching)
- Conducted discussion sections, held office hours, graded exams
Courses assisted (as a teaching assistant):
 - Elementary Logic (Instructor: Prof. Eric Dietrich)
 - Elementary Logic (Instructor: Assoc. Prof. Anthony Reeves)
 - Elementary Logic (Instructor: Dr. Evan Tucker Sechrest)
 - Environmental Ethics (Instructor: Prof. Christopher Morgan-Knapp)
 - Law and Justice (Instructor: Prof. Maxim Pensky)
 - Medical Ethics (Instructor: Assoc. Prof. Anja Karnein)
 - Philosophy of Law (Instructor: Assoc. Prof. Anthony Reeves)

February 2012 – July 2012

Istanbul Bilgi University, Istanbul, Turkey

Teaching Assistant in Computer Engineering

Courses assisted (as a teaching assistant):

- Introduction to Computing
- Computer Systems and Organization
- Programming Paradigms

Sep 1999 – Jan 2000

Bogazici University, Istanbul, Turkey

Teaching Assistant in International Trade

Courses assisted (as a teaching assistant):

- E-Commerce (Instructor: Prof. Ayse Basar Bener)

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

Languages: Turkish (Native)

English (Fluent) – TOEFL Exam 108/120 pts.

Spanish (Intermediate) – Ankara University TÖMER Language Course +
Bogaziçi University SPA 302 Course

Romanian (Intermediate) – Credit Europe Bank Language Education

Italian (Intermediate) – Istituto Italiano di Cultura Istanbul

Computer: Can use Windows, Linux, UNIX, Mac OS, and DOS operating systems.

Can use MS Office, Google Docs, Open Office, and similar programs.

Can use Blackboard and similar Moodle platforms for courses.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

July 2025 – ...

Sabancı University, Istanbul, Turkey

Assistant Professor of philosophy at the Cultural Studies Program

September 2024 – July 2025

Kadir Has University, Istanbul, Turkey

Assistant Professor at the Core Program

June 2021 – September 2024

Kadir Has University, Istanbul, Turkey

Visiting scholar at the Core Program

February 2020 – June 2021

FMV Işık University, Istanbul, Turkey

Instructor at the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences

October 2020 – January 2021

Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey

Instructor at the Department of Philosophy

September 2019 – June 2020

Bahçeşehir University, Istanbul, Turkey

Instructor at the School of Medicine

February 2019 – June 2019

İstanbul Şehir University, Istanbul, Turkey

Instructor at the Department of Philosophy

September 2014 – August 2018

Binghamton University, State University of New York, NY, United States

Teaching Assistant at the Department of Philosophy

September 2012 – August 2014

Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey

System Admin at the Department of Industrial Engineering

February 2012 – July 2012

İstanbul Bilgi University, Istanbul, Turkey

Teaching Assistant at the Department of Computer Engineering

February 2006 – October 2011

Experience as a computer engineer:

October 2010 - October 2011 Realtimecore RTCO, Istanbul, Turkey

September 2007 – September 2009 Credit Europe Bank, Bucharest, Romania

September 2006 – September 2007 Atos Origin, Istanbul, Turkey

Sep 1999 – Jan 2000

Bogazici University, Istanbul, Turkey

Teaching Assistant in International Trade Department

1999 – 2006

Tutoring (Maths, Chemistry, Physics, English for High School and University students)

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

February 2019 - ...

Society for Practical Philosophy (Pratik Felsefe Topluluğu), Istanbul, Turkey

Co-founder and part of the executive board for a philosophy society

December 2017 - December 2020

Graduate Student Employees Union (GSEU), Binghamton, NY
Campus president for SUNY Binghamton Campus

September 2001 - August 2002

Bogazici University Speleological Society (BUMAK), Istanbul, Turkey
Club President

SPECIAL TRAININGS AND CERTIFICATES

August 3, 2024

“Supervised Machine Learning: Regression and Classification” course certificate given by
Stanford Online and DeepLearning.AI
<https://www.coursera.org/account/accomplishments/verify/E4X0I8ARDP21>

Oct 2006 – July 2007

Italian Language Course Given by Istituto Italiano di Cultura Istanbul

Sep 2002 – Feb 2003

Spanish Language Course Given by Ankara University

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES & ORGANIZATIONS

BUMAK (Bogazici University Speleological Society)

Club member, 1998 - 2006

Club president, 2001 - 2002

Attended in the EGMA Sinkhole (the deepest cave in Turkey) expedition, 2001

Other Student Clubs

BUDANS (Bogazici University Dance Club), 1999 - 2001

REFERENCES

- Prof. Christopher Morgan-Knapp, Department of Philosophy, Binghamton University, State University of New York (*Doctoral dissertation supervisor*) | email: c.morgan-knapp@binghamton.edu
- Prof. Maxim Pensky, Department of Philosophy, Binghamton University, State University of New York | email: mpensky@binghamton.edu
- Assoc. Prof. Anthony Reeves, Department of Philosophy, Binghamton University, State University of New York | email: areeves@binghamton.edu
- Assoc. Prof. Anja Karnein, Department of Philosophy, Binghamton University, State University of New York | email: akarnein@binghamton.edu
- Prof. Chryssi Sidiropoulou, Department of Philosophy, Boğaziçi University | email: sidiropu@boun.edu.tr