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## Professional Status

01/2018 – present Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Department of Medical Ethics and History of Medicine, University Medical Center Göttingen, Germany.

## Education

2015 Ph.D. in Biomedical Ethics and Law, at the Institute for Biomedical Ethics and History of Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, University of Zurich, Zurich, Switzerland.  
2009 M.A. in the Department of Philosophy, The Graduate School of Social Sciences, Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey.  
2006 B.A. in the Department of Philosophy, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey.

## Theses

Master's Thesis: Expansion of Rawls's Theory of Justice as Fairness to Health Care.

Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Ayhan Sol

Ph.D. Thesis: Organ Selling, Human Dignity and its Violation: A Critical Assessment of the Role of Dignity in the Contemporary Debate on Commercialization of Organs.

Supervisor: Holger Baumann, Ph.D.

## Current Research

01/2018 – present     Project: “Why to Know or Not to Know? Stakeholders' Attitudes Towards Prodromal Dementia Diagnosis: Psycho-Social and Ethical Implications in Cross-Cultural Comparison” (Project Coordinator)  
Funding: German-Israeli Foundation for Scientific Research and Development (GIF), (PI: Prof. Dr. Silke Schicktanz & Prof. Dr. Perla Werner).

01/2018 – present     Project: “Mind the Risk: Ethical, Psychological and Social Implications of Risk Information from Genetic to Related Technologies” (PI: Prof. Dr. Silke Schicktanz, Project Coordinator: Dr. Sabine Wöhlke).

## Professional Experience

2016-2017             Associate Researcher at the Department of Philosophy, University of Calgary, Canada.

2011-2014             Research assistant in the Network project “Human Dignity in Practical Contexts” at Centre for Ethics, Zurich, Switzerland.

2008-2010             Personal Assistant of Prof. Dr. Yaman Örs. Performed archival research, helped in systematising the academic and non-academic work of Prof. Dr. Yaman Örs. Edited and co-authored his book on Ethics (*The Meaning and Meaninglessness of Ethics from the Perspective of a Scientific Philosopher Yaman Ors*).

2004 – 2006             Private English tutor. Worked one-on-one with secondary and high school students. Monitored, assessed and remediated students' performances and improved their communication, reading and writing skills.

## **Professional Activities**

### **Memberships**

2009 - Current            The Turkish Bioethics Association  
2008 - 2016              The European Society for Philosophy of Medicine and Healthcare

### **University Service**

Organizer and coordinator of “Consciousness, Life and Death Symposium”, Middle East Technical University, Department of Philosophy, Ankara, Turkey, April 26, 2008.

### **Professional Service**

Journal referee            *Medicine, Philosophy and Health Care*  
                                  *Palliative Medicine and Care: Open Access (PMCOA)*  
                                  *The Anatolian Journal of Cardiology*  
                                  *Turkish Journal of Bioethics*

### **Honors and Awards**

Research Priority Program for Ethics (URPP for Ethics), University of Zurich (2011-2014)  
Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) (2011-2014)  
Honor Degree, Boğaziçi University (2006)

### **Language Skills**

Turkish                    mother tongue  
English                    advanced  
German                    upper intermediate (B2)  
Spanish                    beginner

### **Areas of Specialization**

Ethics, Normative Ethics, Bioethics, Applied Ethics, Health Care Ethics, Medical Ethics

### **Areas of Competence**

Political Philosophy, Social Justice, Public Health Ethics, Environmental Ethics

## Publications

### Refereed Journal Articles

**Alpınar-Sencan, Z.** (2017). "Ethics in the Light of Scientific Philosophy: Understanding Yaman Örs's Methodological Approach". *Turkish Journal of Bioethics*. 4(3): 118-124.

**Alpınar-Sencan, Z.**, Baumann, H., Biller-Andorno, N. (2017). "Does Organ Selling Violate Human Dignity?". *Monash Bioethics Review*. 34(3): 189-205. Published online on July 11, 2017. DOI: 10.1007/s40592-017-0070-x.

**Alpınar-Sencan, Z.** (2016). "Reconsidering Kantian Arguments Against Organ Selling." *Medicine, Health Care and Philosophy*. 19(1): 21–31. Published online on January 31, 2015. DOI: 10.1007/s11019-015-9623-z

**Alpınar-Sencan, Z.** (2014). "A Social Understanding of Dignity: A Promising Approach in the Organ Selling Debate." *Bioethica Forum*. 7(4): 148–54.

Civaner, M., **Alpınar, Z.**, Örs, Y. (2011). "Why Would Opt-Out System for Organ Procurement Be More Fair?" *Synthesis Philosophica*. 25(2): 367–76.

**Alpınar, Z.**, Civaner, M., Örs, Y. (2010). "Rationing Healthcare: Should Life-Style Be Used as a Criterion?" *The Anatolian Journal of Cardiology*. 10 (4): 367–71. DOI:10.5152/akd.2010.097

**Alpınar, Z.** (2007). "Evrimde Olanaklılık" (Possibility in Evolution). TMMOB Türkiye Jeoloji Mühendisleri Odası, Haber Bülteni. Nisan-Mayıs-Haziran, No: 2, 38-39.

### Refereed Book Chapters

Biller-Andorno, N., **Alpınar, Z.** (2014). Organ Trafficking and Transplant Tourism. H.A.M.J. ten Have, B. Gordijn (eds.), *Handbook of Global Bioethics*. Dordrecht: Springer, 771–83. DOI 10.1007/978-94-007-2512-6\_122

### Edited Books

Örs, Y. (2011). *Bir Bilimsel Felsefeci Olarak Yaman Örs'ün Yaklaşımıyla Etik'in Anlamı ve Anlamsızlığı* (The Meaning and Meaninglessness of Ethics From The Perspective of a Scientific Philosopher Yaman Örs). **Z. Alpınar** (Ed.), Ankara: Efil Yayınevi.

### Refereed Conference Papers

**Alpınar, Z.** (2012). "Bir Bilimsel Felsefeci Olarak Yaman Örs'ün Etik ve Biyoetik'e Yaklaşımı" (A Scientific Philosopher's Approach to Ethics and Bioethics). Y. I. Ülman, S. V. Genç (eds.), *Biyoetik Araştırmaları, (Bioethics Studies)*. Türkiye Biyoetik Derneği Yayın No. XVI, ISBN: 978-975-7041-07-8, İstanbul, 101–08.

**Alpınar, Z.**, Sol, A. (2007). “Fairness by Inequity in Transplantation and General Health Care.” The First International Congress on Medical Ethics and Law (Antalya, Turkey, 17-20 October 2007). In A. Demirhan Erdemir, Ö. Özcel, Z. Zeytin, H. Öztürk Türkmen, S. Erer, H. Erkin and E. Atıcı (Eds.). *Problems of Medical Ethics and Law in Organ and Tissue Transplantation*. Istanbul: Nobel Matbaacılık, 731–39.

## **Book Reviews**

May 2013. **Zümrüt Alpınar**. Review of: *Human Dignity, Human Rights, and Responsibility. The New Language of Global Bioethics and Biolaw*. (2012) Barilan Y. M.: Cambridge, MA: The MIT Press. In *Medicine, Health Care and Philosophy*, May 2013, 16(2), pp. 317-322. Published Online on February 23, 2013. DOI: 10.1007/s11019-013-9476-2

March 2017. **Zümrüt Alpınar-Sencan**. Review of: *Potentiality. Metaphysical and Bioethical Dimensions*. (2014) Lizza J. P. (ed.): Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press. In *Medicine, Health Care and Philosophy*, March 2017, 20(1), pp. 153-157. Published Online on September 21, 2016. DOI: 10.1007/s11019-016-9733-2

## **Reviews**

**Alpınar, Z.** (2008). “Sempozyum: Bilinc, Yasam ve Olum” (Consciousness, Life and Death Symposium). *Türkiye Biyoetik Derneği, e-bulten*, Spring, No: 14, 11-14.

## **Translations**

Sober, E. (2009). *Philosophy of Biology*. A. Sol, C. Yağız, D. Sugorakova, E. Keskin, G. Akbay, M. Elgin, O. Aslan, Ş. Yalçın, **Z. Alpınar** (Trans.), Ankara: İmge Yayınevi.

## **Presentations**

### **Refereed Conference Presentations**

Naples 2013. *Violating Dignity by Offering Organs For Sale? A Critical Evaluation of Dignity in The Current Debate*. UNESCO Chair in Bioethics 9th World Conference on Bioethics, Medical Ethics and Health Law, Royal Continental Congress Centre, Italy. (Nov)

Zurich 2012. *Social Justice and the Commercialization of Organs*. Meeting The Authors: Ruth Faden and Madison Powers, University of Zurich, Switzerland. (Jun)

Istanbul 2011. *Ethics and Bioethics in Prof. Yaman Örs’s Scientific Philosophy*. EACME (European Association of Centres of Medical Ethics), 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Istanbul, Turkey. (Sep)

Istanbul 2010. *Bir Bilimsel Felsefeci Olarak Yaman Örs’ün Etik ve Biyoetik’e Yaklaşımı* (A Scientific Philosopher’s Approach to Ethics and Bioethics), The VI. Congress of Medical Ethics, “Biyoetik’te Yeni Ufuklar”, The Dedeman Hotel, Turkey. (Nov)

Rijeka 2008. *Rationing Healthcare: Should Life-Style Be Used as a Criterion?* The IX. World Congress of Bioethics. Grand Hotel Bonavia, Croatia. (Alpinar, Civaner & Örs) (Sep)

Antalya 2007. *Fairness by Inequity in Transplantation and General Health Care.* The 1<sup>st</sup> International Congress on Medical Ethics and Law: Problems of Medical Ethics and Law in Organ and Tissue Transplantation. The Falez Hotel, Turkey. (Alpinar & Sol) (Oct)

### **Invited Presentations**

Turku 2013. *Violating Dignity by Offering Organs for Sale: Not Necessarily?* Invited Speaker, University of Turku, Section of Philosophy, Finland. (August, 27).

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