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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 of Scientific Societies

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

University Service

2018. Stakeholder Conference. Organizing committee member. Göttingen, Germany, June 22-23.

Organization of Scientific Meetings

2018. EACME Annual Conference. Organizer of the panel and chair of the session “Dementia Research and Later Life Planning: Insights from Patient, Professional Stakeholder and Public Engagement Studies”. Four participants. VU University Medical Centre, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, September 6.

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

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 (B2.2)
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

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

Alpinar-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.

Alpinar-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

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

Civaner, M., **Alpinar, Z.,** Örs, Y. (2010). "Why Would Opt-Out System for Organ Procurement Be More Fair?" *Synthesis Philosophica*. 50(2): 367–76.

Alpinar, 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

Alpinar, 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., **Alpinar, 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. Alpinar** (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*. İstanbul: Nobel Matbaacılık, 731–39.

Book Reviews

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

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

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

Amsterdam 2018. *Reflections on Prognosis and Early Diagnosis of Dementia: Preliminary Results of an Empirical-Ethical Study with the Affected and Laypersons*. EACME (European Association of Centers of Medical Ethics) Annual Conference, VU University Medical Centre, Amsterdam, The Netherlands. (Alpınar-Sencan, Lohmeyer & Schicklanz) (Sep)

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 Centers of Medical Ethics), 25th 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 1st 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).

Certificates

Göttingen 2018. "Einführung in die Qualitative Datenanalyse mit Atlas.ti" (Introduction to the Qualitative Data Analysis with Atlas.ti). Workshop issued by Dr. Susanne Friese, Qualitative Research and Consulting, Department of Medical Ethics and History of Medicine, UGM Göttingen, Germany. (July)

References

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