

CURRICULUM VITAE

Personal Details

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ACADEMIC DEGREES

Doctoral Degree	Institute of Biomedical Ethics and History of Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, University of Zürich, Switzerland, May 2015 Dissertation Title: “Organ Selling, Human Dignity and its Violation: A Critical Assessment of the Role of Dignity in the Contemporary Debate on Commercialization of Organs” Committee: Prof. Dr. Nikola Biller-Andorno Dr. Holger Baumann Prof. Dr. Peter Schaber
Master’s Degree	Department of Philosophy, Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey, August 2009 Dissertation Title: “Expansion of Rawls’s Theory of Justice as Fairness to Health Care” Committee: Prof. Dr. Halil Turan Prof. Dr. Yasemin Yalim Prof. Dr. Ayhan Sol
Bachelor Degree	Department of Philosophy, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey, June 2006

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Cross-Cultural Comparative Bioethics
- Empirical Bioethics
- Cultural sensitivity and social diversity in healthcare
- Predictive Medicine (esp. early diagnosis and prediction of dementia)
- Organ Trafficking and Markets (with a focus on “Dignity”)
- Organ Donation and Transplantation (with a focus on “Justice” and “Resource Allocation”)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Researcher in “HiGHmed: Heidelberg – Göttingen – Hannover Medical Informatics”, Subproject “Ethical and Social Implications of Big Data Supported Medicine from Stakeholders Perspectives” at the Department of Medical Ethics and History of Medicine, University Medical Center Göttingen, Germany, June 2021 until now (Funding: German Federal Ministry of Education and Research – BMBF).

Affiliated postdoctoral researcher at the Department of Medical Ethics and History of Medicine, University Medical Center Göttingen, Germany, February 2021 until June 2021.

Project coordinator and researcher in “Stakeholders’ Attitudes towards Prodromal Dementia Diagnosis: Psycho-Social and Ethical Implications in Cross-Cultural Comparison” at the Department of Medical Ethics and History of Medicine, University Medical Center Göttingen, Germany, January 2018 until February 2021 (Funding: German-Israeli Foundation for Scientific Research and Development (GIF)).

Researcher in “Mind the Risk: Ethical, Psychological and Social Implications of Risk Information from Genetic to Related Technologies”, at the Department of Medical Ethics and History of Medicine, University Medical Center Göttingen, Germany, January 2018 until December 2019 (Funding: Riksbankens Jubileumsfonds for the Humanities and Social Sciences).

Associate researcher at the Department of Philosophy, University of Calgary, AB, Canada, November 2015 until December 2017.

Research assistant in “Human Dignity and Autonomy – The Limits of Self-Ownership” of the Network Project “Human Dignity in Practical Contexts” at Center for Ethics, Zürich, Switzerland, August 2011 until July 2014 (Funding: UFSP Ethik and SNF).

Research assistant – Performed archival research in systematizing academic works of Prof. Dr. Yaman Örs (retired), Faculty of Medicine, University of Ankara, Turkey, January 2008 until July 2010.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Georg-August University, University Medical Center Göttingen, Germany

- Introduction to Bioethics (WS 2018/2019)
(WS 2019/2020)
(WS 2020/2021) – Online
(WS 2021/2022) – Online
- Ethical Aspects of Personalized Medicine (SS 2020/2021) – Online (Lecture series in personalized medicine)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Memberships of Scientific Societies, Working and Research Groups

2021 – Current	Participating Scholar, Interdisciplinary Research Group on “Public Health and Migration from a Global and Interdisciplinary Perspective”, Centre for Global Migration Studies (2022 – 2024)
2020 – Current	The German Academy of Ethics in Medicine (AEM)
2020 – Current	The German Academy of Ethics in Medicine (AEM), Working Group on “Cultural Diversity in Healthcare”
2009 – Current	The Turkish Bioethics Association
2008 – 2016	The European Society for Philosophy of Medicine and Healthcare

University Service

2018. “German Stakeholder Conference on Conflicts in Predictive Dementia Diagnosis”. Organizing committee member. Göttingen, Germany. (June)

Organization of Scientific Meetings

2020. International Online Symposium. “Dementia Prediction and Risk Reduction: Socio-Cultural Insights, Ethical Reflections and Future Developments”. Organizer (with Prof. Dr. Silke Schicktanz, Prof. Dr. Perla Werner and Dr. Natalie Ulitsa) and coordinator. University Medical Center Göttingen (UMG), Göttingen, Germany. (Dec.)

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. (Sept.)

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

Professional Service

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

Ethical expert The European Joint Program on Rare Diseases (EJP RD), Joint Transnational Call 2021 (JTC 2021), ethical review on the topic “Social Sciences and Humanities Research to Improve Health Care Implementation and Everyday Life of People Living with a Rare Disease”. (Oct.)

RESEARCH FUNDING, HONORS AND AWARDS

Eurolife Postdoc Mobility and Knowledge Exchange Grant, 5th Round – 2020. Host: Prof. Dr. Gabriele Werner-Felmayer, International Bioethics Network (Ethucation), Medical University of Innsbruck, Austria (1,500 Euro) (September 26, 2021 – October 10, 2021).

Poster Prize, “Genetic Risk Information: How Do Family Aspects Affect Expectations towards Predictive Genetic Tests?”, European Society of Health and Medical Sociology (ESHMS), Lisbon, Portugal (with S. Wöhlke and J. Perry) (June 2018).

Acceptance to the “Dorothea Schlözer Mentoring Programme”, Georg-August University Göttingen (March 2018).

Honor Degree, Boğaziçi University (June 2006)

CERTIFICATES

Göttingen 2020. “Dorothea Schlözer Mentoring Programme” (9th Round: 02/2019 – 03/2020), Georg-August University Göttingen, HR Department. (Mar)

Göttingen 2018. “Teaching and Learning in HE: Getting Started (A) [short format]” with Angelika Thielsch, Hochschuldidaktik, Germany. (Sept)

Göttingen 2018. “Einführung in die Qualitative Datenanalyse mit Atlas.ti” [Intorduciton to Qualitative Data Analysis with Atlas.ti] with Dr. Susanne Friese, Qualitative Research and Consulting, Department of Medical Ethics and History of Medicine, University Medical Center, Germany. (Juni)

PARTICIPATED WORKSHOPS AND TRAINING COURSES

Koblenz 2021. “Rassismus, Interkulturalität und Ethik im Gesundheitswesen” [Racism, Interculturality and Ethics in Healthcare]. Workshop issued by Prof. Dr. (TR) Dr. phil. et med. Ilhan Ilkilic, BBT-Gruppe, Online. (Oct)

Göttingen 2020. “Preparing a Research Grant Application”. Workshop issued by Dr. John Dixon, GAUSS Career Service, Online. (Oct)

Halle (Saale) 2019. “Empirisch Forschen in der Medizinethik” [Empirical Research in Medical Ethics]. Workshop issued by Dr. Katja Kühlmeyer, Dr. Marcel Mertz and Prof. Dr. Jan Schildman, Department of Medical Ethics and History of Medicine, Martin-Luther-University, Halle-Wittenberg, Germany. (Nov)

Göttingen 2019. “Self-Presentation”. Workshop issued by Sabine Mariß, Dorothea Schlözer Mentoring Programme, Germany. (Nov)

Göttingen 2019. “Career Development through Research Funding”. Workshop issued by Dr. Beate Scholz, Dorothea Schlözer Mentoring Programme, Germany. (Nov)

Göttingen 2019. “Shaping Your Future – Career Planning in Academia”. Workshop issued by Dr. Neele Enke, Dorothea Schlözer Mentoring Programme, Germany. (June)

Göttingen 2019. “360° Leadership”. Workshop issued by Dr. Tanja Hentschel, Dorothea Schlözer Mentoring Programme, Germany. (Apr)

Göttingen 2019. “Junge Medizinethik: Austausch, Qualifikation, Vernetzung” [Young Medical Ethics: Exchange, Qualification, Networking]. Workshop, Akademie für Ethik in der Medizin [Academy of Ethics in Medicine] (AEM), Germany. (Jan)

Göttingen 2018. “Teaching and Learning in HE: Getting Started (A) [short format]”. Workshop issued by Angelika Thielsch, Hochschuldidaktik, Germany. (Sept)

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, Germany. (June)

Zurich 2014. “The Role of Human Dignity in Assisted Suicide”. Workshop, Centre for Ethics, University of Zurich. (Feb)

Zürich 2013. “Social Gradients in Health: Empirical, Normative & Policy Perspectives”. International Workshop, University of Zurich, Switzerland. (May)

Zürich 2012. “Meeting The Authors: Ruth Faden and Madison Powers”. Institute of Biomedical Ethics, University of Zurich, Switzerland. (June)

Soesterberg 2012. “The Winter School: Ethical Theory and Moral Practice”. The Netherlands School for Research in Practical Philosophy (NSRPP), Netherlands. (Mar)

Zürich 2011. “Embedded Universalism: Moral Cosmopolitanism in a Pragmatic Perspective”. Workshop, University of Zürich, Switzerland. (June)

Zürich 2010. “The Role of Health Technology Assessment Agencies in National Rationing Policies: Towards Elements for Best Practice”. International Workshop, University of Zürich, Switzerland. (Oct)

Ankara 2008. “Geriatric ve Etik Kursu” (Geriatrics and Ethics Training Course). University of Ankara, Faculty of Medicine, Department of Deontology, Turkey. (Nov)

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Turkish	mother tongue
English	advanced
German	upper intermediate (C.1)
Spanish	beginner

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Operating Systems: Windows XP, Mac OS X

Tools: Word, Power Point, Excel, Atlas.ti

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

Alpinar-Sencan, Z.*, Schicktanz, S.*, Ulitsa, N. Shefet, D., Werner, P. (2021). "Moral motivation regarding dementia risk testing among affected persons in Germany and Israel". *Journal of Medical Ethics*. Published Online First: 21 July 2021. doi: 10.1136/medethics-2020-106990 (*Joint first authors)

Werner, P., Ulitsa, N., Shepheth, D., Abojabel, H., **Alpinar-Sencan, Z.**, & Schicktanz, S. (2020). "Fear about Alzheimer's disease among Israeli and German laypersons, persons with Mild Neurocognitive Disorder and their relatives: A qualitative study". *International Psychogeriatrics*, 1-16. doi:10.1017/S1041610220003397

Alpinar-Sencan, Z., Schicktanz, S. (2020). "Addressing Ethical Challenges of Disclosure in Dementia Prediction: Limitations of Current Guidelines and Suggestions to Proceed". *BMC Medical Ethics* 21, 33. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12910-020-00476-4>

Lohmeyer, L., **Alpinar-Sencan, Z.**, Schicktanz, S. "Attitudes towards Prediction and Early Diagnosis of Late-Onset Dementia: A Comparison of Tested Persons and Family Caregivers". *Aging and Mental Health*. Published online on February 24, 2020.

Alpinar-Sencan, Z., Lohmeyer, L., Schicktanz, S. (2020). "Planning Later Life with Dementia: Comparing Family Caregivers' Perspective on Biomarkers with Laypersons' Attitudes towards Genetic Testing of Dementia Prediction". *New Genetics and Society*. 39(1): 52-79. Published online on July 28, 2019. DOI: 10.1080/14636778.2019.1637719.

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

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

Alpınar-Sencan, Z. (2021). Selling Organs: Dignity as a Further Concern. S. L. Hansen, S. Schicktanz (eds.), *Ethical Challenges of Organ Transplantation: Current Debates and International Perspectives*. Bielefeld: Transcript Verlag, 209–25.

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*. İstanbul: Nobel Matbaacılık, 731–39.

Book Reviews

[Accepted for publication]. **Zümrüt Alpınar-Sencan**. Review of: *Markets Without Limits: Moral Virtues and Commercial Interests*. (2016) Brennon J., Jaworski, P. M.: New York: Routledge. In *Bioethica Forum*.

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

Berlin 2021. *Moral Motivation Regarding Dementia Risk Testing Among Affected Persons in Germany and Israel*. Annual Conference of the German Association for Psychiatry, Psychotherapy and Psychosomatics (DGPPN), CityCube, Berlin, Germany. (Alpınar-Sencan & Schicktanz) (Nov.)

Online (Erlangen-Nürnberg) 2021. *Hearing Diverse Perspectives to Improve Future Practices in Dementia Medicine: A Comparative Analysis of Attitudes towards Early Diagnosis and Prediction of Dementia Across Stakeholder Groups in Germany*. Annual Conference of the German Academy of Ethics in Medicine [Jahrestagung 2021 der Akademie für Ethik in der Medizin (AEM)], Friedrich-Alexander University, Erlangen-Nürnberg, Germany. (Sept.)

Online (Göttingen) 2020. *What Lies Beneath? Moral Motivation Regarding Predictive Biomarker Testing and Preclinical Diagnosis Among Affected Persons in Germany and Israel*. Internationales Online Symposium, “Dementia Prediction and Risk Reduction: Socio-Cultural Insights, Ethical Reflections and Future Developments”, University Medical Center Göttingen, Göttingen, Germany. (Alpınar-Sencan & Ulitsa) (Dec.)

Göttingen 2019. *Challenges of Dealing with Dementia Prediction – Various Stakeholders’ Perspectives*. Wintzer-Workshop, “Demenz-Prävention und Pflege im wohlfahrtsstaatlichen Wandel” [Dementia Prediction and Care in a Changing Welfare State], Department of Medical Ethics and History of Medicine, University Medical Center Göttingen, Göttingen, Germany. (Perry & Alpınar-Sencan) (Dec.)

Göttingen 2019. *Can Collective Interests Outweigh Individual Interests? Considering Dignity’s Function and Autonomy’s Significance in Organ Selling Debate*. Annual Conference of the German Academy of Ethics in Medicine [Jahrestagung 2019 der Akademie für Ethik in der Medizin (AEM)], Alte Mensa, Göttingen, Germany. (Sept.)

Barcelona 2018. *Early Dementia Diagnosis and Planning Later Life: Preliminary Results of an Empirical-Ethical Study*. 28th Alzheimer Europe Conference, Hotel Barcelo, Barcelona, Spain. (Alpınar-Sencan, Lohmeyer & Schicktanz) (Oct.)

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 & Schicktanz) (Sept.)

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. (June)

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. (Sept.)

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) (Sept.)

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 Talks

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

REFERENCES

Prof. Dr. Silke Schicktanz, Department of Medical Ethics and History of Medicine, University Medical Center Göttingen, Germany.

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