

Dr. Mehmet Ruhi Demiray's CV

EDUCATION

Year	Institution	Course
2003-2010	METU Political Science and Public Administration (TR)	PhD
2000-2003	METU Political Science and Public Administration (TR)	MA
1995-2000	Ankara Uni. (SBF) International Relations (TR)	BS

WORK (TEACHING & RESEARCH) EXPERIENCE

Year	Institution	Position
2015-	Kocaeli Uni. Department of Political Science and Public Administration (TR)	Faculty Member
2013-2015	Keele University (UK)	Marie Curie Post-Doctoral Research Fellow
2011-2013	Kocaeli Uni. Department of Political Science and Public Administration (TR)	Faculty Member
2010- 2011	Kocaeli Uni. Department of Political Science and Public Administration (TR)	Research Assistant
2006-2010	METU Department of Political Science and Public Administration (TR)	Research Assistant
2005-2006	University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (USA)	Fulbright Doctoral Research Fellow
2003-2010	METU Department of Political Science and Public Administration (TR)	Research Assistant

LANGUAGE SKILLS

- Turkish (native)
- English (fluent)
- German (reading)

MAJOR AREAS OF RESEARCH SPECIALISM

- Political Theory (Philosophy of Law and the State, Human Rights, Justice, Legitimacy, and Kantian Practical Philosophy)
- History of Political Thought (with a particular emphasis on modern and contemporary theories)

OTHER AREAS OF INTEREST

- Philosophy of Culture and Philosophical History of Humankind
- Sociological Theories

PUBLICATIONS

Monograph

- *An Integral View of Law, the State, and Human Rights: Comparing Hans Kelsen's Positivism, Carl Schmitt's Realism and Otfried Höffe's Rationalism.* 2010. Saarbrücken: VDM Publishing House.

Peer-Reviewed Research Papers

- "The Intrinsic Normativity of Law in Light of Kant's Doctrine of Right", *Con-Textos Kantianos* 3, June 2016, pp.161-187.
- "The Dichotomy between Piety and Zealotry: Reflections on the Relation between Religiosity and Democratic Secularism", *METU Studies in Development*, 42 (3), 2015, pp.339-354.
- "Natural Law Theory, Legal Positivism, and the Normativity of Law", *European Legacy: Toward New Paradigms* 20 (8). 2015, pp.1-20.

- “Modern Hukuksal-Akılcılık: Hukuksal-Pozitivizmden ve Hukuksal-Gerçekçilikten Sonra Hukuk, Adalet ve Devlet Arasındaki İçkin Bağı Yeniden Düşünebilmek” (Modern Legal-Rationalism: Re-Establishing the Essential Tie between Law, Justice and the State in the Aftermath of Legal-Positivism and Legal-Realism”) in *Felsefe Tartışmaları* 46, December 2011, pp. 39-63.
- “Rousseau’nun Hobbes’a İtirazı: Adalet ve Faydanın Birliği” (“Rousseau’s Objection to Hobbes: The Unity of Justice and Utility”) in *Felsefelogos* 41, July 2011, pp. 149-161.
- “Schmitt’s Realist Approach to Law and the Pivotal Significance of the Notion of Legitimacy for an Order of Law”, in *Ankara Law Review* 7 (2), pp. 109-126.
- “Two Modes of Critique of Modern Politics: Agamben versus Ranciere” in *Alternative Politics* 2 (3), December 2010, pp. 224-250.
- “Reconsidering Democracy in the Context of Globalization: A Comparative Examination of Held’s Liberal-Democratic Cosmopolitanism & Linklater’s Transnational Republicanism” in *Toplum ve Demokrasi*, 3 (6-7), May-August 2009, pp.149-174.

Book Chapters

- “Acknowledging and Limiting the Moral Significance of Cultural Praxis: Reflections on Cassirer’s Critical Philosophy of Culture” in *Identities in Transition*, ed. by Georgina Tsolidis.2012. Oxford: Interdisciplinary Press, pp.11-18.
- “Re-Establishing the Tie between Law, Morality and Political Power: Modern Legal-Rationalism as the Alternative to Legal-Positivism and Legal-Realism” in *Law, Morality and Power: Global Perspectives on Violence and the State*, ed. by Stephen King, Carlo Salzani and Owen Staley. 2010. Oxford: Interdisciplinary Press, pp. 27-33.

Non-Peer-Reviewed Paper

- “Hukukun Temel İlkesi Olarak Evrensel İnsan Hakları” (“Universal Human Rights as the Grounding Principle of Law”) in *Odtülüler Bülteni* 202, December 2010, pp. 22-23.

Book Reviews

- “Kant’s Politics in Context by Reidar Maliks” in *Contemporary Political Theory*, 2015.
- “Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism: Ethics and Liberal Democracy by Seumas Miller” in *Political Studies Review* 9(3), September 2011, s.404.
- “Hobbes’ Behemoth: Religion and Democracy by Tomaz Mastnak (ed.)” in *Political Studies Review* 9(2), May 2011, p.230.

Working Papers

- “Public Religion and Secular State: A Kantian Approach”
- “Politik Sorununun Normatif Çözümü Olarak Adalet Fikri”
- “Sekülerizm ve Onun Özgürlükçü-Eşitlikçi Eleştirilerini Kant Işığında Yeniden Düşünmek”

Conferences & Seminars

- **08/2015** “Public Religion in the Secular State: A Kantian Perspective”, paper presented to the 9th ECPR General Conference (Montreal)
- **06/2015** “Law and Justice”, lecture delivered as a part of the 2015 ECPR Summer School: Methods in Normative Political Theory/Philosophy, at Keele University
- **05/2015** “Public Religion and Secular State: A Kantian Approach”, paper presented to the Conference “Normativity and German Idealism: Contemporary Perspectives” at Sussex University.
- **11/2014** “The Cul-de-Sac in Natural Law Theory and Legal Positivism: The Question of Normativity of Law”, paper presented to the workshop on “Kantian Insights into the Relation between Law and Ethical Commitments” at Keele University.
- **10/2014** “Human Rights and Law”, lecture delivered as a part of the MA Course on “Human Rights, Globalization and Human Rights” at the Department of Law at Keele University
- **09/2014** “A Kantian Position on the Relation Between the Concept of Law and the Idea of Justice”, paper presented to the 8th ECPR General Conference (Glasgow)
- **06/2014** “A Kantian Standpoint on the Question of the Normativity of Law”, paper presented in the framework of the ERC-Project “Distortions of Normativity” at the Department of Philosophy in Vienna
- **11/2013** “A Comment on Sorin Baiasu’s “Why It Does Not Pay Not to Play: Kant’s Guarantee for Perpetual Peace”, commentary paper presented in Keele Forum For Philosophical Research J. J. Rousseau Annual Lecture
- **08/2013** “The Distinction between Piety and Zealotry: Reflections on the Limits of the Acceptability of Religiosity within Democratic Political Spheres”, paper presented to the 23th World Congress of Philosophy (Athens)
- **08/2013** (with Dr Cem Deveci) “Human Rights versus The Mindset of the ‘Political’”, paper presented to the

- **03/2011** “Acknowledging and Limiting the Moral Significance of Cultural Praxis: Reflections on Cassirer’s Critical Philosophy of Culture”, paper presented to the 4th Global Conference: Interculturalism, Meaning and Identity (Prague).
- **10/2010** (with Dr Cem Deveci) “Schmitt’s Theory of Public Law and His Conception of Basic Rights”, paper presented to the *1st International Philosophy Congress: Freedom, Equality and Fraternity* (Uludağ University, Bursa).
- **03/2010** “Re-Establishing the Tie between Law, Morality and Political Power: Modern Legal-Rationalism as the Alternative to Legal-Positivism and Legal-Realism”, paper presented to 4th Global Conference: Evil, Law & the State: Issues in State Power & Violence (Salzburg).
- **12/2009** “Hukuksal-Pozitivizmin ve Hukuksal-Realizmin Çıkmazları Işığında Hukuksal-Rasyonalizmi Tekrar Düşünmek” (“Reconsidering Legal-Rationalism in the Light of the Dilemmas of Legal-Positivism and Legal-Realism”), paper presented to *11th National Congress on Social Sciences* (METU, Ankara).
- **05/2004** “Fransız Devriminin Öz-Eleştirisini Olarak Kant” (“Kant as a Self-Critique of French Revolution”), paper presented to METU Seminars in Political Science, Ankara.

COURSES TAUGHT

Undergraduate Courses

- Advanced Readings in Political Science (Fall 2015)
- Contemporary Political Theory (Fall 2015)
- Classical Political Theory (Fall 2015)
- Political Thought II (Spring 2012, Spring 2013, and Spring 2016)
- Basic Readings in Social Sciences II (Spring 2012)
- Contemporary Political Ideologies (Spring 2012 & Spring 2013)
- Religion and Politics in Turkey (Spring 2012)
- Political Thought I (Fall 2012)
- History of Political Thought (Fall 2012)
- Basic Readings in Social Sciences I (Fall 2012)
- Political Sociology (Spring 2013)
- Theories of Human Rights (Spring 2016)

Graduate Courses

- Ethics and Politics (Spring 2012 & Spring 2013)
- Political Theory I (Fall 2012-Fall 2015)
- Political Theory II (Spring 2016)

RESEARCH GRANTS

- **09/2015-09/2017** British Academy Newton Advanced Fellowship at Kocaeli University and Keele University.
The project title: “Dealing Ethically with Conflicts between Deep Commitments: A Dual Critical-Hermeneutic Approach”
- **09/2013-09/2015** European Commission Marie Curie Research Fellowship at Keele University-UK.
The project title: “A Kantian Approach to Current Tensions between Modern Law and Religious Commitments”
- **09/2005-07/2006** Fulbright Research Scholarship at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, the US.