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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2023-present Head of Department, Department of History of Religions, Department of Philosophy and Religious Sciences, Faculty of Theology, Ordu University
- 2023-present Quality Board Member, Department of Philosophy and Religious Sciences, Institute of Social Sciences, Ordu University
- 2023-present Assistant Professor, Department of History of Religions, Department of Philosophy and Religious Sciences, Faculty of Theology, Ordu University

EDUCATION

- 2022 PhD., Department of History of Religions, Department of Philosophy and Religious Sciences, Erciyes University
Dissertation Title: Japanese New Religious Movements: Ōmoto
Supervised by: Prof. Dr. Kenan HAS
- 2018 MA, Department of History of Religions, Erciyes University
Dissertation Title: Understanding of Soteriology in Early Gnostic Christianity
Supervised by: Prof. Dr. Kenan HAS
- 2016 BA, Faculty of Divinity, Erciyes University
Dissertation Title: Reading of Evangelism in the Theo-Strategic Axis
Supervised by: Prof. Dr. Kenan HAS

RESEARCH SPECIALIZATION AND SKILLS

- History of Religions
- Japanese Religions
- Kyōha Shintō Movements
- Japanese New Religious Movements
- Religious-Cultural Relations in Japan
- Japanese Islam
- Advanced Arabic, English and Japanese language abilities in speaking, reading and writing
- Japanese Theories of Civilization
- God Typologies of Japanese Religions and NRMs
- Soteriology in Japanese NRMs
- Sacred Text Morphology in Japanese Religions and NRMs

IN PUBLICATION PROGRESS

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 2025 A Historical-Phenomenological Critique of the Concepts of New Religion and New Religious Movement. Eskiyei. March Issue (55). (accepted)
- 2024 (2024) A Typology of Charismatic Leadership in Ōmoto: The Example of Nao Deguchi. *Collective Memory*, December Issue.

BOOK CHAPTERS

- 2024 Nationality and Universality in Japanese New Religious Movements. In book of Religions and Missionary, Kitabı Publishing.

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

- 2024 *Ōmoto Definition, Typology, Religious-Phenomenological History, Beliefs and Worships*. Ankara: Eskiyei Publishing.
- 2023 *Japanese New Religious Movements: Definition, Religious-Phenomenological History, Reasons for Emergence, Characteristic Features*. Ankara: Eskiyei Publishing.

JOURNAL SPECIAL ISSUES

- 2024 Islamophobia in Japan: Possibilities and Controversies, *Journal of Media and Religion Studies* 1(1) 187-217. (with Hatice Acar)
<https://doi.org/10.47951/mediad.1518895>.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 2023 The Japanese New Religious Movement of Ōmoto's Shrine Officers, Ritual Concepts and Worships. *Amasya Theology Journal* 0/21. 341-384.
<https://doi.org/10.18498/amaialad.1359530>.
- 2023 Japanese New Religious Movement Ōmoto's Religious-Phenomenological History. *Journal of Academic Researchs in Religious Sciences*, 23(1), 311-336.
<https://doi.org/10.33415/daad.1198291>.
- 2022 Japanese New Religious Movement Ōmoto's Beliefs. *Turkish Journal of Religious Studies*, 22(2), 655-683. <https://doi.org/10.33420/marife.1188589>.
- 2022 Research Works on the Prophet Muhammad Conducted in Japan (1873-1926): Evaluation from the Aspect of History of Religions. *Çankırı Karatekin University*

Journal of Institute of Social Sciences, 13(2), 313-341. (with Ayhan Kusculu)
<https://doi.org/10.54558/jiss.1176002>.

- 2022 A General Overview to Japanese New Religious Movements. *Journal of Academic Researchs in Religious Sciences*. *Journal of Academic Researchs in Religious Sciences*, 22(1), 605–634. (with Ayhan Kusculu)
<https://doi.org/10.33415/daad.1013324>.

TRANSLATIONS (PEER REVIEWED: INTO TURKISH)

- 2024 “Japon Yeni Dinlerinde Tanrı Tasavvurları.” Translation of Robert Kisala’s “Images of God in Japanese New Religions”. *Antakiyat* 7(1). 81-95. (with Hatice Acar).
<https://dergipark.org.tr/tr/pub/antakiyat/issue/85247/1462135>
- 2023 “Japonya’daki İslam Tarihi’nden Bakışla Japon Maneviyatı.” Translation of Akiko Komura’s 「日本におけるイスラームの歴史からみる日本人の宗教性（スピリチュアリティ）について」. *The Journal of Ordu University Faculty of Theology*, 0(1). 169-190.
<https://doi.org/10.14992/00010984>.
<https://dergipark.org.tr/tr/pub/oduifd/issue/80106/1298369>.
- 2020 “Kurtuluşın Ma’neviyyâta: Doğu Asya’dan Bakışla Dinlerin Güncel Dönüşümü.” Translation of Shimazono Susumu’s 「救済からスピリチュアリティへ：現代宗教の変容を東アジアから展望する」. *Hitit Theology Journal*, 19(2). 1185-1209.
<https://doi.org/10.14395/hititlahiyat.772843>.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS (NOT PEER REVIEWED)

- 2023 Secular Religiosity in the Far East: Japanese Spirituality. *Tasbası Journal of Education, Culture, Art and Literature*, 3(3). 36-41.
<https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.10985631>.

RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

EXTERNAL FELLOWSHIPS

- 2024- **Research Fellowship**, Expert of Japanese Religions, Japanese Religions for the present Database of Religious History (DRH), University of British Columbia. Vancouver, Canada (Online Database Project)
- 2021 **Research Fellowship**, University of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania Dream Lab: Digital Humanities & East Asian Studies (via zoom)

INTERNAL FELLOWSHIPS

- 2024 **Research Fellowship**, Necmettin Erbakan University, Konya, Turkey
The International Scientific Publishing Summer Course (1 week)
- 2019-2023 **Japanese Language Course**, Department of Japanese Language and Literature,
Erciyes University, Kayseri, Turkey
- 2014-2017 **English Language Course**, Department of English Language and Literature,
Erciyes University, Kayseri, Turkey
- 2011-2014 **Arabic Language Course**, Department of Arabic Language and Literature,
Erciyes University, Kayseri, Turkey

AWARDS

- 2023 Certificate of Appreciation for held Scientific Panel, Ordu University.
- 2022 Certificate of Appreciation for held Scientific Congress, Erciyes University.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

SYMPOSIUMS, PANELS AND CONFERANCES ORGANIZED

- 2024 **Committee member**, “VIII. International Symposium of Scientific Researches.”
Ordu University.
- 2023 Moderator in panel, “The Structure and Function of Phenomenology of
Religion” Ordu University.
- 2022 **Committee chair**, “Past and Present of Japanese Studies 3” with Ayhan
Kusculu. International Social Sciences Symposium (USBIK). Kayseri, Turkey
- 2021 **Committee member**, “Past and Present of Japanese Studies 2” with Ayhan
Kusculu. International Social Sciences Symposium (USBIK). Kayseri, Turkey
- 2019 **Committee member**, “Past and Present of Japanese Studies 1” with Ayhan
Kusculu. International Social Sciences Symposium (USBIK). Kayseri, Turkey

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 “Projections of the Concept of Tabunka Kyoōsei: The Example of Muslims in
Japan.”
Tokyo 9th International Innovative Studies & Contemporary Scientific
Research Congress, Tokyo
- 2024 “Islamophobia in Japan: Possibilities and Controversies.”
1st International Media, Digital Culture and Religion Congress. Kayseri,
Turkey (Online)
- 2023 “Family in Japanese Muslims.”

XIIth International Symposium on Family in a Changing World, Izmir, Turkey.

- 2023 "The Significance of Japanese New Religious Movements for Religious Studies."
1st History of Religions Congress of Turkey, Ankara, Turkey.
- 2022 "Anthropogony and Soteriology in Traditional Chinese Religions."
VII. International European Conference on Social Sciences, Antalya (Online)
- 2020 "New Religious Movements in Japan."
International Social Sciences Symposium (USBIK). Kayseri, Turkey

INVITED LECTURES

- 2024 "Critique of the New Religious Movement" (in january)
Bursa Uludag University, Bursa (via google meet)
- 2024 "Eschatology in Japanese New Religious Movements" (in february)
Erciyes University, Kayseri (via google meet)
- 2024 "Japanese New Religious Movements: Definition, Scope and Mission" (in march)
Ordu University, Ordu (via google meet)
- 2024 "Religious-Phenomenological History of Japanese New Religious Movements" (in april)
Bursa Uludag University, Bursa (via google meet)
- 2024 "Typological Classification of Japanese New Religious Movements" (in may)
Erciyes University, Ordu (via google meet)
- 2024 "Reasons For the Emergence of New Religious Movements In Japan" (in june)
Erciyes University, Kayseri (via google meet)
- 2024 "Charismatic Leadership in Japanese New Religious Movements" (in july)
Ordu University, Ordu (via google meet)

PANEL DISCUSSANT PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 "The Concept of Genze Riyaku in Japanese Buddhism." (in november)
Symposium on the Quest for Moderation Between Excess and Deficiency, Ordu, Turkey.
- 2023 "Chinese Influence on the Development of a Systematic Understanding of Religion in Japan: the Yamato Period and after."

History of Religions Postgraduate Symposium I, Ankara, Turkey.

2023 “Shintoism Effects in Animation.”
History of Religions Postgraduate Symposium I, Ankara, Turkey.

2023 “Posthumous Remembrance/Mourning Rituals in Japanese Buddhism.”
1st Turkish Congress on History of Religions, Ankara, Turkey

COURSE TAUGHT

AT THE ORDU UNIVERSITY

Undergraduate Courses

2024-2025	Fall Semester	History of Religions I
2024-2025	Fall Semester	Living World Religions
2023-2024	Fall Semester	Living World Religions
2023-2024	Fall Semester	History of Religions I
2023-2024	Spring Semester	New Religious Movements in the West
2023-2024	Spring Semester	History of Religions II
2022-2023	Spring Semester	History of Religions II

Graduate Courses in Master Program

2024-2025	Fall Semester	History of Religions Methodologies
2024-2025	Fall Semester	Introduction to History of Religions
2023-2024	Fall Semester	History of Religions Methodologies
2023-2024	Fall Semester	Introduction to History of Religions
2023-2024	Spring Semester	Comparative History of Religions
2023-2024	Spring Semester	Introduction to Phenomenology of Religion
2022-2023	Spring Semester	Introduction to Phenomenology of Religion

Graduate Courses in Doctoral Program

2024-2025	Fall Semester	Scientific Research Methods and Publication Ethics in Philosophy and Religious Sciences
2024-2025	Fall Semester	Japanese Religions
2023-2024	Fall Semester	Scientific Research Methods and Publication Ethics in Philosophy and Religious Sciences

AT THE ERCIYES UNIVERSITY

Undergraduate Seminars

2020-2021	Spring Semester	Japanese New Religious Movements (online)
2021-2022	Fall Semester	Ōmoto's Religions-Phenomenological History (online)
2022-2023	Spring Semester	Ōmoto's Beliefs
2022-2023	Fall Semester	Ōmoto's Shrine Officers, Ritual Concepts and Worships

STUDENT ADVISING

UNDERGRADUATE ADVISING

- 2024-present “The Influence of Amaterasu on the Sanctity of Japanese Emperors.” for Selenay Yuksel. B.A.
Faculty of Theology, Ordu University
- 2023-2024 “Forest Shrines in Shintoism.” for Seymanur Guven. B.A.
Faculty of Theology, Ordu University
- 2023-2024 “Feminist Theology in Tenrikyō.” for Muhammet Avinci. B.A.
Faculty of Theology, Ordu University

MASTER ADVISING

- 2024-present **Committee chair** for Hamiyenur Tekin.
“Missionary in Ōmoto And Sōka Gakkai.”
Department of Philosophy and Religious Sciences, Institute of Social Sciences, Ordu University.
- 2024-present **Committee chair** for Nimet Oksuz.
“Soteriology in Tenrikyo and Aum Shinrikyo.”
Department of Philosophy and Religious Sciences, Institute of Social Sciences, Ordu University
- 2024-present **Committee chair** for Busra Kartal.
“God Typologies in Hare Krishna and Cheondogyo.”
Department of Philosophy and Religious Sciences, Institute of Social Sciences, Ordu University
- 2023 **Outside examiner** for Sumeyye Kasap
“God Typology in Shintoism”
Department of Philosophy and Religious Sciences, Institute of Social Sciences, Ondokuz Mayıs University, Samsun, Turkey
- 2023 **Committee member** for Kubranur Karabocek
“Shinto-Buddhism Interaction in Japan from the Perspective of Interreligious Relations.”
Department of Philosophy and Religious Sciences, Institute of Social Sciences, Amasya University
- 2023 **Committee member** for Nurulhuda Candan
“Understanding of Alienation in Eastern Religions.”
Department of Philosophy and Religious Sciences, Institute of Social Sciences, Erciyes University

DEPARTMENTAL & UNIVERSITY SERVICE

AT THE ORDU UNIVERSTIY

- 2023-present **Head of Department**
Department of History of Religions, Department of Philosophy and Religious Sciences, Faculty of Theology, Ordu University
- 2023-present **Quality Board Member**
Department of Philosophy and Religious Sciences, Institute of Social Sciences, Ordu University
- 2024 **Co-organizer and Moderator**
“Happy Life in the Context of Salvation in Eastern Religions” (via zoom)
Faculty of Theology, Ordu University
- 2024 **Organizer and Presenter**
“Advanced Zotero Education” (1 week)
Faculty of Theology, Ordu University
- 2023 **Organizer and Presenter**
Japanese Language Course
Faculty of Theology, Ordu University
- 2023 **Organizer and Presenter**
“Round Table Discussions on Japanese Religions” (Spring Semester)
Faculty of Theology, Ordu University
- 2023 **Organizer and Presenter**
“Round Table Discussions on History of Religions” (Autumn Semester)
Faculty of Theology, Ordu University
- 2023 **Organizer and Moderator**
“The Role of Shintoism and Buddhism in Japanese Rites of Passage” (online).
Seminar of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Halil Ibrahim Senavcu
- 2023 **Organizer and Moderator**
Book Review Seminar on “Western Pioneers of the History of Religions.”
Author: Prof. Dr. Mustafa Alici

SCIENTIFIC JOURNAL PUBLISHING SERVICE

- 2024-present **Editor-in-Chief**
Ordu Divinity (Ordu University)

2024-present	Subject editor Journal of Bartın University Faculty of Islamic Sciences, (Bartın University)
2024-present	Subject editor BEU Journal of Faculty of Theology (Bulent Ecevit University)
2024-present	Subject editor The Journal of the History of Religions, (Ankara Social Science University)
2024-present	Editorial board member Idrak Journal of Religious Studies (Giresun University)
2023	Refereeing committee member Eskiyeni (Anatolian Theology Academy)
2023	Refereeing committee member Hatay Mustafa Kemal University Faculty of Theology Journal (Hatay Mustafa Kemal University)
2023	Refereeing committee member Asia Studies (Giresun University)
2023	Refereeing committee member Journal of Kahramanmaras Sutcu Imam University Faculty of Theology (Kahramanmaras Sutcu Imam University)
2023	Refereeing committee member Rize Journal of Theology (Rize University)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- The International Association for the History of Religions
- Turkish Association for the History of Religions
- Turkish Community for the Japanese Religions
- Read & Publish Association