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**Professional Profile**

Distinguished academic and administrative leader with over 20 years of experience in higher education, specializing in environmental philosophy, interdisciplinary research, and global education initiatives. Proven track record in developing innovative academic programs, enhancing research capabilities, and fostering international collaborations. Committed to integrating sustainability and ethical considerations into academic curricula and administration.

**Education**

* **Ph.D. in Philosophy** (Islamic and Western Comparative Philosophy) - Middle East Technical University, Ankara (1996) **Dissertation:** "The Ethical Dimension of Human Attitude Towards Nature."
* **M.A. in Philosophy** - Middle East Technical University, Ankara (1988)
* **B.A. in Theology and Philosophy** - Faculty of Theology, Ankara University, Ankara (1985)

**Academic and Professional Experience**

* **Professor of Philosophy,** Uskudar University, Istanbul (Current)
* **Visiting Scholar,** Clark University, Worcester, MA (Aug 2022 - June 2024).
* **Certified Philosophical Counselor,** APPA (American Philosophical Practitioners Association).

**Former Roles:**

* **Dean,** Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Uskudar University (Dec 2021 - 2022).
	+ Notable advancements in academic quality, research output, and community engagement. These accomplishments reflect my commitment to fostering a vibrant and forward-thinking academic environment.
* **Founding President,** Hasan Kalyoncu University, Gaziantep (2010 - 2013).
	+ Engineered the foundational vision and operational strategy leading to the creation of Hasan Kalyoncu University, a testament to academic excellence and innovation.
	+ Spearheaded the development of the university's campus, orchestrating the architectural and infrastructural blueprint that facilitated a conducive learning and research environment.
	+ Led strategic recruitment efforts, assembling a team of high-caliber academic staff committed to fostering educational innovation and excellence.
	+ Implemented a comprehensive academic strategy prioritizing interdisciplinary research, community engagement, and global partnerships, positioning the university as a distinguished institution in higher education.
* **Director-General,** International Relations, Ministry of National Education, Ankara (2003 - 2010).
	+ Played a pivotal role in internationalizing Turkish education and fostering global collaborations.
	+ Commitment to fostering international collaboration, driving strategic initiatives, and elevating the global standing of Turkish education through effective policies and partnerships with OECD, EU, UNESCO, and US Higher Education Institutions.

**Teaching Experience**

**Professor of Environmental Philosophy:** (Ankara University, Abu Akademi University, Finland, Clark University, Worcester, MA., Hasan Kalyoncu University, Hartford Seminary, CT.)

* Delivered a diverse range of undergraduate and graduate courses encompassing environmental ethics, environmental justice, eco-feminism, the intersection of ecology and religion.
* Designed and taught courses on environmental ethics, sustainability, and interdisciplinary environmental studies.
* Supervised PhD and Master’s students, with students going on to prestigious positions.

**Research and Scholarly Contributions**

* **Research Awards:** Excellence in Service Award, Ministry of National Education (2010); Doctoral Dissertation Award, METU (1996)
* **Projects:** Lead on projects funded by The European Climate Foundation and Consultant for UNEP and World Bank.

**Editorial and Advisory Roles**

* A Handbook on Religion and the Environment, Edward Elgar Publishing (Forthcoming 2024) Co-Editor
* Scientific Council, Studia Ecologiae et Bioethicae, the Cardinal Stefan Wyszynski University in Warsaw, Poland, 2022-to presnet.
* The Journal of Happiness and Well-Being, Uskudar University, 2022-to present.
* Editor in Chief, *Uskudar University Journal of Social Sciences*, 2022-to present.
* Journal of NeuroPhilosophy, 2021-2024.
* *Acta Via Serica,* Publisher: Synn Ilhi, President, Keimyung University, S. Korea.

**Professional Affiliations**

* **Member,** NAAIMS, APPA, International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture
* **Board Member,** Turkish Fulbright Commission, CERI (OECD), UNESCO Turkish Commission
* **Member,** *American Philosophical Practitioners Association* (APPA), 2023-2024.
* **Member,** American Academy of Religion, 2001–2002.
* **Board Member**, *CERI, OECD,* 2006–2010.
* **Board Member**, *UNESCO Turkish Commission,* 2005–2010.

**Languages**

* **Turkish:** Native
* **Kurdish:** Mother Tongue
* **English:** Fluent (Teaching in English since 1998)
* **Arabic:** Fluent (Presenter at International Conferences)

**PS**: If required, I am more than happy to provide recommendation letters or the names and contact information of scholars who can attest to my academic and professional qualifications, teaching experience, and contributions to the field of environmental philosophy