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EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2002, Ph.D. in Philosophy. Thesis: *Laws in the Special Sciences: A Comparative Study of Biological Generalizations*

University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2000, M.A. in Philosophy.

Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, 1996, M.A. in Philosophy. Thesis: *Science As Conjecture: Popper on Demarcation and Induction*

Çukurova University, Adana, Turkey, 1987-1991, B.A. in Philosophy Group Teacher Education.

POSITIONS HELD

Assistant to Chair, Muğla University Philosophy Department 2005 -

Associate Professor, Muğla University, Turkey 2006-

Assistant Professor, Muğla University, Turkey 2004-2006

Lecturer , Muğla University, Turkey 2003-2004

Teaching Assistant (One Semester Project Assistant), University of Wisconsin-Madison 1998-2002

Research Assistant, Boğaziçi University, Turkey 1997-1998

Research Assistant, Muğla University, Turkey 1993-1997

Teacher, Ministry of Turkish National Education 1991-1993

PHILOSOPHICAL INTERESTS

Philosophy of Biology, General Philosophy of Science, Logic, Nature of Laws and Laws in the Special Sciences

AWARDS

Invited Visiting Scholar University of Wisconsin-Madison September 2 – 11, 2005

Travel Grant for European Congress for Analytic Philosophy 5 from Muğla University

Travel Grant for European Congress for Analytic Philosophy 5 from Sıtkı Koçman Foundation

Philosophy of Science Association/NSF Travel Grant (for *PSA* 2002), November 2002

The Oliver Prize (for best essay by a graduate student), 2002

Univeristy of Wisconsin-Madison Long-Term Teaching Assistant Contract, 2000

Scholarship for M.A. and Ph.D. Studies in U.S.A. from Turkish Higher Education Council, 1993

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

In English

1. Elgin, Mehmet. "There May Be Strict Empirical Laws in Biology, After All." **BIOLOGY & PHILOSOPHY** 21(1) 2006: 119-134.
2. Elgin, Mehmet. "Special Sciences and Ceteris Paribus Laws." **PHILOSOPHICAL WRITINGS** 27 2004: 15-28.
3. Elgin, Mehmet. "Biology and A Priori Laws." **PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE** 70(5) 2003: 1380-1389.
4. Elgin, Mehmet and Sober, Elliott. "Cartwright on Explanation and Idealization." **ERKENNTNIS** 57(3) 2002: 441-450

PRESENTATIONS

1. "Can Biology Have Strict Empirical Laws?" Invited Talk. Center for Philosophy and Ethics of Science. University of Hannover, Hannover, Germany, April 25th 2006.
2. "Theory-Ladenness of Observations and the Objectivity of Science" Presented at **FIFTH EUROPEAN CONGRESS OF ANALYTIC PHILOSOPHY**, August 30th 2005.
3. "Falsificationism Revisited." Presented at **21ST WORLD CONGRESS OF PHILOSOPHY**, İstanbul, August 16th 2003
4. "Biology and A Priori Laws." Presented at **PSA** 2002, Milwaukee, Nov. 9th 2002

In Turkish

Edited Books

1. Elgin, M., and Ç. Veysel (Eds.), **ULUĞ NUTKU'YA ARMAĞAN**. İstanbul: İnkilap Yayınları, February 2006.

Journal Articles

1. Elgin, M., "Tümevarım Üzerine Bir 19. yy Tartışması," **"A 19th Century Debate on Induction" FELSEFELOGOS** 1 2004: 55-66.
2. Elgin, M., "Bağlam Rasyonalizmi ve Bilimde İlerleme," **"Contextual Rationalism and Progress in Science" FELSEFE TARTIŞMALARI** 33 (2004): 69-80.

Encyclopedia Articles

1. Elgin, M., "Biyoloji," **"Biology" FELSEFE ANSIKLOPEDISI**, Ahmet Cevizci (Ed.), Volume 2. Istanbul: Etik Yayınları, 2004: 679-685.
2. Elgin, M., "Biyoloji Felsefesi," **"Philosophy of Biology" FELSEFE ANSIKLOPEDISI**, Ahmet Cevizci (Ed.), Volume 2. Istanbul: Etik Yayınları, 2004: 685-698.
3. Elgin, M., "Biyoloji Tarihi," **"History of Biology" FELSEFE ANSIKLOPEDISI**, Ahmet Cevizci (Ed.), Volume 2. Istanbul Etik Yayınları, 2004: 698-710.
4. Elgin, M., "Darwin, Charles," **"Darwin, Charles" FELSEFE ANSIKLOPEDISI**, Ahmet Cevizci (Ed.), Forthcoming in Volume 4.
5. Elgin, M., "Darwinizm," **"Darwinism" FELSEFE ANSIKLOPEDISI**, Ahmet Cevizci (Ed.), Forthcoming in Volume 4.
6. Elgin, M., "Dirimselcilik," **"Vitalism" FELSEFE ANSIKLOPEDISI**, Ahmet Cevizci (Ed.), Forthcoming in Volume 4.
7. Elgin, M., "Evrim Teorisi", **"Evolution Theory" FELSEFE ANSIKLOPEDISI**, Ahmet Cevizci (Ed.), Forthcoming in Volume 5.

Book Sections

1. Elgin, M., "Evrim Teorisi ve Altruizm," **"Evolution Theory and Altruism" In ULUĞ NUTKU'YA ARMAĞAN**, M. Elgin and Ç. Veysel (Eds.), İnkilap Yayınları, February 2006.
2. Elgin, M., "William Whewell ve Bilimsel Teorilerin Epistemolojik Değeri," **"William Whewell and the Epistemic Status of Scientific Theories" Forthcoming in CEMAL YILDIRIM'A ARMAĞAN.**

REFERENCES:

Prof. Gürol Irzık, Boğaziçi University, Turkey

Prof. Ellery Eells, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Prof. Daniel Hausman, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Prof. Elliott Sober, University of Wisconsin-Madison (Ph.D. Advisor)

Prof. Husain Sarkar, Louisiana State University-Baton Rouge (M.A. Advisor)