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Education

Royal Holloway College, University of London Surrey, England <i>PhD in Theatre (unfinished)</i> (research on 'Revitalization of Methods of Acting through an Investigation of the Cultural Materials of Turkey')	2004
Bilgi University Istanbul, Turkey <i>MA in Cinema and Television Studies</i> (thesis on 'The Ritualistic Aspect of the Cinematic Experience')	1999-2001
Goldsmiths College, University of London London, England <i>MA in Theatre Arts, Playwriting</i>	1997-1998
Bogazici Üniversitesi Istanbul, Turkey <i>BA in International Relations and Political Science</i> <i>BA in Sociology (transferred)</i>	1992-1997 1994-1997 1993-1994
Connecticut College Connecticut, USA <i>Government (transferred)</i>	1990-1992
Robert College (High school) İstanbul, Turkey	1983-1990

Artistic and Professional Experience

Creating and Writing TV suspense project “FLAWLESS”	2023 -
To be produced by Ay Yapım, to be aired in January 2025	
Creating and writing the global TV drama franchise “EL TURCO”	2022-
Created for DisneyPlus Global, currently awaiting distribution	
Writing and supervising the screenplay for historical TV drama “KURŞUN”	2019
To be produced by Most productions, to be aired in October, 2019	
Written and supervised the screenplay for historical TV drama “DYNASTY”	2017
To be produced by O3, to be aired in October, 2018, cancelled	
WRITERS ROOM wrote and supervised the screenplay for TV drama “HIGH SOCIETY”	2016
26 episodes, produced by and aired on KANAL D	
WRITERS ROOM wrote and supervised the screenplay for TV drama “MARAL”	2015
12 episodes, produced by and aired on TV8	
Founded the screenwriting company YAZI ODASI (WRITERS ROOM)	2014
Bakkal sokak no.15, Arnavutköy İstanbul, Turkey	
Written and directed the feature film Bİ KÜÇÜK EYLÜL MESELESİ	2013-2014
Produced by Ay Yapım, released nationwide	
Written the screenplay for TV drama “20 DAKİKA (20 MINUTES)”	2012
26 episodes, STAR TV, Turkey	
Written the screenplay for TV drama “UÇURUM”	2011
25 episodes, ATV, Turkey	
Written the screenplay for TV drama “EZEL”	2009-2010
71 episodes, ATV, Turkey	
Written the screenplay for TV drama “GECE GÜNDÜZ (DAY/ NIGHT)”	2008
30 episodes, KANAL D, Turkey	
Written the screenplay for TV drama “SINIF (CLASS)”	2007
6 episodes, SHOW TV, Turkey	
Directed the performance ‘WAR’ in its Istanbul International Theatre Festival production	2004
İstanbul State Theatre, Aziz Nesin Stage, AKM, Taksim , İstanbul, Turkey	
Attended exchange-of-work with the Workcenter of J. Grotowski and Thomas Richards	2003
in project ‘Tracing Roads Across’	
Aya İrini, İstanbul, Turkey	
Founded the ‘alcheratıyatro’ acting studies center	2003-2006
Yemenici Abdullatif sok., Hoş ap., No:9/4, Asmalı Mescit, Beyoğlu, İstanbul, Turkey	
Written and directed the play ‘The Sixth Day’	2003
Maya Stage, İstiklal Caddesi, Halep Pasajı 140/20, Beyoğlu, İstanbul, Turkey	
Owned and managed alchera, a theatre-café/rest./bar/cultural activities center	2001-2006
alchera, Bağdat Caddesi no:173 Selamiçeşme İstanbul, Turkey	
Written and directed two Bilgi University funded short films: “Sancı” and “Burada”	2000
Written and directed the full length play, ‘The Vigil’	1998
Onion Shed. Camberwell, London	
Written and produced the full length play, ‘Claustrophobia’	1996
Robert College Suna Kıraç Theatre. İstanbul, Turkey	
Set up theatre company as Robert College Alumni Theatre Company	1992
Written and produced the annual high school musical: ‘Delusions’	1990

Teaching and Seminar (a non-exhaustive selection)

Part-time teacher in Dept. of Western Languages and Literatures in BOĞAZIÇI UNIVERSITY	2023
Bebek, 34342 Beşiktaş/İstanbul, Turkey	
Attending film classes as guest teacher in ROBERT COLLEGE	2023
Arnavutköy, 34275 Beşiktaş/İstanbul, Turkey	
Given a TedX speech in ROBERT COLLEGE (İSTANBUL AMERİKAN ROBERT LİSESİ)	2023
Arnavutköy, 34725 Beşiktaş/İstanbul, Turkey	
Given a full year of various workshops in İSTANBUL FİLM AKADEMİ	2020-2021
Started teaching screenwriting courses for Film Studies Certificate Program in BOSPHORUS UNIVERSITY	2015 - 2017
Bebek, 34342 Beşiktaş/İstanbul, Turkey	
Given a TedX speech in a TedX event in TİM SHOW CENTER	2016
Maslak, 34457 Sarıyer/İstanbul, Turkey	
Set up Scriptwriting courses in Yazı Odası (Writer's Room)	2014
Numerous workshops and courses, Arnavutköy, İstanbul, Turkey	
Given the 4 week workshop SENARYO YAZIMI (SCRIPT WRITING) I and II	2014
Atölyecraft. İstanbul, Turkey	
Given the 6 week workshop BİR YAZAR İKİ KİŞİ (ONE WRITER TWO PERSONS)	2013-2014
Atölyecraft. İstanbul, Turkey	
Given the 4 week workshop KAHRAMANIN YOLCULUĞU (HEROS JOURNEY)	2013
TÜRSAV SİNEMA EVİ. İstanbul, Turkey	
Co-hosted seminar in MIPTV CANNES	2012
Grand Auditorium Louis Lumier, Cannes, France	

Screenwriting Awards and Achievements (a non-exhaustive selection)

The script of Ezel is sold to 20th Century Fox for a US remake	2015
Audience Award for A Small September Affair in 6. Montreal Turkish Film Festival	2014
Cinema du Parc, Montreal, Canada	
Best Scripted Format in C21/FRAPA International Format Awards	2010
MIPCOM trade show in Cannes, France	
Best Script Award in İsmail Cem National Television Awards, with "EZEL"	2010
The TV drama EZEL has been awarded best TV drama by various events, local and nationwide, including best TV drama award in ALTIN KELEBEK (GOLDEN BUTTERFLY)	