Islamic Ethics Thought Project

Faaliyet ve Yayınlama Kataloğu (2013-2016)
Ethics found in the religious and philosophical branches of Islamic thought and has been discussed in terms of different purposes and problems. This topic also points out the importance of the field of ethics in classical and contemporary sciences. This effective position of ethics arising from the combination of both theory and practice shows that it is necessary to study in this area. For this reason, the Science Culture Education Association (ILKE) and the Scientific Research Associations (ILEM) initiated the Islamic Ethics Thought Project in 2013.

**The aim of this project** is to discover the origins of classical moral thinking and to reproduce this tradition of thought for today’s individuals. With this aim, multiple activities and publications were realized at various stages of the study.

**Among the extended goals of the project,** are aims such as considering the contemporary problems from the perspective of Islamic ethics thought.
17 Conferences

18 Round Table Meetings

3 Separate Course Series

17 Different Works in Different Categories

543

Explanatory bibliography of 543 written and printed moral works belonging to 348 different Authors.

5 Workshops

60 Researchers
Ethical Theory Talks

In the project, a series of talks were held between 2013 and 2014, addressing the question "What is the foundation of Ethics?". In this study which is on the subject of the source of ethics, and took different perspectives into consideration, there were nine speakers, including Ekrem Demirli, Zeynep Direk and Hakan Poyraz.
Ethics of Sanctions Talks

In 2015, a series of "Talks on the Ethics of Sanctions" which is one of the important problems of moral philosophy took place in the project. Eight speakers including İhsan Fazlıoğlu, Ayhan Çitil and Tahsin Görgün took part in the study.
Fundamental Perspectives of Islamic Ethical Thought

Presentations were made in 2013-2014 under the title "Fundamental Perspectives of Islamic Ethical Thought" in order to discuss the features, basic concepts and problem areas of the ecoal included in Islamic ethical thought. Eight speakers took part in the presentations.
Temperament Theories in Islamic Thought

In the meetings held in 2015, the views of the philosophers approaching from different perspectives on how Ethics is based on human nature were discussed. Six different presentations were made on this study.
The Source of Ethical Propositions in Islamic Thought

A total of four presentations were made in the study, in which similar and different ethical propositions were analyzed through logical processes done by currents of Islamic thought.
Workshop on Menâhic al-Ahlâki's-Seniyya

A workshop on Menâhic al-Ahlâki's-Seniyya, which was written by Ahmed al-Fâkihi (dated 1982/1574), took place on December 25, 2015. This original and unique work that brings together mystic, philosophical and traditional models of ethics was studied at different angles in the workshop.
Workshops on Ethics and the ‘Others’

Today, the role of ‘the other’ in the establishment of ethics has to be taken into account in the debate of ethics. Within the scope of the project, the Workshops on Ethics and the ‘Others’ took place in April and November 2015 with two separate sessions, taking a critical approach to the concept of ‘the other’ in the spirit of modern ethics.
Workshop on Conscience in Islamic Thought

Within the scope of the project, Workshop on the concept of ‘Conscience’ in Islamic Thought was held on 3-4 June 2016. The workshop aimed to determine the concept of conscience in Islamic traditions. In addition, the hard to define inner state which encourages humans to do the right action and its psychological and theological roots were examined in the tradition.
Workshop on Intention in Religious and Philosophical Thinking

Intention is one of the most basic concepts of ethics as one of the key stages of the process of behavior. In this context, the workshop titled "Intention in Religion and Philosophical Thought", which dealt with intentions in a broad perspective, took place on 7-8 October 2016.
Workshop on Definitions of Humans in Classical Islamic Thought

In order to put the problems that arise around the question "What is a human?", it was decided to carry out two separate workshops that examine human definitions within the scope of the project. In this context, the first Human Identification Workshop on Classical Islamic Thought was held on 4-5 November 2016. In the workshop; perceptions on existence, knowledge and value and definitions of humanity were examined comparatively.
Workshop on Humanity in Contemporary Thinking

The second of the workshops on definitions of humanity in the project was carried out on 18 March 2017 under the title Humanity in Contemporary Thinking. In this workshop, the envisions of human beings emerged in contemporary thinking and the discussions about human nature were discussed accordingly.
Another study in the project was a detailed cataloging work that includes the contents of the works of morality written between 8-20 centuries. Conducted by İbrahim Halil Ayten and Duygu Miyase Şimşek, this work was also the first study on this area to focuses on the works based on ethics in tradition of thought. With this cataloging work, the researchers had the opportunity to see the accumulation of Islamic ethical thought with all its’ dimensions. Also the researchers were able to access the works online.

A detailed catalog of works on ethics written between the 8th and 20th centuries was produced. 1200 years of accumulation was edited and cataloged into 26 different categories. An explanatory bibliography of 543 works of 348 author was published. The works have been transferred to digital media and are available on iadkatalog.ilke.org.tr
Workshop on Taşköprîzâde's Ethics Theory

A workshop on the theory of ethics and concepts of Taşköprîzâde, one of the most important Ottoman scholars of the 16th century, was carried out in order to provide a common understanding of the translation of the concepts in texts focused on Ethics. In the workshop study, Taşköprîzâde’s Ahlâk-ı Adudiyya review was analyzed by comparing it with other concepts and problems in the commentaries.
Readings on The Philosophy of Ethics

Philosophy of Ethics classes were held in the project to train graduate students. Hümeysra Özturan gave her lectures on the main problems, currents, people and concepts in philosophy of Ethics.
Ethics of Virtues in Islamic Thought

In order to educate people who will work in the field of ethics and to increase the qualifications of the work in this field, classes on the Ethics of Virtues in Islamic Thought were held by Mustakim Arıcı. In the course’s content, the concept of the virtue of philosophy of ethics in some classical Islamic texts from the first period until the 16th century was discussed.
The Foundational Origins of Modern Ethics: a Critical Reading on Kant's Moral Philosophy

This course was held by Ahmet Ayhan Çitil from April 3 to May 8, 2017 for six weeks. The basic codes of Kant's philosophy, which holds the main arguments of the modern moral philosophy, were discussed. The lesson on Critique of Pure Reason focused finding a solution for the philosophical foundations on which controversies emerged in the field of contemporary applied morality, as well as the entreprises on understanding the basis of society and politics.
Critical Verification and Translation of Şerh al-Ahlâki‘l-Adudiyya / 7 Books

On the moral rhetoric of Ahlâk al-Adudiyya, which was written by Adudiddîn al-İcî in the thirteenth century, a number of commentaries were written in the second classical period. Within the scope of the project, it was aimed to show the continuity of moral concepts and problems by bringing almost all the works into the academic community. With this project, 7 different commentaries of Ahlâk al-Adudiyya written in different periods were analyzed and published.

Taşköprîzâde Ahmed Efendi
Text and Translation
Mustakim Arıcı
Elzem İçöz

One of the Ahlâk-ı Adudiyya commentaries is the work of Taşköprîzâde, one of the most important representatives of the scholar prototype that synthesizes religious and intellectual sciences in the world of Ottoman scholarship. Tasköprîzâde, who demonstrates an accumulation of religious sciences as well as the explanations and testimonies reflecting philosophical determination, is the cornerstone of Islamic ethical thinking in the process going from Tûsî to Kînalizâde.
Alâuddîn al-Kâzerûnî

Text and Translation
Mehmet Aktaş, Mehmet Demir, Güvenç Şensoy

One of the Ahlâk-ı Adudiyya commentaries was written by Kâzûnî. Indicating that man, who has the ability to access the divine name in terms of being able to reconstruct the material and spiritual realms, is superior to the angels in his reaching perfection Kâzûnî has a holistic view that can be understood from the fact that he examines ethics on the action and science.

İsmail Müfîd al-İstanbulî

Text and Translation
Selime Çınar

This commentary, which was written by İsmail Müfîd al-Sistani, who lived in the 18th century, is important in terms of showing the continual relevance of the text of Ahlâk-ı Adudiyya. The commentaries written in the text are remarkable to the point of appropriating the fundamental problems of moral thought, together with the specifics of their period.
**Şemsüddin al-Kirmani**

**Text and Translation**

**Mervenur Yılmaz**

Another one of the commentaries of Ahlâk-ı Adudiyya is the commentary of Kirmani, the student of İcî. The reason that Kirmani’s commentary has importance among the other commentaries is that the commentary itself was written by a student of İcî and at the same time period, it is the first commentary. The purpose of the translation and verification of this book is to contribute to ethical literature.

**Mehmed Emîn Istanbul**

**Transliteration**

**Melek Yıldız Güneş Aliye Güler**

This work, which was compiled in 1864, is a translation-commentary on the title of Ahlâk-ı Adudiyya, written by İcî in the 13th century. The author had experienced a moral dissolution in the society, so he came to the conclusion that translating Ahlâk-ı Adudiyya was needed, which had not been translated into Turkish until that day.
After the 13th century, the scientific traditions of the Islamic world continued to develop remarkably with the commentaries and footnotes. İcî by studying politics and ethics, conducted the formation of a written tradition in the field of philosophy of action [amelî] with his book, Ahlâk-ı Adudiyya, which he studied with his theoretical and practical aspects of ethics. This commentary, written by İcî’s student Ebherî, is among the most important early commentaries of its time.

The work, which is historically the first in the commentaries of Ahlâk-ı Adudiyya, contains certain characteristics due to the period that it was written. The work was written at Herat in the Timurids’ era. When evaluated together with other commentaries, this study’s differences and similarities from others will emerge more clearly, and it is important to see the differences in terms of a holistic view of the tradition of the Ahlâk-ı Adudiyya commentaries.
The Moral Foundation

Editor
Ömer Türker

In this work, which contains eight articles on the discussions around the theory of ethics, the subject of the ethics was dealt with in the texts which contain different views and bases.

Islamic Ethics Literature

Schools and Problems

Editors
Ömer Türker & Kübra Bilgin Tiryaki

Round table meetings were held during the first period of the project to discuss the characteristics, basic concepts and problem areas of the schools in Islamic Ethical thought. This book was published as an extended version of the workshops’ outcomes.
Basic Problems of the Philosophy of Ethics
Selected Texts

Hümeysra Özturan

This book, prepared by Hümeysra Özturan, is organized into sections where there are selected passages from the basic texts of the philosophy of ethics where it centers around the problems and the texts focusing on the problems mentioned in philosophy of ethics. This book provides a holistic ethical philosophy reading.

Temperament Theories in Islamic Thought

Editors

M. Zahit Tiryaki & Kübra Bilgin Tiryaki

Islam is regarded as one of the elements that has influenced temperament thoughts in ethics, and it is considered as one of the elements that has also influenced ethical structures and actions in the spirit of morality. This work, which was prepared to understand the relationship between temperament as a natural structure and ethics, was prepared as an extended output of round table presentations in the project.
When we deal with things that are moral issues in everyday events or philosophical matters, we question from time to time where they originate from. In this book, there are articles on the sources of Ethics which were presented in the project.

Fahreddin er-Razi is a name that sets out the main arguments of the Islamic thought-building period. The post-Razi thought tradition continues in the paths that he lead. The Theological Ethics of Fakhr al-Din al-Razi, written by Ayman Shihadeh which is addressing the ethical mind of Fahreddin er-Razi, was translated to Turkish and published in the project.
Ethics and the ‘Other’
‘The Other’ in Modern Philosophy and Islamic Thought

Editors
Lütfi Sunar & Selami Varlık

Ethics and the Other, which is the concept of ‘the other’ in modern philosophy and Islamic thought was written in the context of modern philosophy and Islam, and it discusses concepts and debates about someone else or other. This work is the expanded output of the Moral and Other Workshop held in April and November 2015.

Humans and Society
Taşköprizâde’s Moral and Political Thought

Mustakim Arıcı

In this work, a complete reading was done by going through the works that Tasköprizâde worked on in different areas. By comparing the sources and literature of this period, which focuses on the views on morality and politics, the work consolidates and tries to fill a significant gap in the field.
In this study, the problems discussed by the Islamic thinkers around the concept of love and were pointed out dealing with the difference in the nature of the love of the creatures and the love of the divine. Therefore, this work makes it possible to compare Islamic philosophers, kalam scholars, and Sufi scholars’ ideas on the subject of love.

This book contains the outputs of the conferences held in the series of “Discussions on Ethical Sanction” held in the Islamic Ethics Thought Project in 2015 in order to question the relationship between morality and sanction.
Works Prepared For Publication

The Concept of Conscience in Islamic Thought
Editors: Yunus Cengiz-Selime Çınar
This book consists of the improved outputs of the Workshop on Conscience in Islamic Thought held in June 2016 within the Islamic Ethics Thought Project.

The Concept of Intention in Religious and Philosophical Thought
Editors: Ömer Türker-Hacı Bayram Başer
This book consists of the outputs of the workshop titled Intention in Religious and Philosophical Thought held in September-October 2016 within the Islamic Ethics Thought Project.

Definitions of Humanity in Classical Islamic Thought
Editors: Ömer Türker-İbrahim Halil Üçer
This book consists of the outputs of the workshop titled “definitions of humanity in Classical Islamic Thought” held in November 2016 within the Islamic Ethics Thought Project.

Humanity in Contemporary Thought
Editors: Lütfi Sunar-Latif Karagöz
This book consists of the outputs of the Workshop entitled Contemporary Thinking Humanity in the Islamic Ethics Thought Project in March 2017.

Menâhic al-Ahlâki’s-Seniyya -Enquiry and Translation
Text and Translation: Osman Demir
This work was written by Abdulkadir al-Fakihi in the 16th century and it focuses on Sufic and Philosophical models of morality. The book prepared by Osman Demir is important for combining different methods and having a wide range of resources.
Moral Foundations of the
Turkish Legal System Research Reports

The first two reports of this series, which aims to follow the bases of the Turkish legal system over certain lines and to make practical recommendations as a result, are about the ethical bases of administrative law and civil law. In the report series, it is aimed to determine what are the underlying moral principles in the legal system of Turkey and to analyze their results.
Ethical Envision Report on the Human Development of the Turkish Education System

Every educational idea, whether intentional or not, is based on the ideal human typology claim. As a matter of fact, the individuals who take part in the social functioning as a result of education continue their current human perception and work style with this matter and the transfer of generations is carried out through this. This report investigates how the idea of raising a human being starting with the establishment of Republic of Turkey was adopted, including primary and secondary education.
Works on Morality Catalogue — Ongoing Developments

The study, which includes a detailed catalogue of written and printed moral works in the 8th and 20th centuries, was completed at the end of 2016 as a data search engine. In 2017, it will be ensured that new works will be added to the database so that the work is complete.

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