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### EDUCATION

- 2017 PhD, Architecture, Istanbul Technical University (ITU) & The Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (KU Leuven)  
*“Experiments, practices and positions in architectural design studio”*
- 2011 MSc, Architectural Design, Istanbul Technical University (ITU)  
*“A multi-layered approach on urban experience through parallax view”*
- 2008 Bachelor of Architecture, Istanbul Technical University (ITU)
- 2005-06 Erasmus Mobility, École Nationale Supérieure d'Architecture de Grenoble (ENSAG)

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### TEACHING & RESEARCH POSITIONS

- 2017- MEF University, Faculty of Arts, Design and Architecture, Istanbul, Turkey  
*Assistant Professor of Architecture*
- 2019-20 Royal College of Art, School of Architecture, London, UK  
*Visiting Postdoctoral Researcher - TUBITAK 2219*
- 2014-16 KU Leuven, Faculty of Architecture, Ghent-Brussels, Belgium  
*Visiting Doctoral Researcher - TUBITAK 2214*
- 2010-17 Istanbul Technical University, Faculty of Architecture, Istanbul, Turkey  
*Research Assistant*
- 2009-10 Halic University, Faculty of Architecture, Istanbul, Turkey  
*Research Assistant*

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### AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

- 2023 Erasmus+  
*Teaching Mobility Grant for Academic Staff*
- 2019-20 The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK)  
*2219-International Postdoctoral Research Fellowship*
- 2018 Arkitera Turkey Architecture Yearbook  
*Awarded with the project ‘Kayikhane’, MEF FADA Design-Build Studio*
- 2015-16 The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK)  
*2214-International Doctoral Research Fellowship*
- 2016 Erasmus+  
*Teaching Mobility Grant for Academic Staff*
- 2015 Istanbul Technical University Scientific Research Projects Coordination Unit (BAP)  
*PhD Research Project Grant*
- 2013 The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK)  
*2224A-Scientific Meetings Grant*
- 2010 Politecnico di Milano, Compasso Volante Never-Ending Expo International Design Competition  
*Honourable Mention*
- 2005 Bursa Kaplıkaya Municipality, Kaplıkaya Recreation Valley Architectural Competition  
*Honourable Mention*
- 2005 Architecture Education Association (MimED/ArchED) Student Competition  
*First Prize, First-year category*
- 2005-06 Erasmus Programme  
*Student Mobility Grant*

## PUBLICATIONS

### - Articles in internationally reviewed academic journals

- Aydemir, Ayşe Zeynep & Akın, Tomris. 2024. "Adaptive reuse of high-rise buildings for housing: A study of Istanbul Central Business District." *Urban Planning* 9(2). doi:[10.17645/up.7698](https://doi.org/10.17645/up.7698).
- Aydemir, Ayşe Zeynep & Jacoby, Sam. 2024. "Architectural design research in small practices", *Archnet-IJAR* 18(1): 191–205. doi:[10.1108/ARCH-07-2022-0142](https://doi.org/10.1108/ARCH-07-2022-0142).
- Aydemir, Ayşe Zeynep & Jacoby, Sam. 2022. "Architectural Design Research: Drivers of Practice." *The Design Journal* 25(4): 657–674. doi:[10.1080/14606925.2022.2081303](https://doi.org/10.1080/14606925.2022.2081303).
- Aydemir, Ayşe Zeynep & Almaç Bihter. 2016. "Gaze Machines of Field." *The International Journal of Design Education* 10(1): 21–29. doi:[10.18848/2325-128X/CGP/v10i01/21-29](https://doi.org/10.18848/2325-128X/CGP/v10i01/21-29).
- Almaç Bihter & Aydemir, Ayşe Zeynep. 2015. "Places of Curiosity", *The International Journal of Design Education* 9(2): 11–21. doi:[10.18848/2325-128X/CGP/v09i02/38472](https://doi.org/10.18848/2325-128X/CGP/v09i02/38472).
- Aydemir, Ayşe Zeynep. 2014. "Architectural Image as a Reproductive Aesthetic Experience: The Louvre-Lens." *The International Journal of the Image* 4(2): 33–42. doi:[10.18848/2154-8560/CGP/v04i02/44121](https://doi.org/10.18848/2154-8560/CGP/v04i02/44121).

### - Papers/chapters in academic books

- Aydemir, Ayşe Zeynep. 2023. "Cumhuriyet'in kadın mimarları" in *Tanzimat'tan Günümüze Modern İstanbul'u İnşa Edenler*, Dadyan S. (Ed), 369–395, İstanbul: İBB Yayınları.
- Türkkan Sevgi & Aydemir, Ayşe Zeynep. 2017. "Reflections on the Summerschool as a Multicontextual Learning Experience" in *Old Landscaped & New Urbanities*, Gheysen, M., Daele Van, E. (Eds.), 94–95, Ghent: KU Leuven Faculty of Architecture campus Sint-Lucas.
- Aydemir, Ayşe Zeynep & Baycan Ipek, 2015. "Future Scenario: The Effect of Digitalisation and E-commerce on the Ecology of the City" in *Taarla: İstanbul için Öngörüler*, Sentürer, A., Berber, Ö., Parker, N., Senel, A. (Eds.), 114–117, İstanbul: İTÜ Vakfı Yayınları.

### - Papers in international scientific conferences. published in full in proceedings

- Korkmaz, İrem & Aydemir, Ayşe Zeynep. 2025. Architectural Writing Laboratory: A Design Learning Experiment. *EAAE-ARCC Conference: Architecture into the Unknown. 23-26 May 2024, Aarhus School of Architecture, Denmark*
- Aydemir, Ayşe Zeynep & Jacoby, Sam. 2020. Design Research and a shift in architectural education and practice. *EAAE-ARCC International Conference & 2nd VIBRArch: The architect and the city. (2).* 1426–1436. doi:[10.4995/EAAE-ARCC-IC.2020.13832](https://doi.org/10.4995/EAAE-ARCC-IC.2020.13832).
- Aydemir, Ayşe Zeynep, Sezgin, Ahmet & İnceoğlu, Arda. 2020. A Design-Build Experience: Kilyos Boathouse. *EAAE Annual Conference Proceedings*, 3 (1), 154–175. doi:[10.51588/eaeeacp.60](https://doi.org/10.51588/eaeeacp.60).
- Aydemir, Ayşe Zeynep. 2018. Learning from Pedagogical Experiments: An alternative reading of architectural design studio, Sánchez Merina, Javier (Ed.). *EURAU18 Alicante: Retroactive Research: Congress Proceedings. Alicante: Escuela Politécnica Superior Alicante University*, 116–122. doi:[10.14198/EURAU18alicante](https://doi.org/10.14198/EURAU18alicante).
- Aydemir, Ayşe Zeynep, Pak, Burak & Scheerlinck Kris. 2017. "The Role of Representations in Architectural Design Learning" in *Architectural Research Addressing Societal Challenges Volume 2: Proceedings of the EAAE ARCC 10th International Conference (EAAE ARCC 2016), 15-18 June 2016, Lisbon, Portugal (1st ed.)*, Rodrigues Couceiro da Costa, M.J., Roseta, F., Couceiro da Costa, S., & Pestana Lages, J. (Eds.), CRC Press, 1107–1114. doi:[10.1201/9781315116051](https://doi.org/10.1201/9781315116051).
- Aydemir, Ayşe Zeynep & Pak, Burak. 2016. Understanding the Verbal Concepts Appropriated by the Students in the Architectural Design Studio. Herneoja, Aulikki; Toni Österlund and Piia Markkanen (eds.), *Complexity & Simplicity - Proceedings of the 34th eCAADe Conference - Volume 1, University of Oulu, Oulu, Finland, 22-26 August 2016*, 387–394.
- Aydemir, Ayşe Zeynep. 2014. Connotations in Architectural Design Education, *ARCHDESIGN'14, Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University, Istanbul, Turkey, 08-10 May 2014*, 91–99.

- Aydemir, Ayşe Zeynep. 2013. "A Multi-layered Approach on Urban Experience through Parallax View", *EAEA11 2013. Envisioning Architecture: Design, Evaluation, Communication*, Morello, E., & Piga, B. E. (Eds.), Roma: Edizioni Nuova Cultura, 159–166, ISBN: 978-886-81-2136-5.
- Eren, Çiğdem, Erdem, Arzu, Baycan, Ipek, Aydemir, Ayşe Zeynep. 2009. "Experience\_Represent\_Manipulate: metropolitan space fragmented". *IAPS: Revitalising Built Environments*, ITU Faculty of Architecture, Istanbul, 17-19 October 2009.

- Meeting abstracts, presented at international scientific conferences, published online

- Aydemir, Ayşe Zeynep. 2015. "Experimental Practices in Architectural Design Studio", *PhD by Design, Researching across difference*, Goldsmiths, University of London, 5-6 November 2015, 13.
- Aydemir, Ayşe Zeynep. 2015. "Experimental Practices in Architectural Design Studio: Experiments in Flow", *ARM: the Architecture Research Moments*, KU Leuven, Faculty of Architecture, Brussels.

- Other publications

- Aydemir, Ayşe Zeynep & Jacoby, Sam. 2022. "Architectural Design Research: Drivers of Practice." In *RIBA President Awards for Research 2021, Book of Abstracts*, edited by Dylan Dixon and Jaime Solloso, 16, Royal Institute of British Architects.
- OPPO (Ayşe Zeynep Aydemir, Benek Çinçik, Bengi Gündoğan) & Tümerdem, Deniz. 2021. "Strata Manifesto" in *Postcards from the Anthropocene*, Çinçik, B., Torres-Campos, T. (Eds.), 196–197, Barcelona: dpr-barcelona.
- Avcı, Ozan, et al. 2020. "Tasarla ve Yap Stüdyosu'nun Mimarlık Eğitimindeki Yeri ve Önemi." *Ege Mimarlık*, 30 (106): 68–73.
- Aydemir, Ayşe Zeynep. 2019. "Stüdyoda Pozisyonlar", *XXI* magazine. <https://xxi.com.tr/i/studyoda-pozisyonlar>
- Erdem, Arzu (Ed.). 2015. "Tasarım Eğitimi Diye Bir Şey", *Arredamento Mimarlık*, 294: 55.
- Baslo, Meltem, Aydemir Ayşe Zeynep, Şoher Şebnem, Aksoy Meltem. (Series Editors), "ARCHED 2013: Association of Architecture Education Student Awards", ISBN: 978-605-01-0616-9, Ankara: ARCHED, Chamber of Architects, 2014.
- Aydemir, Ayşe Zeynep & Dündaralp, Boğaçhan. 2009. 'Mimarlar Odası'ndan Kent Düşleri.' *Yeni Mimar*, 77.

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UNPUBLISHED PRESENTATIONS - PANELS

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| 2024 | Presenter, "Architectural Design Research: Drivers of Practice", Architecture Design Theory, Architectural Design Programme, Istanbul Technical University   |
| 2024 | Presenter, "Architectural Design Research: Drivers of Practice", Yeditepe University, Faculty of Architecture  |
| 2023 | Presenter, "Architectural Design Research: Drivers of Practice", Architecture Design Theory, Architectural Design Programme, Istanbul Technical University   |
| 2021 | Panellist, "Scenes from Studio Education: Tradition, Tools & Experiments", Eastern Mediterranean University, Faculty of Architecture   |
| 2020 | Presenter, Doctoral Training Programme Event, "Engaging with the Public", Royal College of Art, School of Architecture, London   |
| 2020 | Presenter, Architectural Design Master Programme Seminar, Istanbul Technical University  |
| 2018 | Presenter, Architectural Design Master Programme Seminar, Istanbul Technical University  |
| 2017 | Keynote speaker, "An Inquiry on Contemporary Architectural Design Studios", EAAE Education Academy 3rd Workshop: School Practices, Academy of Architecture Amsterdam, Amsterdam University of Arts |

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EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 "MEF FADA 10. Yıl Sergisi", İBB Yedikule Gazhanesi, Hangar, 16 November - 1 December, 2024.
- 2017 "Strata Manifesto", in "The Other Side" exhibition in Postcards from the Anthropocene: Unsettling the Geo-politics of Representation symposium, University of Edinburgh, School of Architecture and Landscape Architecture, UK.

- 2012 “Transportation” and “Commercial Technologies”, in Vitra Contemporary Building Series: Happiness Machines: An exhibition on Commercial Buildings. Gallery Işık Teşvikiye, Istanbul. *Curator: Saif Ali Köknar, Coordinator: Pelin Derviş*
- 2010 “De-zone City: Urban Nucleus”, in d3 Housing for Tomorrow International Competition, UDESIGN Monterrey, Mexico

#### PANELS ORGANISED

- 2020 ‘Design Research: Methodological Exchanges’ with the PhD Architecture programme at the Royal College of Art, London, 22.04.2020
- 2020 Chair, ‘Material Culture and Design Research’, 02.06.2020, Royal College of Art, School of Architecture, London
- 2019 ‘Sınır Açık’ as part of 42nd Yapı Fuarı – Turkeybuild Istanbul, hosting Mert Eyiler, Alper Derinboğaz, Dilek Öztürk, 19.06.2019, TUYAP, Istanbul
- 2019 ‘Open Boundary’ as part of London Festival of Architecture 2019, hosting Mert Eyiler, Alper Derinboğaz, Dilek Öztürk, 04.06.2019, Turkish Trade Center, London
- 2019 ‘Alternative Architecture Practices’, hosting Ayfer Bartu Candan, Arda Inceoglu, Emir Drahsan, Esra Sert, Melike Altinisik, Oral Göktas, Kürsad Özdemir, 23.05.2019, SALT Galata, Istanbul
- 2017 ‘Debates around Architecture & Housing’, (with MeMA+London and RCA MPhil/PhD Programmes), 27.01.2018, Royal College of Art, London
- 2016 ‘Architectural Criticism and Publishing’, hosting Alev Erkmen, Esen Karol, Yasemin Keskin Enginöz, 28.12.2016, ITU Faculty of Architecture, Istanbul

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#### JURIES

- 2023 Juror, KU Leuven Faculty of Architecture, International Master Juries, Brussels
- 2021 Juror, Architecture Education Association (ArchED) 2021 Student Competition, Istanbul
- 2019 Juror, MRes Architecture Presentations, Royal College of Art, School of Architecture, London
- 2017 Juror, KU Leuven Faculty of Architecture, International Master Juries, Ghent and Brussels
- 2016 Juror, KU Leuven Faculty of Architecture, International Master Juries, Brussels
- 2010-24 Juror, various Bachelor and Master levels at ITU, MEF University, Bilgi University, Kadir Has University, Yeditepe University, Abdullah Gül University

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#### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2017-25 **MEF University, Faculty of Arts, Design and Architecture (Assistant Professor)**

ARC 101-102 Design Studio 1st Year (2017-19)  
ARC 201-202 Design Studio 2nd Year (2021-2025)  
ARC 401-402 Design Studio 4th Year (2021-22)  
FADA 111-112 Visual Communication I-II (2017-24)  
ARC 105 Design Encounters (2017-18)  
ARC 490 Professional Practice (2017-19)  
ARC 352 Architectural Speaking/Writing (2021-25)  
ARC 141 Introduction to Art and Architecture (2024)  
Design-Build Studio (2017-2024)

2015-16 **KU Leuven Faculty of Architecture (Visiting Lecturer)**

International Master of Architecture, Urban Projects & Urban Cultures  
Studio I: Exploring the City, Kokumi

2010-17 **Istanbul Technical University (Teaching Assistant)**

- Master’s Course: Architecture, Design, Theory, Fall 2016
- Design Studio 2nd Year: Dwelling Design & Community Making, Fall 2016
- Design Studio 4th Year: Urban Defrag, Spring 2016, Murat Gül

- Design Studio 3rd Year: Rethinking, Reading the City, Spring 2014, Ahsen Özsoy
- Design Diploma Project: Adjunct City, Fall 2013, Arzu Erdem, Sait Ali Köknar
- Design Studio 4th Year: Adaptogenesis, Fall 2013, Nurbın Paker Kahvecioğlu
- Design Studio 1st Year: Otherminds, Fall 2012 & Spring 2013, Sait Ali Köknar, Hakan Tüzün Şengün, Burçin Kürtüncü, Bihter Almaç
- Design Diploma Project: Sports Complex in an industrial neighbourhood, Fall 2012, Arda İnecoğlu, Nurbın Paker Kahvecioğlu
- Elective Course: Subjects of Architecture, Spring 2012, Ferhan Yürekli
- Design Studio 2nd Year: Blurred way to open black boxes, Fall 2011 and Spring 2012, Ferhan Yürekli, İrem Mollaahmetoğlu Falay
- Design Diploma Project: Haydarpasa Railway Museum, Hotel, Residence, Fall 2011, Ferhan Yürekli, Meltem Aksoy
- Design Studio 4th Year: Ideas for Caddebostan Coastline, Summer 2011, Arzu Erdem
- Design Studio 4th Year: Library +, Spring 2011, Arzu Erdem, Ertuğ Uçar

2009-10

*Halic University (Teaching Assistant)*

- Design Geometry (Spring 2010)
- Basic Design II (Spring 2010)
- Building Science II (Spring 2010)
- Architectural Detailing II (Spring 2010)
- Basic Design I (Fall 2009)
- Building Science I (Fall 2009)
- Architectural Detailing I (Fall 2009)

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## WORKSHOPS ORGANISED

2025 'What if? REIMAGINING EDUCATION & THE CAMPUS OF THE FUTURE' (ISCTE Lisboa, 5-10 Oct 2025)  
 2019 Productive Landscapes (University of Minho & Partner schools)  
 2018 5x2 (MEF University)  
 2018 Waterscapes in Transformation (KU Leuven & Partner schools)  
 2017 All City/All Land (KU Leuven & Partner schools)  
 2017 Urban Fissure (MEF University)  
 2016 Old Landscapes & New Urbanities (KU Leuven & Partner schools)  
 2014 Visions for Kastamonu (ITU MArch)  
 2013 Urban Cloud Workshop (ITU & SALT Galata)  
 2012 24h Workshop: Beijing, Turin, Istanbul, Delft, PennState  
 2012 The City Wall Project: Thessaloniki (AUTH & ITU)  
 2009 Urban Dreams Workshop (TMMOB-Chamber of Architects & ITU)

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## ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES

*MEF University, Faculty of Arts, Design and Architecture*

2024- Vice-Dean  
 2023- Faculty Executive Board Member  
 2017- Departmental Erasmus+ Coordinator  
 2018-19 Master Programme Coordinator, Alternative Architectural Practices

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## ACADEMIC SERVICE

Reviewed for Journals:

- METU Journal of the Faculty of Architecture
- A/Z ITU Journal of the Faculty of Architecture
- Tasarım + Kuram, Journal of the Mimar Sinan University of Fine Arts, Faculty of Architecture
- Journal of Design Studio
- İdealkent

## MEMBERSHIPS

Chamber of Architects, Section of UIA in Turkey, 4655-67438/2008

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## SUPERVISED THESES

### Master

Arslanbenzer, Hatice Merve. 2024. *Remembering the Role of Kars Stream in the Daily Lives of People of Kars: Ideas about a Possible Revitalization*, MEF University. <https://hdl.handle.net/20.500.11779/2412>

Türk, Tuğçe Selin. 2022. *From an architectural space into an imaginary landscape*, Politecnico di Milano. <https://www.politesi.polimi.it/handle/10589/186207>

## EXTERNAL EXAMINER OF THESES

### PhD

Özer Özgür, Gizem. 2024. *Mimarlık eğitimi diyalogik peyzajının bir parçası olarak Mimarlık Dergisi'ni Haritalama*, İstanbul Teknik Üniversitesi.

### Master

Price, Samuel W. 2024. *Critical Craft: Disruptive Practices of Careful Making*, Istanbul Technical University, MSc in Architectural Design.

Durak, Ş. Yağmur. 2024. *Bedensel bir kırılma olarak uyku ve mekansal anlatıları*, Istanbul Technical University, MSc in Architectural Design.

Usta, Murat. 2024. *Transformation of the kitchen spatiality: A case study on Istanbul Apartments in the 20th century*, MEF University, Architectural Design Programme.

Adıgüzel, Ayşe Eda. 2023. *Imagination in design thinking: Tracking through representation*, Istanbul Technical University, MSc in Architectural Design.

Ulusoy, Zeynep. 2022. *Enmeshed experience: Through existential characteristic of a micro-living unit: Volu-te*, MEF University, Architectural Design Programme.

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## Short Bio

**Zeynep Aydemir** is an architect and researcher whose work centers on architectural education, design studio pedagogy, and the intersections of research and practice. She holds both a Bachelor's degree (2008) and a Master's degree (2011) in Architecture from Istanbul Technical University. In 2017, she completed her PhD titled "*Experiments, Practices and Positions in Architectural Design Studio*", a joint program between Istanbul Technical University and KU Leuven. Her doctoral research critically investigates pedagogical experiments, studio practices, and curricular frameworks through case studies, interviews, and analytical reflections on evolving educational models in architecture.

Between 2019 and 2020, she was a postdoctoral researcher at the Royal College of Art, School of Architecture, supported by the TÜBİTAK 2219 Research Fellowship. Her project explored how design research is translated into architectural practice and pedagogy. Earlier, from 2014 to 2016, she was a visiting PhD researcher at the Faculty of Architecture at KU Leuven in Ghent, under the TÜBİTAK 2214 International Research Fellowship.

Currently, she is an Assistant Professor of Architecture at the Faculty of Arts, Design and Architecture at MEF University. Her previous teaching experience includes positions at the International Masters in Architecture Programme at KU Leuven (2015) and the Department of Architecture at Istanbul Technical University (2010–2017).