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Curriculum vitae

Zeynep Anli was born on the Aegean coast of Turkey in 1986. She studied at a well-established high school with a specific trajectory on language and literature. In 2008, she received her BA diploma in English Language and Literature from Hacettepe University in Ankara. During her studies, she wrote short essays to contribute to the journal of the department. She took a professional break for a couple of years to work as a language and communication instructor at universities in Tekirdag and in Istanbul. In 2011, while still working as an instructor during the day, she started her evening MA studies in the department of Comparative Literature in Istanbul Bilgi University. During this period of two years, she studied world literature as well as various subjects from critical theory and philosophy. Her MA thesis was titled “It is a Woman’s World: Gender Politics of Gynotopian Novels” and engaged in the literary theory of feminist separatist utopian novels, focusing on the works of Charlotte Perkins Gilman, Joanna Russ and Doris Lessing.

Zeynep Anli started her PhD research as an external student at Leiden University Centre for the Arts in Society (LUCAS) in 2014 while still living and working in Turkey. In her doctoral trajectory, she aimed at expanding her MA research into a wider timeframe, going into a deeper intersectional analysis of the literature, and providing a critique of missing feminist links within utopian literary theory. After working as an instructor for eight years, she started to work as an editor and freelance translator. In 2017 she noticed the difficulty of being an external student away from the scientific community in question and decided to move to the Netherlands to complete her studies in person. She participated in the courses and events of the graduate faculty as well as playing an active role in the publication of the graduate journal for two editions. In the meantime, she has been working at the Centre for Science and Technology Studies (CWTS) as a researcher, publishing in that department and responding to editorial/referee requests from both her field at CWTS and her doctoral studies at LUCAS.