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Message from the Coordinator

Our Coordination Unit continues to strengthen the education, research, and societal contribution activities of the Application and Research Centers in line with our University's Strategic Plan. Through this bulletin, we aim to increase our national and international engagement by making the value-creating work of our Centers more visible. We extend our sincere thanks to all our Centers and stakeholders for their qualified contributions and collaborative support.



“UYGARMER - K in ACTION”



1 MAYIS

EMEK VE DAYANIŞMA GÜNÜ

Kutlu Olsun!



19 MAYIS

**ATATÜRK'Ü ANMA GENÇLİK
VE SPOR BAYRAMI**

Kutlu Olsun!





Kurban Bayramınız

Mübarek Olsun



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THE 10TH INTERNATIONAL MIDDLE EAST SYMPOSIUM

*Political And Social Researches
Application and Research Center*

The 10th International Middle East Symposium: Future Expectations

The 10th International Middle East Symposium, organized in collaboration with the Political and Social Researches Application and Research Center and Public Opinion and Social Researches Application and Research Center, was held on May 12, 2026, at the Mehmet Akif Ersoy Conference Hall of Istanbul Gelisim University. The symposium was organized with the aim of evaluating current developments in the Middle East within an academic framework and strengthening international scientific cooperation.



At the symposium, which brought together academics, researchers, and students from different countries, key issues concerning the Middle East, including security, migration, civil wars, and regional stability, were addressed through a multidimensional approach. Within the scope of the event, which hosted participants from Türkiye as well as Europe, the Middle East, Asia, and Africa, various presentations were delivered, exchanges of views were conducted, and scientific discussions were held.

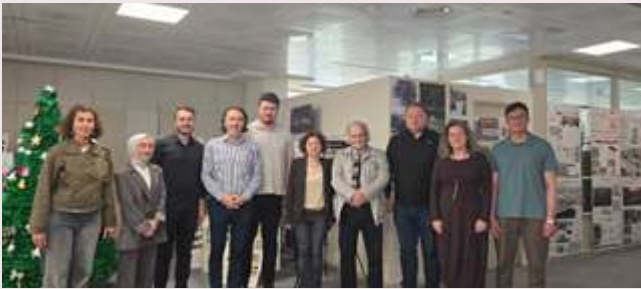
SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES



Environment, Urbanization and Earth Sciences ARC and Istanbul Studies ARC

Urban and Architecture Seminars 4: Urban Studies from the Perspective of Architecture Graduate Students

The fourth event of the “Urban and Architecture Seminars” series was organized in collaboration between the Environment, Urbanization and Earth Sciences Application and Research Center and the Istanbul Studies Application and Research Center. During the program, graduate students in Architecture presented their academic studies and contemporary approaches to urban issues, creating an interdisciplinary platform for knowledge sharing. Within the scope of the event, topics such as the arcades of Beyoğlu, the transformation of Büyükdere Avenue, spatial segregation in Süleymaniye, urban memory, the transformation of cul-de-sacs, and the accessibility of Istanbul’s public squares were discussed, while theoretical and practical approaches were evaluated together.



Occupational Health and Safety Training Application and Research Center

Book

The book titled “Leadership and Psychosocial Safety Climate in Occupational Health and Safety”, authored by Asst. Prof. Esra Yalçın, Director of the Occupational Health and Safety Training Application and Research Center, has been published by BIDGE Publishing.



SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES

Environment, Urbanization and Earth Sciences Application and Research Center

Participation in the Competition

Participation was made in the PatiTech Competition organized by Avcılar Municipality. Asst. Prof. İbrahim Erol, Member of the Executive Board of the Environment, Urbanization and Earth Sciences ARC, together with Hilal Gevrek, an undergraduate student in Interior Architecture and Environmental Design, and Melek Çelik, a graduate student in Architecture, participated in the PatiTech Competition with the project titled “M-Pati: A GIS-Based Urban Furniture Design and Planning Model Focused on Qualified Shelter and Adoption for Stray Animals”.



Istanbul Studies Application and Research Center

Seminar on Childhood Obesity and the Importance of Working Across Different Disciplines

At the seminar titled “Childhood Obesity and the Importance of Working Across Different Disciplines”, organized by the Istanbul Studies Application and Research Center, childhood obesity was addressed through an interdisciplinary approach. During the event, the causes, risk factors, and preventive approaches related to obesity were evaluated, while academic knowledge sharing was facilitated through the contributions of experts in the fields of nutrition and child development. The seminar contributed to raising public awareness and strengthening interdisciplinary collaboration.



SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES



Sports Sciences Application and Research Center

International Day of Sport and Physical Activity: Physical Literacy Conference

The Sports Sciences Application and Research Center organized the “Physical Literacy Conference” as part of the International Day of Sport and Physical Activity. Within the scope of Erasmus Mobility, Prof. Laurențiu-Gabriel Talaghir, a faculty member from Dunărea de Jos University of Galați in Galați, Romania, visited Istanbul Gelisim University and met with participants through his conference on “Physical Literacy.”

Prof. Talaghir addressed the role of physical literacy in individuals’ lifelong participation in physical activity from a scientific perspective and provided comprehensive evaluations in light of current research and practical examples. It was emphasized that the development of physical literacy increases individuals’ participation in physical activity, thereby contributing to the widespread adoption of an active and healthy lifestyle culture. The event was conducted interactively with the strong participation of students and academics.



SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES

Economic Policies *Application and Research Center*

Paper

A presentation titled “How Do Agricultural Production and Water Stress Influence Carbon Emissions? Evidence from Middle Eastern Countries” was delivered at the 10th International Middle East Symposium by Mustafa Umut Ersan, a student in the Department of Economics and Finance, and Asst. Prof. Burçin Gündoğdu, Vice Director of IPUAM.



Economic Policies *Application and Research Center*

Paper

A paper titled “Women’s Touch in Digitalization” was presented by Assoc. Prof. Ebru Gül Yılmaz, Director of IPUAM, at the New Trends in Economics Congress: Gender Congress held at Istanbul Kültür University.



Economic Policies *Application and Research Center*

Paper

At the New Trends in Economics: Gender Congress held at Istanbul Kültür University, Asst. Prof. Burçin Gündoğdu, Vice Director of IPUAM, and Eylül Özden, a student in the Department of Economics and Finance (English), delivered a presentation titled “Women in Globalization and the Economy: The Role of Digital Access, Human Capital, and Human Rights”.



SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES

Political and Social Researches Application and Research Center

Erosion or Transformation of American Hegemony?

The panel titled “Erosion or Transformation of American Hegemony?” was held on May 14, 2026, in the Prof. Dr. Aziz Sancar Conference Hall through the collaboration of IGUSAM, ODAP, and the Department of Political Science and International Relations. The panel addressed U.S. foreign policy, the discourse of the Donald Trump era, and the future of the global hegemonic order following the Iran War. Moderated by Asst. Prof. Ali Semin, founder of ODAP, the event featured Ambassador (R) Uluç Özülker and Ahmet Özal as speakers, who evaluated the transformation process of American hegemony from different perspectives.



Environment, Urbanization and Earth Sciences ARC and Istanbul Studies ARC

Urban and Architecture Seminars 5: Bridging Academia and Practice: Enhancing the Broader Impact of Scientific and Professional Studies Through Professional Development Training

As part of the Urban and Architecture Seminars, a presentation titled “Bridging Academia and Practice: Enhancing the Broader Impact of Scientific and Professional Studies Through Professional Development Training” was delivered by Architect Ömer Yeşildal. The seminar addressed the relationship between architectural practice and economic and market dynamics, while also providing evaluations on design processes, professional roles, and ethical responsibilities.



COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION ACTIVITIES



Social Responsibility Application and Research Center

Digital Addiction and Peer Bullying

Asst. Prof. Raheb Mohammadi Ghanbarlou, Vice Director of the Social Responsibility Application and Research Center (SSUAM), participated as a speaker in the panel titled “Digital Addiction and Peer Bullying”, organized through the collaboration of the TERRA Child Education and Counseling Association and the Beylikdüzü District Directorate of National Education of the Republic of Türkiye. During the panel, which was held for parents and guidance counselors, the causes, effects, and possible consequences of digital addiction among young people were discussed.



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PANEL

**DİJİTAL BAĞIMLILIK
VE AKRAN ZORBALIĞI**

Velilere ve Rehber Öğretmenlere Yöneliktir.

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20 MAYIS 2026 ÇARŞAMBA 11.00 - 12.00 ORTAOKULU KONFERANS SALONU

Çocuklarımızın geleceği için bilinçleniyor, birlikte güçleniyoruz.

COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION ACTIVITIES

Gender Studies Application and Research Center

Beneath the Skin: Power, Desire, and Resistance

The event titled “Beneath the Skin: Power, Desire, and Resistance” was held on May 12, 2026, through the collaboration of the Gender Studies Application and Research Center and the Public Opinion and Social Research Application and Research Center. During the event, the concepts of body, identity, gender, power, and resistance were addressed through an interdisciplinary approach, and evaluations were made regarding the effects of media and social norms on body perception.



Gender Studies Application and Research Center

The Fifth Sense Atlas Workshop

The “Fifth Sense Atlas Workshop” was held on May 12, 2026, through the collaboration of the Gender Studies Application and Research Center and the Public Opinion and Social Researches Application and Research Center. Conducted under the supervision of Assoc. Prof. Özlem Derin Sağlam, the workshop addressed the concepts of senses, perception, and body memory through an interdisciplinary approach. Participants also had the opportunity to explore their sensory experiences through practical activities.



COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION ACTIVITIES

COP31 Simulation

Assoc. Prof. Başak Özarslan, Director of the Sustainable Environment and Society Application and Research Center, participated in the “COP31 Simulation” program organized through the collaboration of the Sustainable Development and Twin Transformation Application and Research Center of Istanbul Medipol University and Sustainabilios. During the program, the climate crisis was addressed through its economic, environmental, and social dimensions, while presentations were delivered on sustainability, twin transformation, environmental awareness, and behavioral change. In her speech titled “Why Is the Climate Crisis Not Just an Environmental Issue?”, Assoc. Prof. Başak Özarslan drew attention to the multidimensional impacts of the climate crisis. The event contributed to strengthening interdisciplinary academic exchange and raising awareness of sustainable development goals.

Sustainable Environment and Community Studies Application and Research Center



Sustainable Space Design Training Within the Framework of the Energy Trilemma

To raise awareness of the COP31 process, the “Sustainable Space Design Training within the Energy Trilemma Framework” was held through the cooperation of Aks Creative Hub and the Sustainable Environment and Society Application and Research Center (SCTUAM). The program, attended by SCTUAM Director Assoc. Prof. Başak Özarslan, drew the interest of NGO representatives, university students, and graduate researchers. The event addressed the energy trilemma approach focusing on energy security, equity, and environmental sustainability, and discussed future environmentally friendly living spaces. In line with sustainable development goals, participants gained an interdisciplinary perspective.



ARTISTIC ACTIVITIES

Art and Design Application and Research Center



2nd Traditional SATMER Culture and Arts Festival

The 2nd Traditional SATMER Culture and Arts Festival, organized by the Art and Design Application and Research Center (SATMER), brought together academics, students, artists, and art enthusiasts. The opening ceremony was attended by Istanbul Gelişim University Rector Prof. Bahri Şahin, Istanbul Vice Governor Mustafa Asım Alkan, Bakırköy Mayor Assoc. Prof. Ayşegül Ovalıoğlu, and many guests. In the opening speeches, emphasis was placed on SATMER's contribution to the University's cultural vision, the role of art in social development, and the goal of transforming the festival into an internationally recognized brand.

During the three-day festival, workshops, performances, and exhibitions were held in fields such as caricature, calligraphy, marbling art, epoxy design, textile arts, and gemstone craftsmanship. Enriched by concerts, talks, theatre performances, and live art events, the festival contributed to strengthening university-art-society interaction and promoting cultural and artistic activities.



ARTISTIC ACTIVITIES



Art and Design Application and Research Center

“Touching the Past 2” Exhibition

The personal painting exhibition titled “Touching the Past 2” by Prof. İsmail Keskin, organized through the collaboration of the Istanbul Gelisim University Art and Design Application and Research Center (SATMER) and the Faculty of Fine Arts, met with art enthusiasts at the Istanbul Gelisim Art Gallery. Academics, artists, students, and many guests attended the opening program. In the speeches delivered during the event, the artist’s works in printmaking, lithography, and painting, as well as his contributions to Turkish art, were highlighted. It was stated that his works address the concepts of memory, time, and the past through a distinctive artistic expression.

Following the opening, visitors had the opportunity to tour the exhibition and closely examine the artworks. The selection, consisting of the artist’s printmaking, lithography, and painting works, invited viewers to reflect on memory, traces of life, and the relationship established with the past. The exhibition, which attracted considerable interest, was regarded as an important contribution to the University’s cultural and artistic activities.



ARTISTIC ACTIVITIES

“I Told You So Theatre Play”

The theatre play “I Told You So,” supported by the Istanbul Studies Application and Research Center (ICUAM), met with audiences through its focus on social issues. The psychological drama addressed family communication problems, peer bullying, loss of self-confidence, and the effects of the digital world on young people. The play portrayed emotional challenges, loneliness, and social pressures experienced by youth. Through the character of Zehra, it highlighted young people’s psychological experiences, while the character “Kaygi” added emotional and psychological depth to the narrative.

Istanbul Studies Application and Research Center



The work also addressed the issues of social media use and digital security, emphasizing the risks that may arise from young people’s desire for acceptance and recognition. Through the strong messages delivered in the final scene, the play was evaluated not only as an artistic performance but also as an awareness initiative drawing attention to the invisible problems faced by young people. The production, carried out under the coordination of ICUAM, received venue support from the Avclar Municipality, while Mutfak.93 provided organizational contributions.

CAREER ACTIVITIES

Career Guidance Application and Research Center



Talks, panels, and workshops organized to support students' adaptation to professional life added significant value to the event. Industry experts shared practical insights on CV preparation, interview techniques, and current topics such as AI-supported recruitment processes through interactive presentations. These activities enabled young participants to strengthen their professional networks while planning their career goals with greater awareness and a more strategic perspective.

Next Gen Career Fair'26

The Next Gen Career Fair'26, organized by the Career Guidance Application and Research Center to strengthen university-industry cooperation, brought students and graduates together with representatives of leading companies on May 5, 2026. At the fair, participants had the opportunity to obtain direct information about internships, job opportunities, and current recruitment trends. Leading organizations and human resources professionals held one-on-one meetings throughout the event to guide young talents in their career planning processes.



TRAINING FROM CONTINUING EDUCATION

Continuing Education Application and Research Center



Child Assessment Tests Training

The Child Assessment Tests Training organized by the Continuing Education Application and Research Center was held at IGU Tower on May 16–17, 2026. The training was conducted by Clinical Psychologist Asst. Prof. Nurhan Naz. The 16-hour program, attended by 20 participants, covered the scientific foundations, administration, scoring, and reporting processes of child and adolescent assessment tests. The program aimed to develop participants' ability to assess and interpret results in the areas of attention, development, language, memory, and social skills.

Finite Element Analysis Training with ANSYS: Fundamental Principles and Applied Approaches

The online ANSYS training, which started on May 5, 2026, continues under the instruction of Assoc. Prof. Engin Erbayrak. The program covers the finite element method (FEM), ANSYS interface, and static, dynamic, and thermal analyses. In addition, geometry creation, CAD model transfer, mesh generation, material definition, and simulation processes are delivered to participants through applied training.



You can refer to the **SEM Bulletin** to view the completed, ongoing, and upcoming trainings of the Continuing Education Application and Research Center.

MEETINGS

Coordination Meeting with the Director of the Occupational Health and Safety Training Application and Research Center

A coordination meeting was held under the chairmanship of Vice Rector for R&D Prof. Necmettin Maraşlı with Asst. Prof. Esra Yalçın, Director of the Occupational Health and Safety Training Application and Research Center, and Assoc. Prof. Ahmet Sapmaz, UYGARMER Coordinator. During the meeting, the Center's academic publications, educational and scientific activities, and 2026 targets were evaluated.





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