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Message from the Coordinator

Our Coordination Unit continues to strengthen the education, research, and community 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.



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TÜBİTAK 4009 PROJECT FROM SSUAM

Social Responsibility Application and Research Center

Project Name

Holistic Intervention in Rural Areas: A Sustainable One Health Model

Project Director

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Project Team

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Under the leadership of Asst. Prof. Emrah Tüncer, Vice Director of SSUAM, the field activities of the project titled “Holistic Intervention in Rural Areas: A Sustainable One Health Model”, carried out within the scope of the TÜBİTAK 4009 Support Program for Village Schools, were conducted in Tekman district of Erzurum (the villages of Taşkesen, Gökoğlan, and Dalsöğüt) between September 28 and 30, 2026. As part of the project, interactive science workshops were organized for children, awareness sessions on preventive health and ecological awareness were held with women, a permanent “One Health Children’s Curiosity and Learning Area” was established at the school, and winter aid supplies were delivered.



PROJECT APPLICATION FROM KARYÖN AND SGUAM

Career Guidance Application and Research Center & Cybersecurity Application and Research Center

Project Name

AI-Powered Accessible
Campus and Personalized
Learning Platform to Enhance
the Participation of Students
with Disabilities in University
Life

Project Director

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Gürsoy Ulusoy

Project Team

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Asst. Prof. Mustafa Taktak
Res. Asst. Saim Hatipoğlu

The project titled “AI-Powered Accessible Campus and Personalized Learning Platform to Enhance the Participation of Students with Disabilities in University Life”, developed to support the independent, safe, and equal participation of students with disabilities in campus life, was submitted under the 2026-2 call of the TÜBİTAK 1001 – Scientific and Technological Research Projects Support Program. The project was prepared in collaboration with the Cybersecurity Application and Research Center and the Career Guidance Application and Research Center. Led by Assoc. Prof. Şebnem Gürsoy Ulusoy, Director of the Career Guidance Application and Research Center, the project's research team includes Assoc. Prof. Diler Ezgi Tarhan, Asst. Prof. Sümeyye Yücel, Asst. Prof. Mustafa Taktak, and Res. Asst. Saim Hatipoğlu. The project's advisory team consists of Prof. İsmet Galip Yolcuoğlu, Prof. Burhanettin Aykut Arıkan, and Assoc. Prof. Serkan Gönen.



TWO ACADEMIC CONTRIBUTIONS TO COP31 FROM CSYBUAM

Environment, Urbanization and Earth Science Application and Research Center

Project Name

From BIM to Climate Action: Integrating Sustainability Performance into Building Approval Processes

Project Name

CR-Cities Academic Network (Climate-Ready Cities Academic Network)

Project Team

Asst. Prof. İbrahim Erol (Moderator)
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The 31st session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP31) will be held in Antalya from November 9 to 20, 2026. Following YÖK's announcement that it has begun accepting academic contributions from universities as part of COP31, CSYBUAM Vice Director Asst. Prof. Gökçe Uzgören and Asst. Prof. İbrahim Erol, member of Center's Executive Board, submitted applications for two different projects under the "side event/workshop" category. In the projects titled "From BIM to Climate Action: Integrating Sustainability Performance into Building Approval Processes" and "CR-Cities Academic Network", an undergraduate student will also participate as a speaker alongside academics.



SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES

Economic Policies Application and Research Center

Article

The article titled “The Female Face of the Digital World: From Cooperatives to Global Financial Freedom” by Res. Asst. Nuran Akdağ, a member of the Executive Board of the Economic Policies Application and Research Center, has been published in Social Sciences, a journal indexed in ESCI and Scopus.



SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES

New Generation Entrepreneurship and Innovation Application and Research Center

Article

The article titled “Physical, Tensile, and Microstructural Properties of Jute/False Banana Fiber-Reinforced Unsaturated Polyester Resin Composites” by Asst. Prof. Mert Yıldırım, a researcher at the New Generation Entrepreneurship and Innovation Application and Research Center, has been published in Polymers, a journal indexed in SCIE and Scopus and ranked in the Q1 quartile in both the Journal Citation Reports (JCR) and CiteScore rankings.



SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES

Economic Policies Application and Research Center

Conference Paper

Asst. Prof. Burçin Çakır Gündoğdu, Vice Director of the Economic Policies Application and Research Center, presented the conference paper titled “Climate Change Addressing through Green Technology and Environmental Policy Instruments: An Economic Perspective and Implications for Recycling” at the 5th Global Summit on Advances in Earth Science and Climate Change, held in the United Kingdom on September 24-25, 2026. The paper addressed the economic dimensions of green technologies, environmental policies, and recycling in combating climate change.



**Dr. Öğr. Üyesi
Burçin Çakır Gündoğdu**
İPUAM Müdür Yardımcımız

İPUAM Müdür Yardımcımız Dr. Öğr. Üyesi Burçin Çakır Gündoğdu, 24-25 Eylül 2026 tarihlerinde Londra'da gerçekleştirilen **5th Global Summit on Advances in Earth Science and Climate Change** konferansında **Seçkin Konuşmacı (Distinguished Speaker)** olarak katılım sağlamıştır.

24 – 25 Eylül 2026
Londra, Birleşik Krallık
(London, UK)

**5th Global Summit on
Advances in Earth Science
and Climate Change**

Sunum Başlığı
Climate Change Addressing through
Green Technology and Environmental
Policy Instruments: An Economic
Perspective and Implications for Recycling

COMMUNITY CONTRUBUTION ACTIVITIES

Sustainable Environment and Community Application and Research Center

“The New Energy Equation: Critical Minerals, Nuclear Energy and Data Centers” Panel

As part of MÜSİAD EXPO 2026, a panel titled “The New Energy Equation: Critical Minerals, Nuclear Energy and Data Centers” was held on September 24, 2026. The panel featured Michael Lee-Chin, Chairman of the Board of Portland Holdings Inc.; Assoc. Prof. Başak Özarslan, Director of the Sustainable Environment and Society Application and Research Center; and Asst. Prof. Can Burak Nalbantoğlu as speakers. The panel was moderated by Tuğba Çakilkaya, Business Development Director of MÜSİAD Canada.



The panel addressed the role of critical minerals in energy and digital transformation investments, the role of nuclear energy in meeting the growing energy demands of data centers, energy and infrastructure planning in the age of artificial intelligence, and the emerging relationships among energy, technology, and investment.

COMMUNITY CONTRUBUTION ACTIVITIES

Economic Policies Application and Research Center

Participation in a TV Program

Assoc. Prof. Ebru Gül Yılmaz, Director of the Economic Policies Application and Research Center, discussed the outlook of global trade in the first half of 2026 and Türkiye's position in global trade during a live broadcast on EKOTÜRK TV on September 8, 2026.



İPUAM's Assessment of the New Direction of Global Trade

The information note titled "The New Direction of Global Trade: The First Half of 2026 and Türkiye Based on UNCTAD Data", prepared by the Economic Policies Application and Research Center, has been published. The study, prepared by the Center's Director, Assoc. Prof. Ebru Gül Yılmaz, evaluates the course of global trade in the first half of 2026 and Türkiye's trade outlook based on UNCTAD data.

TRAININGS FROM CONTINUING EDUCATION

Continuing Education Application and Research Center

360° Sustainability Certificate Program

The “360° Sustainability Certificate Program”, organized by the Continuing Education Application and Research Center, was completed on September 9, 2026, under the instruction of Assoc. Prof. Başak Özarlan, Director of the Sustainable Environment and Community Application and Research Center. The program covered comprehensive topics ranging from the fundamental concepts of sustainability and “Environmental, Social, and Governance” (ESG) to climate policies. The certificate program contributed to enhancing participants’ knowledge and awareness of fundamental approaches to sustainability, ESG, and climate policies.



Finite Element Analysis with ANSYS: Fundamental Principles and Practical Approaches

The “Finite Element Analysis with ANSYS: Fundamental Principles and Practical Approaches” training program, organized by the Continuing Education Application and Research Center of Istanbul Gelisim University, has been completed. Led by Assoc. Prof. Engin Erbayrak, a faculty member of the Department of Mechatronics Engineering at the Faculty of Engineering and Architecture, the training covered Finite Element Analysis (FEM), the use of ANSYS Workbench, mesh generation, material modeling, and static, modal, thermal, and fatigue analyses through practical applications. With a total of 12 participants, the program contributed to developing technical competencies in the analysis of engineering problems and design validation processes.

ACTIVITIES FROM CAREER GUIDANCE

Career Guidance Application and Research Center

KARYÖN Meets Young People at the Küçükçekmece Career and Employment Fair

The Career Guidance Application and Research Center (KARYÖN) of Istanbul Gelisim University participated in the 3rd Career and Employment Fair, organized by Küçükçekmece Municipality at Fevzi Çakmak Square on September 18, 2026. Meeting with high school students and their parents, KARYÖN Director Assoc. Prof. Şebnem Gürsoy Ulusoy provided information about the University's academic opportunities and educational programs. Bringing together 108 institutions from 32 sectors, the fair aimed to contribute to young people's career planning.



First-Year Student Orientation

The Career Guidance Application and Research Center was introduced to students by its Director, Assoc. Prof. Şebnem Gürsoy Ulusoy, during the orientation program, which was held in four sessions. The program provided information about the Center's areas of activity, the support it offers, and its career services.

MEETINGS

SDG Reports Coordination Meeting

A comprehensive briefing meeting was held on the preparation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) reports under the responsibility of the University's Application and Research Centers. Res. Asst. Kübra Aldırmaz provided guidance on key considerations in the reporting processes for SDG 5 (Gender Equality), SDG 7 (Affordable and Clean Energy), SDG 10 (Reduced Inequalities), and SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities).

The meeting was held under the coordination of Assoc. Prof. Ahmet Sapmaz, Coordinator of the Research and Application Centers, and was attended by the directors, vice directors, and executive board members of the relevant centers. The meeting concluded with discussions aimed at enhancing the quality of institutional activities and reporting in the field of sustainability.

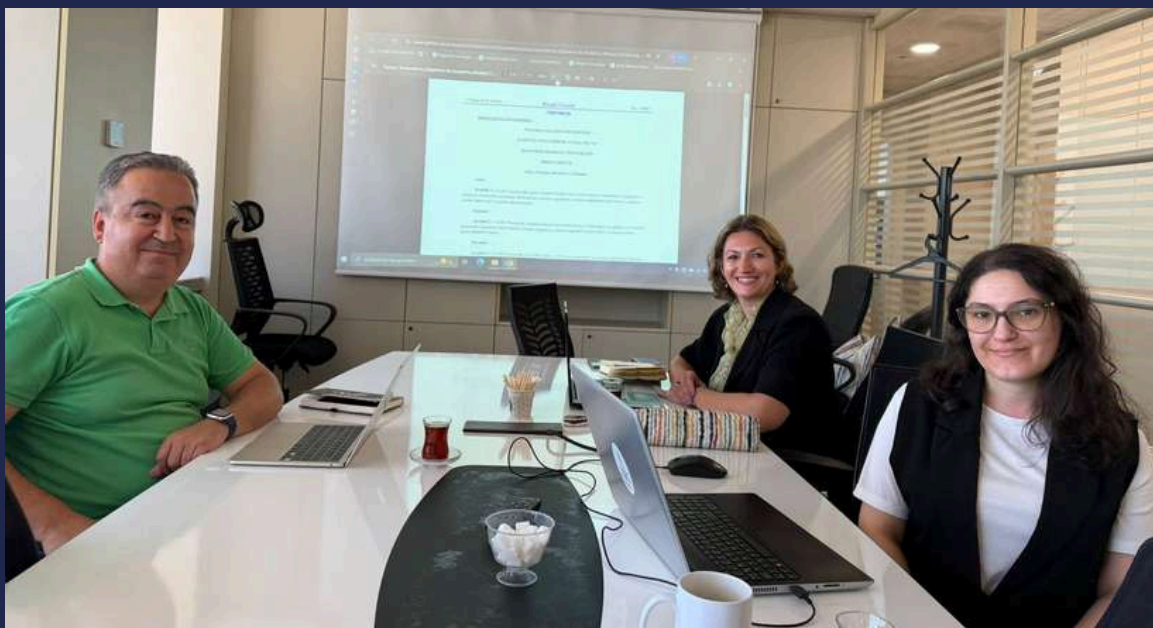


MEETINGS

KARYÖN Coordination Meeting

A coordination meeting was held with the participation of Assoc. Prof. Şebnem Gürsoy Ulusoy, newly appointed Director of the Career Guidance Application and Research Center, Assoc. Prof. Ahmet Sapmaz, Coordinator of UYGARMER, and Gamzenur Gürsoy, Coordination Office staff member.

Assoc. Prof. Ahmet Sapmaz provided information on the structure and functioning of the Coordination Unit for Research and Application Centers, as well as the Centers' reporting processes, regulations, websites, and staff appointments.





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