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ACADEMIC COUNCIL



Academic Council Meeting

The AnadoluBİL Vocational School (ABMYO) 2025–2026 Academic Council Meeting was held on September 19, 2025, in the Blue Hall, Block D, under the leadership of our Vice Rector and Director of ABMYO,

Prof. Dr. Mustafa Çıkrıkçı.

The meeting was attended by Assistant Directors Dr. Güven Özdemir and Dr. Faris Kocaman, along with program heads and academic instructors of the school.

ACADEMIC MEETING



Orientation Training Session

The 2025–2026 Academic Year Orientation Program of Istanbul Aydın University, AnadoluBİL Vocational School (ABMYO), was held on September 22, 2025, with the participation and opening address of our Vice Rector and Director of ABMYO, Prof. Dr. Mustafa Çıkrıkçı, who introduced our university to the new students.

The event, which took place in the Conference Hall of Block A, was attended by our Assistant Directors Dr. Güven Özdemir and Dr. Faris Kocaman, along with many esteemed academic instructors, department and program heads, and, of course, our dear students.

PRESS



Dr. Güven Özdemir

Dr. Güven Özdemir Spoke to Hürriyet about weather conditions throughout October About Weather Conditions

What kind of weather awaits us in October? Rainy days are on the way! "It's time to take out your winter clothes"

Summer Lingers, Autumn Delayed: Will the Rain Bring Relief? Although rain has fallen, it has not been enough to provide the expected relief. Reservoir levels, especially in Istanbul, have dropped to critical points. So, will the rainfall continue in the coming days? What kind of weather can we expect throughout October: cool, mild, or variable?

Meteorology expert Dr. Güven Özdemir stated, "This year, we will truly experience autumn," noting that even the first signs of winter snowfalls have already begun to appear.

Throughout September, we experienced lingering summer days, and the cool touch of autumn remained elusive. Mid-month temperatures were so high that many remarked, "Summer isn't over yet." However, with the arrival of a cool air front from the north recently, the question has emerged: "Could autumn finally be on its way?"

Rain Offers Brief Relief, but Reservoir Levels Remain Critical. The recent rainfall, particularly in Istanbul, has brought some relief, yet the reservoir levels remain dangerously low. All eyes are now on October: Is the arrival of true autumn imminent? Will the rain

continue, or will we cool down for a few days only to return to warm weather again?

We sought answers to these pressing questions from Dr. Güven Özdemir, meteorology expert at Istanbul Aydın University.

Prolonged Summers and Delayed Autumns: September Now Feels Like Summer

Recently, noticeable changes in seasonal transitions have drawn attention. The high temperatures felt throughout September are part of this broader transformation.

Dr. Güven Özdemir explained the underlying causes of this seasonal shift as follows:

"We are now observing variations in every season. Summer has started extending into September, and both May and September now feel like summer months. The main reason behind this shift is global climate change. Since the 1850s, there has been a general temperature increase of 1.3 to 1.4 degrees Celsius worldwide. In the region where Turkey is located, this rise reaches up to 1.8 degrees. Along with global atmospheric cycles, we are also witnessing significant changes in local and regional weather patterns."





Will Istanbul See Rain?

According to updated data from İSKİ, reservoir levels in Istanbul are alarming. Last year, the reservoir fullness rate in September was 38.42%, but this year, due to reduced rainfall, it has dropped below 30%. Experts emphasize that the megacity is in serious need of precipitation.

Dr. Güven Özdemir stated that rainfall is expected in Istanbul in the coming days:

“Rain is forecast in Istanbul through Sunday. Today and tomorrow, scattered showers may occur, but overall, the weather will be partly cloudy.”

Looking further into the week, a new precipitation system is expected to take effect. Dr. Özdemir added:

“On Friday, another rain system will arrive, most likely as heavy showers. Saturday and Sunday are also expected to be rainy. On Sunday, the eastern and southern Marmara regions will also see precipitation. By Monday, rainfall will decrease again, with only the coastal areas of the Black Sea expecting rain.”

Rising Sea Temperatures and the Urban Heat Island Effect Are Reducing Rainfall

Emphasizing the rise in sea surface temperatures, Dr. Güven Özdemir explained that this phenomenon directly affects the climate of coastal cities and highlighted several key points:

“There has been a global increase in sea surface tem-

peratures, and our seas are no exception. When we look at the averages over the past 40–50 years, we observe an increase of up to 2°C in sea temperatures. Naturally, the rise affects the seasons and causes September to remain warmer than usual.

In addition, urban factors also play a role. The urban heat island effect reduces precipitation, leading to drier or low-rainfall Septembers, especially in metropolitan areas. It appears that this trend is likely to continue in the coming years.”

Rainy Days Ahead

At the end of September, northern winds began to dominate the region. The cool air mass arriving from Eastern Europe, combined with cold air from Scandinavia and Siberia, caused temperatures to drop across the country, bringing rainfall along with it. But will the rain continue?

Dr. Güven Özdemir explained: “It is true that the cold air mass from Eastern Europe lowered temperatures in Turkey and brought rainfall. However, the system was balanced by warm air masses from the south, particularly from Basra and Africa. As a result, precipitation was limited to certain areas rather than widespread. In the Aegean and Marmara regions, rainfall was brief, while in the Black Sea region, it extended slightly, though not heavily.”

Dr. Özdemir stated: “Rainfall is occurring, but it is short-lived. In the coming days, the weather is expected to be mostly partly cloudy to clear, with occasional brief showers possible.”

Rain Shifts West on Thursday, While Temperatures Rise in the Mediterranean

Dr. Güven Özdemir stated:

“Today, sporadic rain and partly cloudy conditions are expected in the eastern Marmara region, the Western Black Sea, northern and eastern Central Anatolia, and the northern parts of the Mediterranean.”

He continued: “On Thursday, rainfall is expected in western Marmara, while the Central and Western Black Sea regions will remain dry. Occasional showers may occur in the Eastern Black Sea and northern parts of Eastern Anatolia. No precipitation is expected in the Aegean, Central Anatolia, or Mediterranean regions. In particular, temperatures in the Mediterranean are predicted to reach up to 30°C.”



What Weather to Expect Throughout October? “It’s Time to Bring Out Your Winter Clothes”

Dr. Güven Özdemir noted that, although daytime temperatures may rise during October, they will not reach high levels:

“October marks the gradual onset of cooler weather. While daytime warming may occur, temperatures will remain moderate. It’s time to bring out your winter clothes.”

According to Dr. Özdemir, the cooler air will be particularly noticeable during the evenings and nights. He emphasized the effectiveness of winds along coastal areas and the expected gradual decline in temperatures throughout the month.

He predicted that daily maximum temperatures would generally remain below 22°C, dropping to around 16°C by the end of the month, and even reaching 9°C in some regions. Additionally, Dr. Özdemir noted that Istanbul can expect rainfall on approximately 10–11 days during October.

“This Year, We Won’t Skip Autumn and Go Straight to Winter”

Last year, autumn was warm and dry, but this year, conditions are expected to be closer to seasonal norms. Will we experience autumn this year with its familiar coolness?

In response, Dr. Güven Özdemir said: “It seems that we will experience autumn this year. The coolness that was absent last year has now arrived, followed by rainfall.



In October, cloudiness will increase, and we will see the sky covered with clouds more often throughout the month. Clear days will be few, and cloudy days will be frequent. In other words, this year we won’t skip autumn and move straight into winter; we will fully experience the autumn season. The colors and atmosphere of autumn will be particularly noticeable in the Marmara, Black Sea, Aegean, and Central Anatolia regions.”

“Atmospheric Systems Are Already Signaling Snowfall”

Winter arrived early in the highlands of the Black Sea region. Locals greeted the morning with postcard-like scenery, while snow covered the plateaus of Rize, Trabzon, Gümüşhane, and Bayburt. Could we expect a similar scenario in October?

Dr. Güven Özdemir commented:

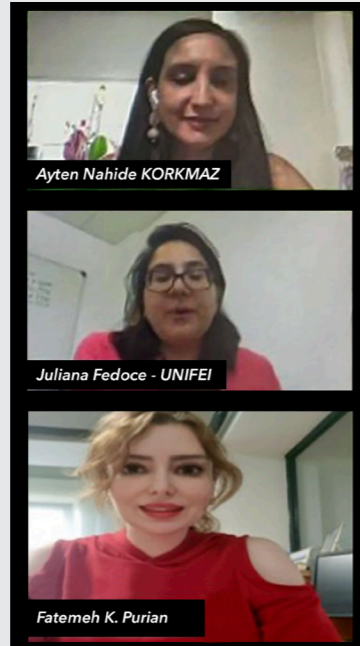
“Throughout October, nights and mornings will be cooler, and humidity levels will remain high. During periods of significant precipitation, snowfall may occur in areas above 2,500 meters.”

He added that these snowfalls could become permanent at higher elevations, with cooling expected to increase in the coming months, leading to more frequent snow events:

“Atmospheric systems are already giving signals of this change.”

Source: *Hürriyet.com.tr* / İsmail SARI / October 1, 2025

COOPERATION



Istanbul Aydın University's International Collaboration Initiative With the Federal University of Brazil

In line with Istanbul Aydın University's aim to strengthen international scientific and academic collaborations, an online meeting was held between Instructor Ayten Nahide Korkmaz (International Academic Coordinator), Instructor Fatemeh Khosravi Purian, and Dr. Juliana Fedoce from the Federal University of Brazil (UNIFEI).

The meeting covered a wide range of topics, such as collaborative scientific studies, research projects,

and the sharing of educational experiences. The participants also emphasized the importance of developing sustainable international collaborations between Istanbul Aydın University and prestigious universities worldwide.

This meeting is considered a significant step toward strengthening Istanbul Aydın University's global academic standing and a valuable initiative for expanding its international scientific collaborations.

Banking and Insurance Program

COOPERATION



Visits and Collaborations

The Banking and Insurance Department, led by Instructor Korkmaz Keskendir, met with Mr. T. Firat Şuekinci, Founder and Chairman of Topkapı Schools, which hosts tens of thousands of students, at the İkitelli OSB Istanbul campus.

During the visit, discussions focused on vocational high schools and programs on campus, university entrance exam preparation, students' career planning, academic and social opportunities, university selection processes, and ongoing initiatives aimed at both the professional and academic

development of the younger generation. The visit reaffirmed the critical importance of educational investments for the country's future and emphasized the need to give greater attention to vocational education for national development and progress.

The business sector and the educational field collaborated effectively in this meeting, thereby contributing to societal development. Such interactions are expected to help young people take more informed and motivated steps toward their future.

EVENT



Child Development Program Orientation

Assistant Program Head, Instructor Aksel Kahraman, attended the general orientation meeting designed to help first-year students adjust to university life more quickly and smoothly. During the session, Dr. Ayşe Dilşad Atalar delivered a presentation titled “First Steps: Orientation for the University Journey.”

The presentation aimed to support students in adapting to academic life, providing them with an opportunity to learn the fundamental academic and administrative procedures of the university. The event also offered

comprehensive information about the program’s vision and mission, academic advising system, course content, and educational approaches.

Additionally, social and cultural activities that facilitate a faster adaptation to the university environment were introduced. The program was designed to guide students not only in their academic development but also in their social and personal growth. Participating students had the opportunity to share their first experiences in the new learning environment with the presenting instructor.

WORKSHOP



YClose-Up: Educational Models

Dr. Ayşe Dilşad Atalar from the Child Development Program conducted a workshop and presentation titled “Close-Up: Educational Models Inspiration from Theory, Transformation in the Classroom” for the teachers and administrators of Kindergarten Academy College, Halkalı Branch.

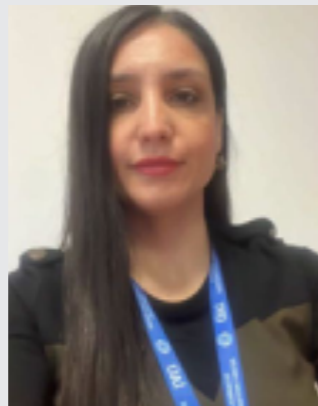
During the two-day event, participants explored the theoretical foundations of various early childhood education models, while practical examples and hands-on activities were shared,



involving active participation from the teachers.

The workshop aimed to strengthen participants’ ability to translate theoretical knowledge into classroom practice and to introduce an innovative perspective to educational applications.

INTERNATIONALIZATION



Meeting with UC Leuven University, Belgium

Our International Academic Coordinator, Ayten Nahide Korkmaz (International Trade – English), held online meetings with UC Leuven-Limburg (UCLL) and Leuven University on August 19, 2025, taking new steps toward international collaborations.

This meeting is expected to be beneficial for the internationalization of our university and AnadoluBİL Vocational School.



PAPER PRESENTATION



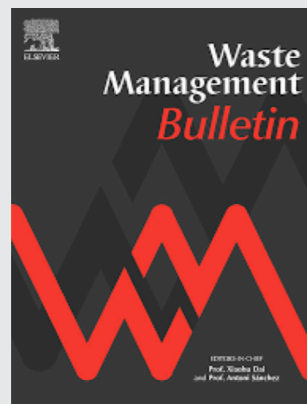
Participation in an International Conference

Instructor Ayten Nahide Korkmaz presented a peer-reviewed paper titled “Evaluating the Influence of Higher Education Participation on Eco-Labeled Product Adoption: A Panel Data Analysis of OECD Countries” at the 42nd RSEP International Conference

on Economics, Finance, and Business, held in Madrid, Spain, on September 19–20, 2025.

The conference featured participants from China, Germany, the United Kingdom, the Czech Republic, Jordan, Iran, Japan, Pakistan, Poland, Ukraine, Finland, and Spain.

PEER REVIEW



International Journal Reviewing

Instructor Ayten Nahide Korkmaz, Instructor in International Trade (English), contributed to our internationalization efforts by serving as a reviewer for the Q2-indexed journal Waste Bulletin and Management (Taylor & Francis) on September 3, 2025.

FAIR



Instructor İdil Şahin Participated in the Hub of Warehouse Fair at the Istanbul Expo Center

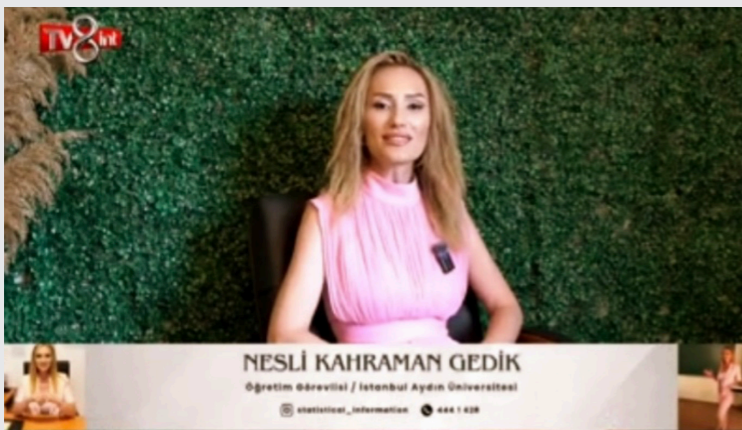
Instructor İdil Şahin, Head of the Air Logistics Program, attended the Hub of Warehouse (HOW) Fair held from September 18–20, 2025, representing both our university and the Logistics Association (LODER).

The fair showcased a wide range of products, from material handling technologies, storage and

shelving systems, and packaging technologies to software, automation, and warehouse solutions. During the event, our instructor met with industry stakeholders and academicians, gaining the opportunity to closely examine next-generation technologies in warehouse systems and internal logistics, resulting in a productive and insightful fair visit.

Logistics Program

PRESS



Instructor Nesli Kahraman Gedik Provides Insightful Remarks on Academic Journey

Instructor Nesli Kahraman Gedik is featured on TV8

Instructor Nesli Kahraman Gedik from Istanbul Aydın University ABMYO appeared on TV8 in September 2025.

During the program, she shared important insights on the role of personal strategy in academic careers and highlighted the comprehensive initiatives of Istanbul Aydın University's Career Center. Gedik emphasized that personal and organizational strategies should align with culture and discussed both the enjoyable

and challenging aspects of academic life. She particularly stressed the critical importance of educators serving as mentors to students. While discussing statistics courses, she stated: "Without curiosity, there is no question; without questions, there is no research; and without research, science does not progress." Through these remarks, Gedik reinforced the significance of curiosity and research for students, highlighting the foundations of scientific inquiry.

SYMPOSIUM



1st International “No Barriers in Art” Symposium

The Fashion Design Department of Istanbul Aydın University participated in the 1st International “No Barriers in Art” Art Symposium, held from August 12–16, 2025. Instructor Erhan Şanal represented our department at the event. The symposium, emphasizing the universal language and inclusive nature of art, brought together artists and academicians from various disciplines to share their creative works. With Instructor Erhan Şanal participating, our department proudly represented Istanbul Aydın University at this prestigious international event.

WORKSHOP



Original Printmaking Workshop

Instructor Erhan Şanal from the Fashion Design Department of Istanbul Aydın University participated in the Köyde Sanat 2 – Original Printmaking Workshop, held from August 18–23, 2025.

Hosted at the Akçaköy Culture and Art House,

the workshop focused on original printmaking techniques, providing artists with the opportunity to share knowledge and experiences across different disciplines. Erhan Şanal’s artwork highlighted the expressive power of print art, making a valuable contribution to the event.

SYMPOSIUM



10th International Painting Symposium, Şarköy

Instructor Erhan Şanal from the Fashion Design Department of Istanbul Aydın University participated in the 10th International Painting Symposium in Şarköy, held from September 7–14, 2025.

The symposium brought together interna-

tional artists, showcasing works created in various techniques and styles, fostering cultural interaction and artistic exchange. Instructor Erhan Şanal’s contributions added a unique dimension to the event, successfully representing our department on an international level.

COMPETITION



IAU ABMYO Fashion Design Department at the Young Designers Competition MESIAD's Merter Fashion Carbon Footprint

The academic staff of the Fashion Design Department at Istanbul Aydın University attended the 7th Young Designers Competition, organized this year by MESIAD, under the theme “Carbon Footprint.”

Dr. Emine Eryazıcı, Instructor Esra Kaya, Instructor Belgin Arıt, and Instructor Necla

Yılmaz participated in the competition to observe the works of young designers firsthand. The department's academicians emphasized the importance of evaluating the value these environmentally conscious and sustainability-focused designs bring to the fashion industry.

EVENT



Istanbul Aydın University Fashion Design Program 2025–2026 Academic Year (Fall) 1st Semester Academic Board Meeting

The 1st Academic Board Meeting of the Fall Semester for the 2025–2026 Academic Year of the Fashion Design Program at Istanbul Aydın University was held on Wednesday, September 24, 2025, at 14:30 in E Block, Room 3101.

The meeting was chaired by Program Head Instructor Nihal Bolkol and attended by Assistant Program Head Instructor M. Gülgün Tekin, Dr. Emine Eryazıcı, Instructor Esra Kaya, Prof. Dr. Mustafa Sabri Özen, Prof. Dr. Erhan Sancak, Instructor Aycan Öktem, Instructor Hatice Erkaya, Instructor Hüsnü Erhan Şa-

nal, Instructor Mehmet Kerim Bayri, Instructor Ergin Aydın, Instructor Ülkü Karahanlar, Instructor Belgin Arıt Ateş, Instructor Necla Yılmaz, Instructor Hamide Mehtap Veziroğlu, and Instructor Gülşah Aypak Coşkunsever.

The agenda covered educational processes for the new academic year, planning of academic activities, student-focused initiatives, education management, and student affairs. Discussions and evaluations were conducted based on participants' views and recommendations. The meeting concluded following the closing remarks and well-wishes.

EVENT



Tihcad textile exporters and industry representatives are gathering in Üsküdar

Textile exporters and industry representatives came together on Saturday, September 27, 2025, for a breakfast meeting aboard the Üsküdar Valide Sultan Ship. The event provided an opportunity for participants to exchange views on current industry developments while enjoying a pleasant morning with the unique view of the Istanbul Bosphorus.

The networking-focused gathering facilitated new connections with leading figures in the industry and shared insights relevant to

the business world.

The event was attended by Instructor Nihal Bolkol, Dr. Emine Eryazıcı, Instructor Aycan Öktem, and students of the Fashion Design Program, who engaged directly with industry representatives.

Held in the historic atmosphere of the Valide Sultan Ship, this special meeting created a productive environment for knowledge exchange between textile exporters and students pursuing education in fashion.

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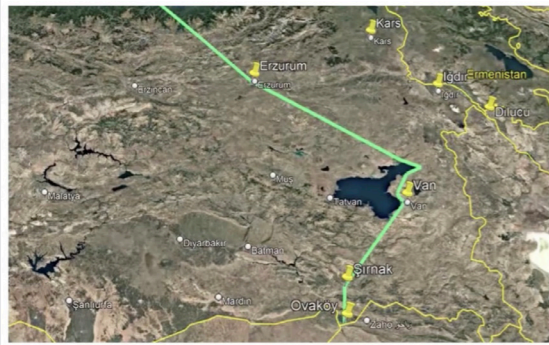


Graduation Project Field Visit by the Fashion Design Department in the Princes' Islands

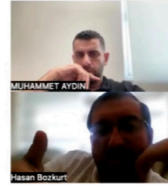
The academic staff of the Fashion Design Department at Istanbul Aydın University, including Instructor M. Gülgün Tekin, Instructor Esra Kaya, Instructor Aycan Öktem, Instructor Ülkü Karahanlar, and Instructor Necla Yılmaz, conducted a field study in the Princes' Islands to support and provide guidance on students' graduation projects. This hands-on visit enabled the faculty to actively contribute to the development of students' projects, ensuring both academic ri-

gor and creative excellence. As part of the visit, Burak Özdemir, Communication Advisor to the Mayor of the Princes' Islands, accompanied the team and provided detailed information about the region. This collaboration allowed students to enhance their projects through on-site observations. The fieldwork in the Princes' Islands supported students' creativity and aimed to strengthen their design approaches inspired by cultural heritage and the spatial identity of the area.

EVENT



Sekil 3'e göre Orta koridora ait il merkezlerinin zengezur ve kalkınma yolu projesi ile ortak bağlantılar yapılarak cinden İngiltere'ye basra körfezinden Avrupa ülkelerine yük ve yolcu taşımacılığı yapılarak önemli bir güzergah olma seçeneğini göstermektedir. Bu güzergahın toplam uzunluğu 663 m ve en büyük çim %32.3 olarak boykesit profilinden siyah kotlara göre elde edilmiştir.



Meeting with Dr. Hasan Bozkurt from Şeyh Edebalı University

Instructor Muhammet Aydın from the Construction Department at Anadolu BİL Vocational School held a meeting with Dr. Hasan Bozkurt from the Department of Civil Engineering, Faculty of Engineering, Bilecik Şeyh Edebalı University, focusing on railway transportation.

During the meeting, they evaluated the current status of railway investments in Turkey, their strategic role in regional development, and sustainable transportation planning. Discussions also covered the engineering aspects of new railway projects, their economic contributions, and potential future research collaborations.

This meeting represents an important step in advancing academic studies in transportation at our university.

PANEL



“Effective Building Inspection for Earthquake-Resistant Structures”

Instructors Muhammet Aydın and Sedat Şeker from the Construction Department at Anadolu BİL Vocational School participated in the panel-forum titled “Effective Building Inspection for Earthquake-Resistant Structures,” organized by the Istanbul Branch of the Chamber of Civil Engineers (İMO).

The panel focused on enhancing building safety, addressing challenges in inspection processes, and proposing solutions for constructing earthquake-resilient cities. This event strengthened professional solidarity and represented a significant step in fostering university–industry collaboration.



EVENT



Informative Presentation to TÜRSAB Members by the Occupational Health and Safety Program

Dr. Zeynep Feride Olcay, Head of the Occupational Health and Safety Program, delivered a presentation in September at the Association of Turkish Travel Agencies (TÜRSAB) in collaboration with the Continuous Education Center (SEM). The event, organized for TÜRSAB members, provided comprehensive information on the importance of occupational health and safety (OHS) services, legal obligations,

and sector-specific applications. The presentation also aimed to raise awareness about potential risks in the tourism sector and the necessary precautions to mitigate them. Through such collaborations, ABMYO seeks to bridge academic knowledge with industry needs and plans to continue offering educational and informative activities for public and private sector representatives in the upcoming period.

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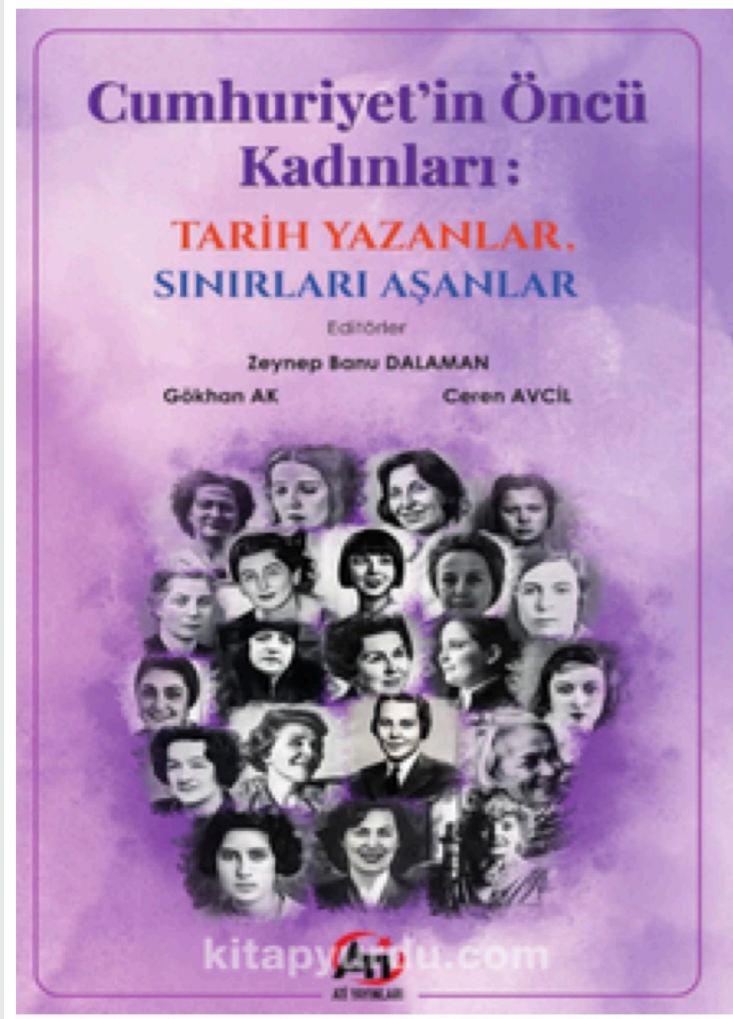


“One Day a Week as a University Student” Project: Servet Experiences University Life with the OHS Program

Within the scope of the “One Day a Week as a University Student” social responsibility project, conducted in collaboration between İstanbul Aydın University and the AKEV Foundation, a young participant named Servet had the opportunity to experience the university environment by joining the Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) Program.

This meaningful project, founded on the principles of social inclusivity and equal opportunity, aims to support the integration of individuals with special needs into higher education environments. Servet participates in both the in-class and extracurricular activities of the OHS Program one day each week, enjoying the excitement of being part of university life.

BOOK CHAPTER



New Book Chapter by Asst. Prof. Türkan Melis Parlak:

“The Woman Who Wore Her Robe Against the Wind: Süreyya Ağaoğlu”

Asst. Prof. Türkan Melis Parlak contributed to a comprehensive work highlighting the pioneering women of the Turkish Republic. In the book titled “Pioneering Women of the Republic: History Makers, Boundary Breakers,” her chapter, “The Woman Who Wore Her Robe Against the Wind: Süreyya Ağaoğlu” focuses on Süreyya Ağaoğlu, Turkey’s first female lawyer, and her struggle in the field of law as well as her role in the women’s revolution of the Republic.

The book brings together women who have left their mark in various fields since the foundation of the Republic, ranging from performing arts to politics, law to history, and literature to diplomacy. Featuring figures such as Bedia Muvahhit, Afet İnan, Behice Boran, Füreyâ Koral, Sabiha Gökçen, Muazzez İlmiye Çığ, and Rahşan Ecevit, each chapter highlights the social and historical contributions of a Republic-era woman, making their impact visible and recognized.

In her study on Süreyya Ağaoğlu, Dr. Parlak examines not only the biography of a pioneering lawyer but also the broader narrative of women entering the public sphere. The chapter emphasizes Ağaoğlu’s courageous stance of practicing her profession “against the wind” and highlights the path she paved for women in the legal world, shedding light on one of the powerful symbols of the Republic’s women’s revolution.

This work reminds us that the “Pioneering Women of the Republic” laid not only the foundations of the past but also steps for the future. Documenting the collaborative efforts of women in building the Republic gives voice to a previously silent history.

CONGRESS



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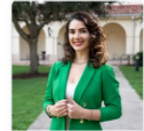
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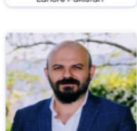
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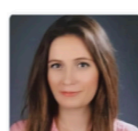
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IAU Tourist Guidance Program Head Gözde Özdemir Uçgun Participates in the Organizing Committee in Las Vegas.

GLOTECH25

Dr. Gözde Özdemir Uçgun, Head of the Tourist Guiding Program at Istanbul Aydın University, served on the organizing and scientific committees of the GLOTECH25 (Global Conference on Technology and AI in Hospitality and Tourism), held in Las Vegas, USA, from September 16–19, 2025.

The congress, organized under the leadership of Cihan Çobanoğlu from Virscend University, highlighted key topics that Dr. Özdemir Uçgun has been focusing on in her research since 2023. Presentations and workshops covered artificial intelligence applications in hospitality and tourism, smart tourism and digital transformation, robotics and automation in service industries, virtual and augmented reality in tourism experiences, and consumer behavior in the era of AI-enhanced tourism. Workshops also provided guidance on integrating these technologies into educational practices.