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EVENT



The Vocational School of Higher Education (ABMYO) at Istanbul Aydın University Held The 2024–2025 Academic Year Graduation Ceremony With Great Enthusiasm



On July 5–6, 2025, the graduation ceremony for the 2024–2025 academic year took place at our Halit Aydın Campus with the participation of the President of the Board of Trustees, Prof. Dr. Mustafa Aydın; Vice President of the Board, Dr. Fatih Aydın; Rector, Prof. Dr. İbrahim Hakkı Aydın; our Vice Rectors; esteemed faculty members; students; and their families. As is tradition, the ceremony commenced with a moment of silence followed by the Turkish National

Anthem. Then, Rector Prof. Dr. İbrahim Hakkı Aydın and President of the Board of Trustees Prof. Dr. Mustafa Aydın each delivered heartfelt speeches addressed to the graduating students.

The ceremony concluded with the president of the board presenting a plaque to the top-ranking graduate of ABMYO. The event culminated in the joyful moment when graduates tossed their caps into the air, marking the official end of the celebration.

PRESS



Dr. Öğretim Üyesi Güven Özdemir

Dr. Güven Özdemir Shares Insights with Hürriyet on August Heatwaves.

What Kind of Weather Awaits Us in August?

“We’re Inside a Fireball” - Will “It Rain? Expert Warns About a Critical Date

Since mid-July, Turkey has been gripped by an intense heatwave. Temperatures have soared to nearly 50 degrees Celsius, breaking numerous records, but the expected rainfall has largely failed to materialize. As August begins, key questions on the minds of many include: Will temperatures return to seasonal norms? Will rain finally arrive?

Dr. Güven Özdemir, meteorology expert and faculty member at Istanbul Aydın University, shared exclusive insights with Hurriyet.com.tr regarding the rising temperatures and the weather outlook for the upcoming period. According to Dr. Özdemir, since mid-July, temperatures in Turkey have reached extraordinary levels, approaching 50 degrees in several regions. Yet, the anticipated precipitation has so far been insufficient.

“We Are Facing Hybrid Heat Patterns”

While much of Europe is experiencing autumn-like weather in the heart of summer—temperatures in Berlin hover around 20°C, Amsterdam 19°C, and Sarajevo likewise 19°C with continued rainfall—Turkey, particularly its interior regions, continues to struggle with heat exceeding 40°C.

How can this stark contrast between the climates of Europe and Turkey be explained?

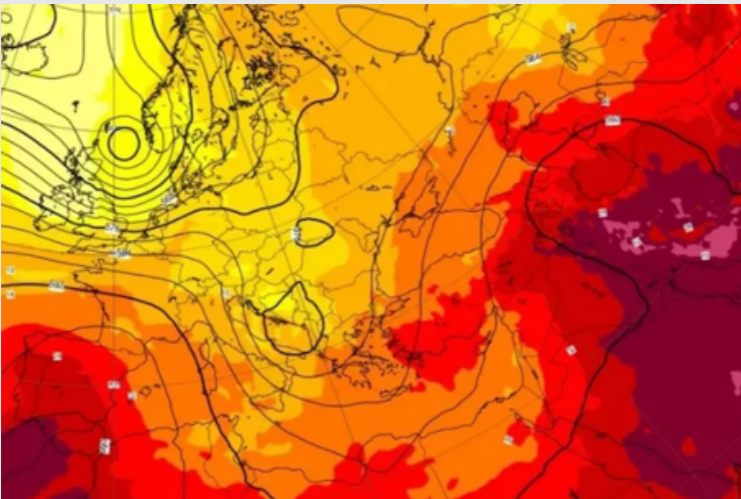
According to Dr. Özdemir, the key lies in what he calls “hybrid heat patterns.” He explained that Turkey has been under the influence of the Basra Low Pressure System, a phenomenon usually limited to southeastern and eastern Anatolia, as well as the eastern parts of Central Anatolia during the summer months. However, this year, its impact has extended much further inland.

“This expansion has pushed temperatures above 40 degrees—and in some cases, near 50 degrees. At the same time, the Azores High Pressure System, stretching across Eastern Europe to Bulgaria and reaching Turkey via the Balkans, has reinforced the persistence and intensity of high temperatures across the country,” Dr. Özdemir noted.

He further emphasized that the cool and rainy conditions currently observed in Europe, resembling early autumn, are not entirely unusual for this time of year in those regions.

“Turkey Is Currently Inside a Fireball”

Highlighting that Turkey is experiencing its fourth heatwave of the summer, meteorology expert Dr. Güven Özdemir stated, “The extreme



temperatures, intensified by föhn winds, are creating an increasingly arid atmosphere, making life particularly difficult in major urban centers.” He elaborated further:

“At this moment, Turkey is essentially inside a fireball. With the added effect of föhn winds, the air has become even drier. Urbanization, dense asphalt surfaces, deforestation, and high-rise glass-covered buildings are significantly increasing the urban heat. In metropolises like Istanbul, where over 5 million vehicles are on the roads and air conditioning usage is high, the effect is even more pronounced.”

“As a result, perceived temperatures in cities are oppressively high—what feels like 30 degrees often feels even hotter due to these compounding factors. Clear skies, prolonged dry spells, and increased fossil fuel consumption also contribute to the persistent sensation of heat. We are likely to finish July without any significant rainfall and under completely clear skies.

A Warning for the Weekend

Dr. Özdemir stated that the extreme heat affecting Turkey is expected to gradually decrease toward the weekend. According to Dr. Özdemir, a slight drop of approximately one degree per day is anticipated starting today, particularly in the Central Anatolia and Southeastern Anatolia regions, where temperatures have reached record-breaking levels.

“Temperatures in Central Anatolia have reached 44°C, and Southeastern Anatolia has seen new all-time highs. From today until Sunday, we

expect a daily decline. A total drop of around 10 degrees compared to recent days could even trigger thunderstorms in some areas.”

Dr. Özdemir explained that as temperatures fall to around 29–30°C, conditions in the atmosphere become more favorable for rainfall. The likelihood of precipitation is higher in eastern Marmara and parts of the western Black Sea region. “We can expect rain in cities such as Bartın, Karabük, Kastamonu, Bolu, Düzce, and Sakarya,” he added.

Will It Rain in Istanbul in the Coming Days?

Addressing the short-term forecast for Istanbul, Dr. Özdemir emphasized that the city is unlikely to receive continuous or significant rainfall. He noted that any precipitation that does occur will likely be brief and light.

“There’s no sign of rainfall that could ease Istanbul’s current conditions or provide noticeable relief. Light showers may occur, especially in the eastern parts of the Marmara Region. However, even if it rains in Istanbul, it is unlikely to be widespread or last throughout the day,” he explained, emphasizing that the probability of impactful rainfall is quite low.

Dr. Özdemir also pointed out that it’s difficult to predict which districts might be affected, stating: “In certain areas, especially those where cold-air pockets (cold drops) may form, short but intense bursts of rain could occur. These would likely last for only 10–15 minutes and remain highly localized. However, this scenario currently has a low probability.”





Dr. Güven Özdemir stated that during the first week of August, the extreme heat experienced across Turkey will give way to temperatures closer to seasonal averages. However, he warned that this relief will be less noticeable in major metropolitan areas.

“We expect some easing of the heat in the coming days, especially during the first week of August. This does not mean temperatures will drop to the low twenties, but rather that the recent extreme highs of 45–50 degrees Celsius will moderate to a more typical range around 30–32 degrees,” Özdemir explained, emphasizing that this temporary respite will provide a much-needed breather.

However, the situation remains different in large cities. Due to intense urbanization, heavy traffic, widespread air conditioning use, and the “urban heat island effect,” high temperatures will continue to be strongly felt, especially in Istanbul and other major metropolitan centers.

A More Intense Heatwave Looms: “This One Could Be More Oppressive”

Meteorology expert Dr. Özdemir warned that the country will face a new heatwave during the second week of August, which may be even more suffocating than the one experienced at the end of July.

“Following a brief relief in the first week, we will be confronted again with extreme heat during the second week of August. In fact, this upcoming heatwave has a high probability of being more oppressive than the current one,” Özdemir

noted, adding that climate models strongly support this forecast.

He cautioned citizens to take necessary precautions, especially emphasizing that the heatwave poses significant health risks for the elderly, individuals with chronic illnesses, and outdoor workers.

Scorching Heat May Return at August’s End: ‘Climate Models Point to Heatwaves Originating from Africa’

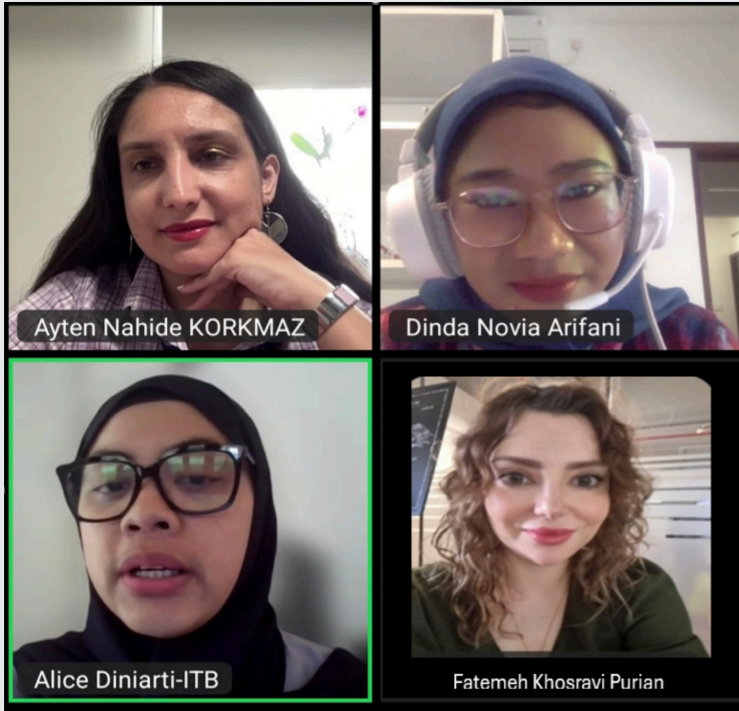
Regarding forecasts for the final weeks of August, Dr. Özdemir acknowledged the difficulty and unreliability of making precise long-term predictions this far in advance. However, he indicated that certain climatic patterns suggest a potential return of high temperatures.

“We are monitoring atmospheric pressures over the Atlantic Ocean, Greenland, and Africa. These systems provide some indications. Notably, there is a compression pattern signaling heatwaves originating from Africa, which could mean that the last days of August may once again be very hot,” he explained.

Dr. Özdemir highlighted that the Black Sea and Eastern Black Sea regions are the most fortunate areas in Turkey during this period. “These regions, which receive rainfall, enjoy a significant cooling advantage during such weather,” he stated. Due to expected precipitation in the Black Sea, especially the eastern part, these areas are best positioned to withstand the summer heat.

Source: hurriyet.com.tr / July 30, 2025 / İsmail SARI

EVENT



A New Meeting from Our International Development, Monitoring, and Guidance Commission

An International Collaboration Meeting Was Held Between Istanbul Aydın University and Indonesia’s Bandung Institute of Technology

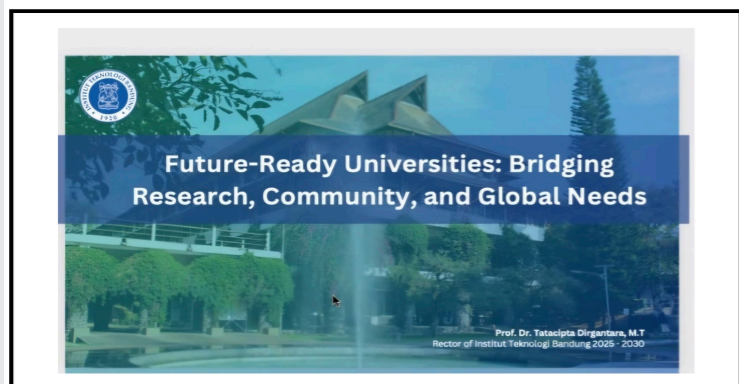
Istanbul Aydın University’s Anadolu Vocational School organized an online cooperation meeting with Bandung Institute of Technology, one of Indonesia’s leading educational institutions. Our International Academic Coordinators, Instructor Ayten Nahide Korkmaz and Instructor Fatemeh Khosravi Purian, hosted the meeting.

culty exchange programs, as well as the implementation of joint research projects.

Representing Bandung Institute of Technology, Alice Diniarti and Dinda Novia Arifani participated in the meeting and shared their institution’s vision for internationalization.

This productive meeting laid the groundwork for long-term and constructive cooperation between the two institutions. Istanbul Aydın University remains committed to strengthening its international academic relations and aims to expand global educational and research opportunities.

During the meeting, we discussed important topics that aimed to enhance academic and scientific cooperation between the two universities. Preliminary agreements were reached, especially concerning student and fa-



EVENT



Academics from Malaysia Sabah University Hosted by Our International Academic Coordination Office

Instructor and International Academic Coordinator of the International Trade (English) Program, Ayten Nahide Korkmaz, hosted visiting academics from Malaysia Sabah University and participated in an informational meeting held in the oval hall.

During the meeting, various discussions took place aimed at establishing new collaborations, thereby contributing to the internationalization efforts of the Vocational School of Higher Education (ABMYO).

CONFERENCE



Participation in International Conference and Session Chairmanship

Our International Trade (English) Program instructor, Ayten Nahide Korkmaz, participated in the DATAMACLEA'25 international conference, organized under the leadership of Ankara Yıldırım Beyazıt University and the Econometric Research Association. She presented a paper and served as a session chair during the event.

Numerous international participants conducted the conference with great interest and engagement.

PROJECT

Sayın AYTEN NAHİDE KORKMAZ,

2209-A Üniversite Öğrencileri Araştırma Projeleri Destekleme Programı kapsamında 2023 yılı 1. döneminde desteklenen 1919B012307287 başvuru numaralı projenin sonuç raporu uygun bulunmuş ve proje sonuçlandırılmıştır. Proje ekibinde yer alan kişiler aşağıda verilmiştir:

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Yürütücü	GİZEM ZENCİR
Akademik Danışman	AYTEN NAHİDE KORKMAZ

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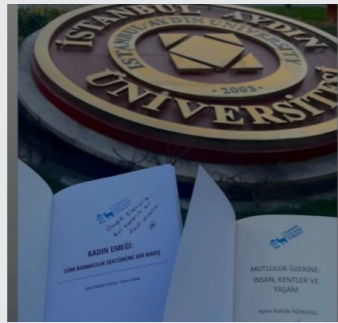
Successful Completion of the 2209-A Project

Under the academic supervision of Instructor Ayten Nahide Korkmaz, our student Gizem Zencir successfully completed the TÜBİTAK 2209-A project titled “Enhancing Awareness Levels of University Students

in Istanbul Regarding the European Union Green Deal: The Case of Electric Vehicles and Charging Stations.”

The final report of the project was evaluated and deemed successful.

INTERVIEW

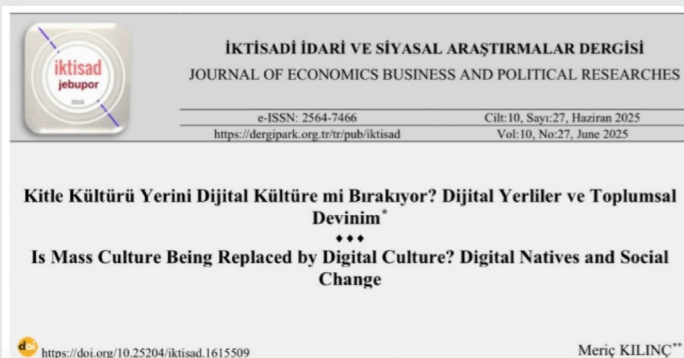


Student Interview

Our instructor, Ayten Nahide Korkmaz, conducted an interview with a student from the Literature Department of Marmara University on the topics of “Authorship and Academia.”

Public Relations and Promotion Program

PROJECT



The publication of Dr. Instructor Meriç Kılınç's Article

Dr. Instructor Meriç Kılınç's article titled “Is Mass Culture Giving Way to Digital Culture? Digital Natives and Social Dynamics” has been published early in the Journal of Economic, Administrative, and Political Studies, indexed in

the Turkish Citation Index (TR Dizin).

Using a quantitative empirical methodology, the study examines the interactions of digital natives with new media and discusses the dynamics of digital culture.

ERASMUS



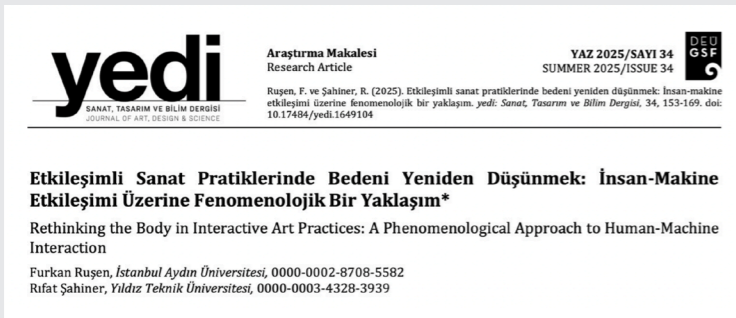
Instructor Furkan Ruşen Attended Courses in Milan within the Scope of Erasmus Staff Mobility

Instructor Furkan Ruşen participated in courses at NABA Nuova Accademia Di Belle Arti, Milan, Italy, from July 14 to 18, 2025, as part of the Erasmus Staff Mobility program. During this period, he had the opportunity to attend classes in both the fields of graphic design and photography.

Being present at a design school in Italy,

where design education is richly integrated into university curricula, significantly contributed to his academic development. The courses he attended also positively influenced the content of the classes he teaches at Istanbul Aydın University Vocational School of Higher Education (ABMYO).

PAPER



Instructor Furkan Ruşen's paper was published in the Yedi journal.

The article, titled "Rethinking the Body in Interactive Art Practices: A Phenomenological Approach to Human-Machine Interaction," explores the concept of the body within interactive art from a phenomenological perspective. It examines human-machine interaction through the lens of embodiment.

Drawing on system-focused theoretical frameworks and experience-oriented perspectives related to interactive art practices, the article discusses how sensors capture the body and, consequently, how the body affects the participant's experience and performance.

EVENT



University Preference Promotion Days

Within the framework of university promotion days, Istanbul Aydın University Vocational School's Fashion Design Program offered prospective students an inspiring experience.

The event was conducted under the guidance of Dr. Instructor Emine Eryazıcı and a fashion design student responsible for the promotion. The year-end exhibition, "Spread Your Wings to Your Style," held to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Fashion Design Program,

provided visitors with a tour.

During the exhibition tour, participants received detailed information about the fashion design curriculum, workshop facilities, project-based learning approaches, and career opportunities available after graduation.

Prospective students had the chance to experience firsthand the creative atmosphere of the department and the diversity of student works, expressing admiration for the original designs on display.