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## ACADEMIC ACTIVITY



## Instructor Fatemeh Khosravi Purian's presentation at the International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Education within the UNESCO Education Programme

The UNESCO Training Program on “Artificial Intelligence Applications in Education” was held over two days in January 2026, hosted by İstanbul Aydın University. Within the program, Instructor Fatemeh Khosravi Purian, a member of our University’s International Relations Commission and Anadolu BİL Vocational School faculty, as well as a member of the Artificial Intelligence Society at the University of Helsinki (Finland), served as a speaker.

The training was organized for a group of teachers and academicians from Uzbekistan, providing a total of seven hours of comprehensive, practice-oriented content. The program covered in detail the role of artificial intelligence in enhancing educational processes, the advantages of digital education, and contemporary learning approaches. Topics addressed included intelligent content creation, personalized learning, adaptive learning systems, educational data analysis, and AI-supported teaching models.

Furthermore, the significance of digital transformation for educational institutions and the necessity for instructors to adapt to next-generation learning technologies were emphasized. Conducted in an interactive environment, the program enabled participants to acquire both theoretical knowledge and practical perspectives. This event significantly contributed to İstanbul Aydın University’s vision of strengthening international academic collaborations while reaffirming the institution’s commitment to innovative and technology-driven approaches in education.



## ACADEMIC ACTIVITY



## Our International Academic Coordinator, Ayten Nahide Korkmaz, has initiated international discussions with Universidade dos Açores (Portugal)

In line with Istanbul Aydın University's goal of strengthening international scientific and academic collaborations, instructor Ayten Nahide Korkmaz has initiated discussions with Universidade dos Açores (Portugal) aimed at renewing our international agreements. It is anticipated that the protocols to be signed at the conclusion of this process will create new opportunities for international collaborations and projects.

## PRESS



*Dr. Güven Özdemir*

## Dr. Güven Özdemir, gave a statement to \*Hürriyet\* on the topic of global climate balance.

**Scientists Sound the Alarm: Danger at Our Doorstep as the 'Climate Carrier' Collapses!  
'This is Extremely Alarming; a Global Turmoil is Imminent.'**

Scientists have announced that a vital current in the Atlantic Ocean is facing the risk of collapse. The global climate balance could be disrupted, with some regions suffering from scorching heat while others experience sudden freezes. How will Turkey and Europe be affected by this scenario? One country has already raised the alarm. Experts warn: this crisis is much closer than you might think.

Human-induced global warming is significantly weakening the Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation (AMOC) and could potentially halt it entirely. The alarming aspect is that this scenario is approaching step by step. Should such a disruption occur, the majority of the planet will continue to warm, while much of Europe—particularly Northern Europe will experience a sharp cooling trend.

### **What Exactly Is Amoc?**

The AMOC functions as a “natural conveyor belt,” transporting warm water from the tropical regions to the North Atlantic and re-

gulating the climate. According to scientists, however, this conveyor belt is now approaching a critical tipping point.

Recent comprehensive simulations indicate that if greenhouse gas emissions remain at current levels, the future of this vital system is far more threatened than previously believed.

This naturally raises the question: How will humanity be affected by this collapse?

### **Special Warnings For Turkey**

Although a global AMOC collapse may not directly impact Turkey, its indirect effects could be profoundly destructive. When I consulted Dr. Güven Özdemir, a Meteorology Specialist and Faculty Member at Istanbul Aydın University, he issued serious warnings regarding this issue.

Dr. Özdemir highlighted that meeting the rising energy demand through fossil fuel use is causing a rapid increase in atmospheric temperatures worldwide. He stated, “This situation leads to an increase in both the frequency and severity of natural disasters, as well



as adverse weather conditions across large areas. It is one of the primary drivers of the climate crisis.”

The expert further illustrated the effects of climate change: “We are witnessing phenomena such as glacier melting, the reduction of Arctic sea ice, and the mixing of fresh-

water sources into the ocean. These developments alter ocean salinity and density, causing variations in the speed and direction of the Gulf Stream. Collectively, these changes heighten the risk of more severe climate events and disasters. Moreover, they can induce significant shifts in the Earth’s atmospheric balance on a global scale.”

### So, What Climate Scenarios Await Turkey In Such A Situation?

According to Dr. Güven Özdemir, a collapse of the AMOC system would lead to the following problems in Turkey:

1. A decline in biological diversity.
2. An increase in greenhouse gases, particularly carbon dioxide emissions.
3. Severe negative impacts on all aspects of agricultural and livestock production.

4. Extreme weather events, including heatwaves and sudden precipitation patterns, are on the rise.

5. Food prices have increased, posing challenges to food security.

Additionally, the global rise in sea levels would pose a threat to Turkey’s coastlines. These changes could adversely affect agricultural and tourism centers located in coastal areas, especially along the Black Sea and Mediterranean regions.

### The Danger Is Even Greater For That Country!

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So, what measures does Iceland plan to implement against this scenario? The changes the country is experiencing—or may experience—are not only critical for Iceland but also have significant implications for the entirety of Europe.

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will significantly impact the climate security of the region. Let's now delve deeper into the underlying dynamics of the situation in Iceland.

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### How Could The Collapse Be Triggered?

According to scientists, the primary factors that could disrupt the system are:

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1. Intensive melting of glaciers, particularly in Greenland
2. Increased freshwater inflow into the North Atlantic
3. Excessive atmospheric warming and a reduction in the temperature difference between the ocean and the atmosphere

These developments can disturb the balance between warm-cold and salty-freshwater layers, thereby weakening the circulation. Five years ago, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) reported that while the AMOC was likely to weaken by 2100, a complete collapse was considered a "very low probability."

However, recent studies have significantly altered this outlook. Research published in August revealed that all nine climate models examined under high-emission scenarios indicated a weakening of the AMOC, ultimately leading to its cessation. Even if we meet the Paris Agreement targets, the likelihood of a collapse remains high, the researchers note.

Ocean scientist Stefan Rahmstorf from the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research told The Washington Post: "It is alarming. Assuming this is a low-probability event was a mistake."

In 2024, an open letter signed by 43 scientists warned the Scandinavian governments about a risk described as "largely underesti-





mated.” Rahmstorf further stated that the Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation (AMOC) could reach an irreversible tipping point “within the next 10 to 20 years.”

Halldor Björnsson of the Meteorological Office also cautioned: “In the case of the AMOC, by the time you know it has begun to collapse, it is probably too late. You should not wait for scientific certainty.”

### Geoengineering Debate: Intervention In The Atmosphere?

As an initial step, Iceland is calling on other countries to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. However, the global transition away from fossil fuels is progressing slowly. For this reason, some experts are bringing geoengineering into the policy debate.

Páll Gunnarsson, Director General of the Reykjavik Institute, argued that Iceland and the Scandinavian countries should take the lead in global initiatives to test methods such as the release of aerosols into the atmosphere.

The government does not officially endorse this idea. Nevertheless, the Ministry of Climate stated that “as risks increase, options once considered unthinkable will be discussed more extensively.”



### Nasa Cuts Are Affecting Research

Iceland is a small country with limited capacity to independently conduct costly climate simulations that require supercomputing infrastructure. It therefore relies on institutions such as the NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies in the United States.

However, during the Trump administration, significant budget and staff reductions were implemented at Goddard, particularly within its climate programs.

Icelandic scientist Björnsson stated, “They were carrying out precisely the kind of work we needed.”

Anastasia Romanou, who produced one of the “most realistic” assessments of the AMOC’s vulnerability in 2023, reported that the laboratory’s lease in Manhattan had been terminated, teams were working from cafés, and productivity had fallen by half.

“They believe we should not be focusing on long-term events,” Romanou said.

On the other hand, Laurie Laybourn, head of the Strategic Climate Risks Initiative, highlights the magnitude of the danger: “We are talking about global chaos triggered by populous countries moving away from the climate regimes they are accustomed to. This would create serious and lasting global instability.”

This report draws on the Washington Post article titled “Why this country declared an ocean current collapse a national security risk.”

Source: [hurriyet.com.tr](http://hurriyet.com.tr) / 16 February 2026 / İbrahim SARI

## ACADEMIC ACTIVITY



## The Computer-Aided Design and Animation Program at ABMYO Hosts Distinguished Leaders of the Industry

The computer-aided design and animation program at ABMYO organizes workshops to bring industry professionals together with students. The “I Create Cartoons” workshop, led by animator and graphic designer Serdar Karaman, was conducted with strong participation and enthusiastic engagement from our students. Within

the framework of the event, students brought car animations to life under the theme of a “Journey Story,” demonstrating both their creative vision and technical competencies. In the coming days, further industry meetings and workshops will continue, strengthening the connection between academic training and professional practice.

Foreign Trade (English) Program

## ACADEMIC ACTIVITY



## Ayten Nahide Korkmaz, instructor of the Foreign Trade (English) Program, has been accepted into the Women’s Initiative in the Field of Economics

*Dear Instructor, We are delighted to share the great news that your membership application to the Women’s Initiative in Economics has been accepted. Welcome to our community!*

*We apologize for the delayed response and appreciate your understanding. Initially, the Steering Committee needed to be formed, followed by the preparation of a regulation defining the membership process. Within this framework, membership applications were evaluated by a 12-member Steering Committee, requiring the approval of at least two members, and as a result of this process, you have become a part of our initiative.*

*We are very excited to have you join us on this journey, which aims to enhance the visibility, solidarity, and collaborative productivity of women in economics.*

*On this occasion, we would also like to invite you to the 1st National Conference organized by the Women’s Initiative in Economics. Through scientific panels, academic presentations, and interactive sessions bringing together economists from different generations, we aim to foster reflection, collaboration, and the production of new ideas. We would be very happy to see you among us at the conference.*

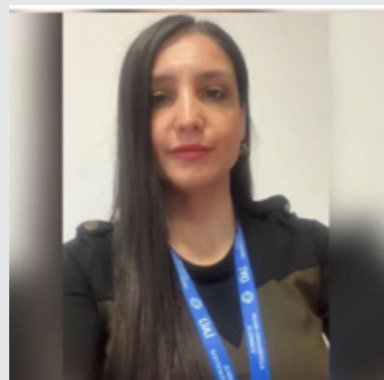
## ACADEMIC ACTIVITY



## Ayten Nahide Korkmaz, instructor of the Foreign Trade (English) Program, participated in the Euras webinar entitled “Ranking Systems Demystified: Metrics, Misconceptions, and Strategic Approaches” on February 5, 2026

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## ACADEMIC ACTIVITY



## Ayten Nahide Korkmaz, instructor of the Foreign Trade (English) Program, has served as a peer reviewer for an international journal.

Instructor Ayten Nahide Korkmaz, of the Foreign Trade (English) Program, has contributed to our internationalization efforts by serving as a peer reviewer for the international journal Journal of Biomedical Research & Environmental Sciences.

## ACADEMIC ACTIVITY



## Instructor Ayten Nahide Korkmaz participated in the Student Clubs Festival

Instructor Ayten Nahide Korkmaz, as one of the advisors, participated in the three-day Student Clubs Festival alongside students from the Ethics and Animal Rights Club, the Foreign Trade Club, and all other student clubs.

## ACADEMIC ACTIVITY



## Instructor Ayten Nahide Korkmaz conducted the webinar titled “Bioeconomy and Environment” with the participation of Prof. Dr. Elif Nuroğlu, Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences at Türk-Alman University

Our webinar titled “Bioeconomy and Environment”, held on February 24, 2026, was moderated by Instructor Ayten Nahide Korkmaz with the participation of Prof. Dr. Elif Nuroğlu, Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences at Türk-Alman University. We extend our sincere thanks to everyone who showed interest in the approximately 90-minute event.

Topics discussed during the webinar included:

Key Discussion Points

- \* What is bioeconomy?
- \* The relationship between bioeconomy and the environment
- \* Bioeconomy studies in Turkey and worldwide
- \* The connection between bioeconomy and economics

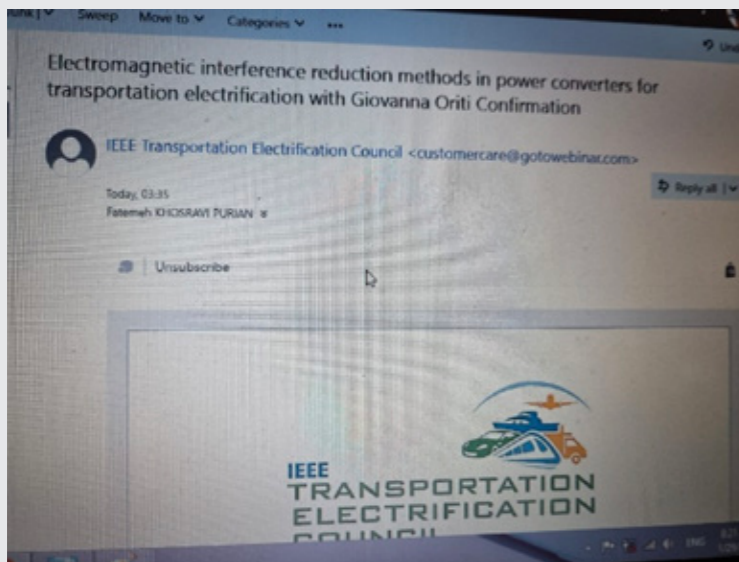
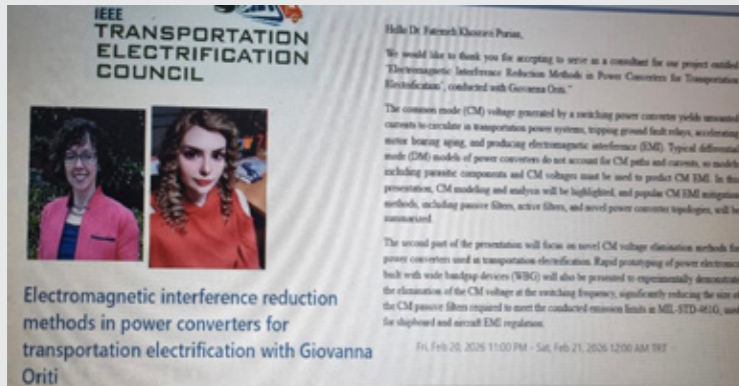
## ACADEMIC ACTIVITY



## Dr. Esin Benhür Aktürk’s Article Published in an International Journal Published by Springer

The scholarly study titled “Derivative Impacts on Capital Markets: A Quantitative Exploration of Capital Market Stability and Management Strategies”, authored by Dr. Esin Benhür Aktürk, has been published in the International Journal of System Assurance Engineering and Management. This journal is published by Springer and is indexed in the Scopus database.

## ACADEMIC ACTIVITY



## International Scientific Collaboration in Power Electronics: Instructor Fatemeh Khosravi Purian's Ongoing Contributions to the IEEE Transportation Electrification Council Project

Instructor Fatemeh Khosravi Purian serves as a scientific advisor on the project titled “Methods for Reducing Electromagnetic Interference in Power Converters for Transportation Electrification,” actively contributing to the international scientific activities of Istanbul Aydın University’s academic staff. The project is conducted under the coordination of the IEEE Transportation Electrification Council, an international engineering organization based in the United States, in collaboration with Prof. Dr. Giovanna Oriti. The study focuses on one of the fundamental technical challenges encountered in advanced power electronics systems: common mode voltage and electromagnetic interference (EMI) issues.

Within the scope of the project, the undesired currents caused by common mode voltage in switching power converters, false triggering in protective relays, premature wear in motor bearings, and the effects of electromagnetic interference (EMI) are being analyzed in detail. In this context, work is ongoing on modeling common mode current paths, developing EMI mitigation techniques, designing passive and active filters, and exploring innovative converter topologies.

Furthermore, rapid prototyping of wide-bandgap (WBG) semiconductor-based converters is underway, aiming for experimental suppression of common-mode voltage at high switching frequencies. This approach contributes significantly to reducing passive filter sizes and ensuring compliance with stringent conducted emission requirements, such as those specified in the MIL-STD-461G standard applied in maritime and aerospace sectors.

Instructor Fatemeh Khosravi Purian’s active and ongoing contributions to the project further underscore Istanbul Aydın University’s prominent position within global academic networks and highlight the strategic importance it places on advanced research in power electronics and transportation electrification.

## ACADEMIC ACTIVITY



## Students of the Graphic Design Program Participated in the First Aid Training Seminar

With the awareness that correct and conscious first aid interventions are of vital importance in emergencies, a first aid training seminar was conducted for students of the Graphic Design Program at Anadolu BİL Vocational School of Istanbul Aydın University on Friday, February 13, 2026, in collaboration with the Department of Health, Culture, and Sports.

The training aimed not only to provide students with theoretical knowledge but also to enable them to perform correct first aid procedures consciously during accidents, sudden illnesses, or unexpected health situations until professional medical teams arrive on the scene. The seminar covered in detail the definition of first aid, its fundamental principles, and the decisive impact of correct interventions on life.

Throughout the seminar, case studies conveyed the risks associated with incorrect interventions and the life-saving role of timely and accurate first aid. Students had the opportunity to practice different scenarios, directly observing the differences between correct and incorrect applications and gaining an understanding of the importance of informed intervention.

Feedback collected from students at the end of the training demonstrated that hands-on first aid exercises strengthened the learning process and created a lasting impact. Accordingly, plans are underway to increase practical training sessions and periodically conduct similar seminars that support first aid awareness. This approach reflects the university's commitment to continuity and development in its educational activities.

The seminar contributed to preparing students for emergencies they may encounter during their academic life and equipped them to act responsibly in future professional workplaces and daily life. Students were made more aware of the fact that knowing first aid is not only a professional skill but also a social responsibility.

At the conclusion of the training, students recognized the importance of acting correctly rather than panicking during emergencies and gained significant skills in consciously protecting both their safety and the health of those around them. Positive feedback from participants clearly demonstrated that first aid training has a strong and sustainable impact on students.

## ACADEMIC ACTIVITY



## Students of the Graphic Design Program Participated in the Disaster Preparedness Training Seminar

In order to ensure safety in students' educational and living environments, raise awareness and preparedness for disasters, and promote a culture of occupational health and safety (OHS), a Disaster Preparedness Training Seminar was organized for students of the Graphic Design Program at Anadolu BİL Vocational School of Istanbul Aydın University. The seminar was held on Thursday, February 12, 2026, in collaboration with the Department of Health, Culture, and Sports.

The event was designed to raise awareness among students about potential disasters and emergency situations they may encounter both during their academic studies and after graduation in their professional environments. While preparing the training content, potential risks on campus, students' daily habits, and emergency scenarios relevant to their future professional lives were carefully considered, with adherence to occupational health and safety (OHS) regulations and disaster management principles.

During the seminar, participants received comprehensive guidance on preventive measures to be taken before a disaster, appropriate behaviors during an event, safe evacuation procedures, and post-disaster actions. The topics addressed were framed in the context of risks students may face on campus, in their social lives, and in the workplaces they will join in the future, highligh-

ting both the individual and institutional dimensions of a culture of safe living.

After the event, students were asked for their thoughts on the seminar's content, delivery, and learning outcomes. A significant increase was observed in students' disaster awareness, risk perception, and safe behavior consciousness, indicating that the seminar largely achieved its intended learning objectives. Participant feedback confirmed that the training was both clear and beneficial.

Based on these assessments, the university aims to ensure the continuity of such disaster and emergency preparedness training activities and to extend similar seminars to different programs and student groups. Plans are also in the works to add more hands-on training sessions and make the programs that raise disaster awareness and OHS awareness across the institution more varied.

The seminar contributed to students becoming more informed individuals not only in their university life but also in their future professional careers and daily lives regarding potential disasters and emergency situations. The event supported the creation of safe learning and living environments and provided students with the necessary competencies to promote disaster awareness and a culture of occupational health and safety in the institutions where they will work.

## ACADEMIC ACTIVITY



## Sectoral Collaboration Visit from Bağcılar Municipality to the Anadolu BİL Vocational School Construction Department

On February 11, 2026, our faculty members from the Construction Department of Anadolu BİL Vocational School, Instructor Muhammet Aydın, Instructor Sedat Şeker, and Instructor Fatih Yıldız, held a sector-focused meeting with Mr. Nuri Çakal, Urban Design Director and Civil Engineer at Bağcılar Municipality, and Mr. Uğur Tekin, Transportation Engineer.

This valuable visit will significantly contribute to the development of our students' professional

vision and provide them with a closer understanding of public and local government practices. We express our gratitude for this kind visit, which strengthens academia–industry collaboration, and wish our distinguished guests continued success in their work.

This activity represents an important achievement for Istanbul Aydın University and Anadolu BİL Vocational School, enhancing both their academic visibility and sector-focused approach.

## ACADEMIC ACTIVITY



## Academic Meeting on Transportation Planning and Sustainable Rail Systems

On February 12, 2026, our faculty member from the Construction Department of Anadolu BİL Vocational School, Instructor Muhammet Aydın, held an academic meeting on transportation planning with Prof. Dr. Mustafa ILICALI, former Member of Parliament for Erzurum (22nd and 26th terms) representing the Justice and Development Party (AKP) and current faculty member in the Department of Civil Engineering at Istanbul Commerce University.

## ACADEMIC ACTIVITY



## Seminar Conducted within the Scope of Industry–University Collaboration with Contributions from Tunoğlu Engineering and Architecture

On February 18, 2026, Ms. Figen Tunoğlu, Chairperson of the Board at Tunoğlu Engineering and Architecture, met with the students and academic staff of the Construction Department at ABMYO to deliver a seminar as part of ongoing industry–university collaboration efforts.

During the meeting, Ms. Figen Tunoğlu, Chairperson of the Board at Tunoğlu Engineering and Architecture, shared with our students her extensive insights on current practices in the engineering and architecture sectors, the expectations of the professional world, and career pathways following graduation. Drawing upon her many years of experience, Ms. Tunoğlu conveyed her comprehensive knowledge and practical expertise in a sincere and guiding manner, providing highly valuable contributions to the development of our students' professional vision.

This significant gathering facilitated productive discussions on current developments in civil engineering, the importance of academia–industry collaboration, internship and employment opportunities, and visionary goals for the future of our department. Evaluations on integrating field applications into the educational process and bridging theoretical knowledge with practical experience notably enhanced the professional competencies of our students.

We sincerely thank Ms. Figen Tunoğlu for her support of our educational programs and the strong collaborative approach she has established with our institution, and we hope that such industry–university partnership initiatives, which inspire our students through her experience, knowledge, and vision, will continue to expand in the future.

## ACADEMIC ACTIVITY



## Meaningful Visit from Karyap Architecture and Engineering

On February 11, 2026, Mr. Osman Kutay Kapdan, a 2025 graduate of the Construction Department at ABMYO, currently serving at Karyap Architecture and Engineering, visited our department and met with our students and academic staff.

During this valuable meeting, discussions focused on professional experiences, post-graduation career pathways, and current developments in the field of civil engineering. Productive consultations were held regarding academia–industry collaboration, internship and employment opportunities, and visionary

objectives for the future of our department.

The meeting proved particularly inspiring for our students, offering significant insights on integrating field practices into the educational process and enhancing professional competencies. Our alumnus's candid sharing of his sectoral knowledge and experience provided valuable guidance for students' career planning.

We sincerely thank our alumnus, Osman Kutay Kapdan, for his kind visit and valuable contributions, and we wish him continued success in his professional career.

## ACADEMIC ACTIVITY



## 8th International Black Sea Modern Scientific Research Congress

Instructor Fatih Yıldız participated in the 8th International Black Sea Modern Scientific Research Congress, held on February 22, 2026, with his scientific study titled “The Effect of Waste Hemp Addition on the Mechanical Properties of Clay Soils.”

In this study, the effects of waste hemp incorporation on the engineering and mechanical properties of clay soils were investigated, providing significant findings for sustainable and environmentally friendly soil

improvement methods. The research drew attention for its contribution to the use of alternative and ecological materials in geotechnical engineering and was shared on an international academic platform.

Fatih Yıldız's involvement is regarded as a notable achievement that supports the scientific productivity of Istanbul Aydın University and Anadolu BİL Vocational School, as well as their representation in international scientific activities.

## ACADEMIC ACTIVITY



## Fashion Design Program Conducted an Introduction Event at Koca Sinan Vocational High School

For the students of Koca Sinan Vocational and Technical Anatolian High School, Assistant Professor Dr. Emine Eryazıcı conducted a comprehensive departmental introduction program.

During the session, detailed information was shared on the summer training curriculum in fashion design, hands-on workshop practices, creative design processes, and portfolio development stages. Students were informed about the contribution of summer school to professional

growth, its significance in university preparation, and its role in fostering sectoral awareness.

Dr. Emine Eryazıcı emphasized that a disciplined production process must advance alongside creativity in fashion design, inviting aspiring young designers to develop their skills and strengthen their original perspectives.

The program concluded as a highly productive informational session, enhancing students' motivation toward fashion design and providing valuable guidance for their career planning.

## ACADEMIC ACTIVITY



## Çarpana in Fashion

The event titled “Çarpana in Fashion”, organized by the Fashion Design Program of Istanbul Aydın University Anadolu BİL Vocational School, was held on February 11, 2026, from 12:00 to 17:00 in Room 3101, E Block, Felt Center, featuring a demonstration by Nilüfer Gülaş.

The event focused on the role of the traditional çarpana weaving technique in fashion design and its contemporary interpretations, providing participants with both theoretical knowledge and a live practical demonstration. Nilüfer Gülaş offered comprehensive insights

into the historical development, technical characteristics, and integration of çarpana weaving into design processes, while also addressing students' questions.

Attended by approximately 80 students, the event highlighted the importance of traditional handicrafts within sustainable fashion practices. The practical demonstration was followed with keen interest, and the program concluded as a productive and inspiring session that contributed significantly to the professional development of the students.

## ACADEMIC ACTIVITY



## Academic and Departmental Committee Meeting

The 2025–2026 Spring Semester II. Academic and Departmental Committee Meeting of Anadolu BİL Vocational School was held on February 12, 2026, at 14:00 in Room 3101, E Block.

The meeting was chaired by Program Head Assistant Instructor Nihal Bolkol, with the participation of Deputy Program Head Assistant Instructor M. Gülgün Tekin, Assistant Professor Dr. Emine Eryazıcı, Assistant Instructors Esra Kaya, Aycan Öktem, Hatice Erkaya, Hüsnü Erhan Şanal, Mehmet Kerim Bayri, Ergin Aydın, Ülkü Karahanlar, Belgin Arit Ateş, Dr. Necila Yılmaz, and Hamide Mehtap Veziroğlu, along with Professors Dr. Mustafa Sabri Özen and Dr.

Erhan Sancak.

During the meeting, discussions focused on enhancing the quality of educational activities, updating course contents, strengthening practical workshops, and reviewing administrative and student affairs processes. Decisions were made to finalize the Spring Semester plans in accordance with these evaluations.

The academic and departmental committee meeting emphasized a collective commitment to sustaining a quality-focused and practice-oriented educational approach, reinforcing the institution's dedication to excellence and continuous improvement in teaching and learning processes.

## ACADEMIC ACTIVITY



## Fashion Design Program Conducted an Introduction Event at Esenler Vocational and Technical Anatolian High School

Students of Esenler Vocational and Technical Anatolian High School participated in a department introduction event organized by the Fashion Design Program of İstanbul Aydın University during their campus visit. Throughout the program, comprehensive information was provided on the scope of fashion design education, current industry dynamics, career opportunities, and effective portfolio development processes. Students had the opportunity to tour design and production workshops, ob-

serving firsthand the environments where practical courses are conducted. Instructor Muhsine Gülgün TEKİN and Dr. Instructor Emine ERYAZICI emphasized the significance of creativity integrated with technical knowledge, a disciplined workflow, and an innovative perspective in fashion design.

The visit proved to be a productive and inspiring experience, enhancing students' awareness of the fashion design field while contributing meaningfully to their professional orientation.

## ACADEMIC ACTIVITY



## Open Stage Fashion Show Participation

The Fashion Design Program of Istanbul Aydın University participated in the Open Stage Fashion Week held at Fişekhane on February 16–18, 2026, with its academic staff and students.

Under the guidance of Dr. Emine Eryazıcı and Lecturer Esra Kaya, our students had the opportunity to observe the fashion show organization process firsthand and interact with industry professionals. This event provided an invaluable experience for young designers studying fashion design, allowing

them to closely examine various stages such as backstage preparations, choreography, collection presentations, and brand communication.

The event contributed to enhancing our students' industry vision and highlighted the importance of academia–industry collaboration. Istanbul Aydın University's Fashion Design Program continues to immerse its students in the dynamics of the fashion world and provide hands-on, application-oriented experiences.

## ACADEMIC ACTIVITY



## Fashion Design Program Promotion Event at Rüştü Üzel Vocational High School

Rüştü Üzel Vocational High School Students Visit Istanbul Aydın University Fashion Design Program Students of Rüştü Üzel Vocational and Technical Anatolian High School visited the Fashion Design Program at Istanbul Aydın University and participated in the department's introduction session. Comprehensive information was shared regarding the scope of fashion design education, career opportunities in the industry, and creative production processes.

During the event, students received guidance on fashion education, career paths, and portfolio preparation. They also toured the workshops, gaining first-hand experience of the practical classroom environments.

Lecturer Muhsine Gülgün Tekin highlighted the dynamic nature of fashion design and the importance of creative thinking. The visit successfully increased students' awareness and understanding of the fashion design field.

## ACADEMIC ACTIVITY



## Fashion Design Workshop

The Fashion Design Workshop, organized by the Fashion Design Program of Anadolu Bil Vocational School at Istanbul Aydın University, was held on February 23, 2026, at 14:00 in the B303 Meeting Hall of the Halit Aydın Campus.

The workshop brought together industry and academia. Key speakers included Metin Baran Saltık, Design Center Director of Gurmen Group (RAMSEY), Öğr. Gör. Ergin Aydın, President of the Textile Exporters and Employees Association (TİHCAD), and Birsen Şehirli Tor, President of the Istanbul Branch of the Chamber of Textile Engineers (TMO).

The program was moderated and academically coordinated by Instructor Nihal Bolkol, Head of the Fashion Design Program, and reporting was conducted by Dr. Emine Eryazıcı. Prof. Dr. Mustafa Çıkırıkçı, Director of ABMYO, and Dr. Güven Özdemir, Deputy Director of ABMYO, also attended the event.

The workshop focused on topics such as industrial value in fashion design, sector-academia collaboration, export vision, sustainability, and the role of design centers. Participants shared their professional experiences with students, providing valuable insights into current industry dynamics.

The event contributed to enhancing students' professional perspectives and highlighted Istanbul Aydın University Fashion Design Program's commitment to practice-oriented, industry-integrated education.

## ACADEMIC ACTIVITY



## Industry Meetings I: Transformation in Textile and Ready-to-Wear at Istanbul Aydın University

The event Industry Meetings I: Transformation in Textile and Ready-to-Wear, organized by Istanbul Aydın University, was held on February 27, 2026, at 14:00 in the Mor Hall of the Social Sciences Campus, T Block.

The speaker of the event was Hüseyin Öztürk, President of the Fashion and Ready-to-Wear Federation (MHGF), and the session was moderated by Prof. Dr. Mustafa Sabri Özen. The program covered structural transformations in the global textile and ready-to-wear industry, sustainable production approaches, export strategies, and current dynamics affecting competitiveness.

The event brought together industry representatives and students, providing evaluations on how the transformation process in textile and ready-to-wear can be integrated with academic knowledge. Participants had the opportunity to gain direct insights into the sector's current needs and future expectations.

Through the Industry Meetings series, Istanbul Aydın University continues to connect its students with leading professionals in the field while strengthening the interaction between academia and industry.

## ACADEMIC ACTIVITY



## “ISLANDS” Themed Weaving Construction – Student Works Exhibition

The “Islands – Weaving Construction Student Works Exhibition”, organized by Istanbul Aydın University Anadolu Bil Vocational School Fashion Design Program, showcased students’ thematic and technically focused creations.

Inspired by the symbolic values of Istanbul, the exhibition featured weaving surface designs and construction applications developed under the “Islands” theme. Students employed *çarpana* and other weaving techniques to represent the sea, lighthouses, island houses, and coastal life on textile surfaces, producing unique works in terms of color, texture, and composition.

Throughout the project, traditional weaving techniques were combined with contemporary design approaches. The process included material research, yarn selection, surface layout, and structural experiments, providing an applied and interdisciplinary learning experience. The exhibition highlights students’ integration of technical knowledge with creative design skills.

The opening of the exhibition was held on Friday, February 27, 2026, from 14:00 to 17:00 at Mor Hall, Social Sciences Campus, T Block. The exhibition can be visited from March 2–6, 2026, starting at 14:00 in the D Block Foyer Area.

## ACADEMIC ACTIVITY



## The Tourist Guidance Program participated in the Eastern Mediterranean International Tourism and Travel Fair (EMITT)

First- and second-year students of the IAU Tourist Guidance Program participated in the Eastern Mediterranean International Tourism and Travel Fair (EMITT). The fair, held at the Istanbul Expo Center from February 5–7, 2026, was organized by the Head of the Tourist Guidance Program, Dr. Gözde Özdemir, with contributions from Lecturer Kübra Çelik Kılıç. Students visited booths of major domestic and international destinations and engaged in valuable meetings with sector stakeholders, including the Istanbul Chamber of Guides, the Association of Turkish Travel Agencies, and reputable tour operators. This year's edition of the fair, held for the 29th time, attracted great interest from the students.

## ACADEMIC ACTIVITY



## Dr. Gözde Özdemir, Head of the Tourist Guidance Program, Participated in the TURSAB Travel Agency and Tour Operation Training

Dr. Gözde Özdemir, who teaches the Travel Agency and Tour Operation course to first-year Tourist Guidance students, attended the Travel Agency and Tour Operation Training organized by the Association of Turkish Travel Agencies (TURSAB). The training took place on February 10, 2026, at the TURSAB Headquarters Conference Hall and was conducted by TURSAB Academy instructor Erdal Çeri from 10:00 to 17:00. Following the training, various collaborations were discussed, including the possibility of Dr. Gözde Özdemir delivering courses on Digital Tourism and the Metaverse on behalf of TURSAB Academy.

## ACADEMIC ACTIVITY



## Dr. Gözde Özdemir, Head of the Tourist Guidance Program, participated in the MEDEK Evaluator Training on February 7, 2026

Dr. Gözde Özdemir, Head of the Tourist Guidance Program, attended the evaluator training organized by the Vocational Education and Evaluation Accreditation Association (MEDEK) on Saturday, February 7, 2026, from 10:00 to 14:00.

## Applied Spanish-Turkish Translation Program

## ACADEMIC ACTIVITY



## Academic Contribution from Our University to Spanish Translation Seminars

The “Spanish to Turkish Translation” seminar and workshop program, organized by the ISPEDCEV working group within the Faculty of Letters at Istanbul University, has been successfully completed with the academic collaboration of Istanbul Aydın University and Istanbul Medeniyet University.

The academic staff and students of our university’s Department of Applied Spanish Translation and Interpretation actively participated in this 20-hour educational program, which took place during the fall semester of the 2025-2026 academic year. Asst. Prof. Dr. Fethiye Kabataş Keskin,

who served as a supervisor during the program, was honored with a certificate of appreciation for her valuable academic contributions.

Furthermore, Semanur Özkök, Ece Rana Yüksekler, and Rabia Nur Ataş, second-year students from our Department of Applied Spanish Translation and Interpretation, successfully completed the workshop sessions and received their certificates of attendance. This high-quality inter-institutional collaboration has enabled our students to enhance their sectoral competencies and develop their translation practices on an academic foundation.