

COOPERATION PROTOCOL SIGNED BETWEEN EMU AND ATATÜRK TEACHER ACADEMY

A cooperation protocol has been signed between Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) and Atatürk Teacher Academy (ATA). EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hoca'nın and AT A President Assoc. Prof. Dr. Zehra Özçınar signed the protocol at the EMU Rector's Office on Tuesday, January 19, 2021, at 14.30. The Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Minister of National Education and Culture Olgun Amcaoglu attended the signing ceremony of the cooperation protocol. EMU Board of Trustees President Dr. Erdal Özçenk, ATA Executive Board Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Canan Perkan Zeki, EMU Vice Rector for Social and Cultural Affairs and ATA Board Member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Deniz İşçioğlu, ATA Board Member Ali Yönel and EMU Board of Trustees Member Ersun Kutup were also present at the said ceremony.

With the said protocol, it is aimed to develop academic, scientific and cultural cooperation between EMU and TRNC Ministry of National Education and Culture and Atatürk Teacher Academy and to ensure joint production and sharing in these fields.

Speaking at the signing ceremony, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hoca'nın stated that the cooperation between the two institutions has always been close and will continue. Expressing that the cooperation between Eastern Mediterranean University and Atatürk Teacher Academy will continue to increase within the framework of the said protocol, Prof. Dr. Aykut Hoca'nın stated that they are always ready to share resources in scientific, cultural and academic fields.

Speaking after Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hoca'nın, TRNC Minister of National Education and Culture Olgun Amcaoglu, wished that the protocol will be beneficial for both institutions and emphasized that they will stand by every step taken in the name of education. Minister Amcaoglu also added the cooperation between Eastern Mediterranean University and Atatürk Teacher Academy, one of the distinguished educational institutions

of the TRNC, is a good example of solidarity for all educational institutions and stated that each signature put down in the name of education will increase the quality of education.

In his speech at the signing ceremony, Atatürk Teacher Academy President Assoc. Prof. Dr. Zehra Özçınar stated that they are very happy to be in cooperation with EMU and emphasized that they have been working with EMU for many years. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Zehra Özçınar also underlined that the cooperation built on sharing scientific, cultural and human resources will continue with the said protocol.



EMU COMMUNICATION FACULTY, PUBLIC RELATIONS AND ADVERTISING DEPARTMENT QUALIFIES FOR FULL MEMBERSHIP OF EUPRERA

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Communication Faculty, Public Relations and Advertising Department was awarded full membership in the European Public Relations Education and Research Association (EUPRERA). EMU Public Relations and Advertising Department is a rooted department with more than two thousand graduates from 30 different countries since 1997.

EMU Public Relations and Advertising Department Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Anil Kemal Kaya stated that the aim of the faculty members is to train graduates who are aware of ethical responsibility, creative, follow the latest developments in technology, have managerial skills and can meet the changing needs of the sector in today's globalizing world by combining these skills with the theoretical knowledge. Expressing that they attach great importance to international connections in this context, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Kaya emphasized that their departments are entitled to full membership in the European Public Relations Education and Research Association (EUPRERA).

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Kaya stated that it is extremely important to be a member of such reputable institutions, and that they believe that cooperating with



members from different countries of the organization will contribute to the collection, transmission and exchange of innovative public relations research.

EMU Communication Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Senih Çavuşoğlu stated that they support the international cooperation of all departments as the Faculty of Communication and said; "Being accepted as a member of a prestigious institutions such as EUPRERA brings us together with the global media networks, confirms the quality of the education provided".



Being one of the most respected organizations operating since 1959, EUPRERA aims to promote innovative knowledge and practices regarding public relations education and research in Europe. The organization aims to cooperate with associations, institutions, scientific journals and trainees from different countries operating in the field of public relations. While academic staff and researchers form the open public group of the association, it also aims to develop various research and models on the latest developments in basic and applied research and new trends in the field of education.

EMU FACULTY OF COMMUNICATION VISITED MINISTER OLGUN AMCAOĞLU

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Communication Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Senih Çavuşoğlu and Vice Deans, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Aysu Arsoy and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yetin Arslan, paid a courtesy visit to the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Minister of Education and Culture Olgun Amcaoğlu.

During the visit, which took place recently, EMU Communication Faculty shared information about the Othello International Motion Art Biennial, which is being prepared. TRNC Minister of Education and Culture Olgun Amcaoğlu stated that they will give the necessary support to the Othello International Motion Art Biennial and emphasized the importance of universities being intertwined with art. Minister Amcaoğlu also stated that they will always support different projects and their cooperation will continue. Prof. Dr. Senih Çavuşoğlu stated that the support of the Ministry of National Education and Culture

to the Biennial is very important for them and thanked them for their support. Prof. Dr. Çavuşoğlu also gave information to Minister Amcaoğlu about their new projects.

What is the Othello International Motion Art Biennial?

Othello International Motion Art Biennial is organized by EMU Communication Faculty and financially supported by the Eastern Mediterranean University. The biennial takes its name from the Othello Castle in Famagusta, which is mentioned in Shakespeare's famous play, and symbolizes and emphasizes the relationship of the city with culture and arts.

With the awareness that universities' support towards culture, arts and creativity is one of their important roles, the main motivation of the Biennial is to bring together both national and international design and film students who are on their way to become artists, and by encouraging young artists to reflect



their own thoughts by using animated art. It aims to create a productive and motivating environment where ideas and experiences can be shared.

The main purpose is to help cinema and visual communication design students, who can produce original ideas with motion arts and contribute to the field with different perspectives, put their theoretical knowledge into practice, to contribute to the development of short film production in the international arena, and to ensure that the audience meets short films.

PROUD ACHIVEMENT FROM EMU VISUAL ARTS AND VISUAL COMMUNICATION DESIGN DEPARTMENT STUDENT



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Communication Faculty, Visual Arts and Visual Communication Design Department graduate student Jalil Haghanipour's work succeeded in being among the 200 to be exhibited with the two posters that he designed.

Çavuşoğlu and Head of Department Asst. Prof. Dr. Fırat Tüzünkan for their support in my participation in the competition". In his statement, Prof. Dr. Senih Çavuşoğlu pointed out that international competitions are

extremely important and expressed that the success achieved made them proud. Prof. Dr. Çavuşoğlu emphasized that the successes achieved in international platforms demonstrate the quality of the education provided. Prof. Dr. Çavuşoğlu un-derlined that success is never a coincidence.

The posters designed by the student within the scope of the "Workshop I" graduate course conducted by EMU Communication Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Senih Çavuşoğlu took part in the poster competition themed "Fake News". A total of 6078 works competed in the mentioned competition organized by 'Poster for Tomorrow' which is an independent and non-profit art institution based in Paris. As a result of the evaluations, Jalil Haghanipour's works were among the 200 to be exhibited with the two posters that he designed and achieved a significant success.

Jalil Haghanipour said: "I am honored that the poster I prepared in the competition, which included 6078 posters sent from different countries, was chosen among the posters to be exhibited. We will graduate as self-confident individuals thanks to the infrastructural facilities and teaching staff of EMU Visual Arts and Visual Communication Design Department. I would like to thank Prof. Dr. Senih



Asst. Prof. Dr. Tüzünkan stated that international competitions offer an important opportunity for students to test their skills and see where they are in world standards. Asst. Prof. Dr. Tüzünkan said, "We are proud of the success our student achieved in the competition held with intense participation from different parts of the world".

The "Poster for Tomorrow" competition aims to encourage people inside and outside the design community to make posters on issues that affect and cause controversy. With the "Poster for Tomorrow" competition, 40 thousand posters from more than 150 countries and more than 1000 exhibitions at 5 continents have been hosted for more than 10 years.

15% DISCOUNT FOR EMU GRADUATES IN MASTER'S PROGRAM REGISTRATIONS



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) is offering a 15% discount on tuition fees for EMU graduates who will enroll in graduate programs during the 2020-2021 Academic Year Spring Semester. EMU aims to contribute to the development of its graduates with the 15% discount application which has started since the beginning of the Fall Semester.

EMU's wide range of graduate programs are coordinated and carried out by the Institute for Graduate Studies and Research. Since 1989, the said institute has been offering EMU students the opportunity to develop themselves in the best possible way through its graduate programs, giving them the chance to pursue postgraduate education.

EMU has a Wide Range of 102 Graduate Programs Approved by YÖK

The Institute for Graduate Studies and Research brought up its first graduates in 1991 and today has over 6,000 graduates. The Institute Director Prof. Dr. Ali Hakan Ulusoy emphasized that they have a total of 102 active programs, including 21 PhD, 46 master with thesis, 32 non-thesis master's and 3 distance education programs, all of which are approved by the Council of Higher Education (YÖK). Prof. Dr. Ulusoy stated that it is very important that all graduate programs with a wide range of graduate programs are approved by YÖK so that EMU graduates have the advantage of finding easy employment and that they are proud to see that they stand out in the direction of their expertise in very good institutions and progress in their careers. Expressing



that graduate education is especially important in today's conditions, Prof. Dr. Ulusoy recommends that students who have completed their undergraduate education, continue their education with a master's degree in a stronger and more equipped manner.

Detailed information on graduate programs, scholarship opportunities and tuition fees can be obtained by calling +90 392 630 11 57, via e-mail at igrs@emu.edu.tr or the website <https://grad.emu.edu.tr>. Graduate program applications will be received through the Online Application System (<https://applyonline.emu.edu.tr/grad>)

EMU OFFERS STUDY OPPORTUNITIES WITH SPECIAL POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMS IN NICOSIA

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Business and Economics Graduate Programs that have been offered in Nicosia since the Spring Term of the 2012-2013 Academic Year continue. The programs to be offered are; Business Management Master's Program with or without Thesis (Turkish medium), Banking and Finance Master's Program without thesis (Turkish medium), Managerial Economics Master's Program without thesis (Turkish medium), Financial Economics Master's Program without thesis (Turkish medium) and, Gender Studies Master's Program with or without thesis (Turkish medium).

In addition to the aforementioned programs, within the framework of the cooperation agreement between the Department of Banking and Finance and Queens University in Canada, the opportunity to obtain an "Investment Evaluation and Project Finance Certificate" is also offered in Nicosia. On the other hand, EMU

Faculty of Education, English Language Teaching Doctorate Program and Guidance and Psychological Counseling, Educational Administration and Supervision and Education Programs and Teaching Postgraduate Programs affiliated to EMU Educational Sciences Department are also available in Nicosia.

Courses Offered After Working Hours

If the aforementioned postgraduate courses will be offered face to face in the near future, they will be delivered at the Ataturk Teachers Academy in scope of a protocol settled for this purpose

The programs which aim to bring up specialised labor force in different fields in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC), create an alternative for those who are involved in business life and also want to pursue a postgraduate education. In the graduate programs offered, delivery of the courses after working hours provides a great advantage for public employees.

EMU graduates planning to enroll in EMU graduate programs for the first time, receive a 15% discount in tuition fees.

Discounts for Public Employees

According to the statement made, all the TRNC public employees planning to enroll in the mentioned postgraduate programs for the 2020 – 2021 Academic Year Spring Semester will be eligible to receive a 20% discount. EMU also stated that they have taken all the requests into consideration and, in addition to the civil servants, employees of private corporations will also receive a 30% discount if the organisation they work for has signed or will sign a cooperation protocol with EMU.

Application to the said postgraduate programs can be submitted via the online application system. Further information on the application, fees and programs can be obtained via the Institute for Graduate Studies and Research (Tel: 0392 630 1157, <https://grad.emu.edu.tr>).

EMU INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE DEPARTMENT CONTINUES WITH ITS INTERNATIONAL WEBINAR SERIES

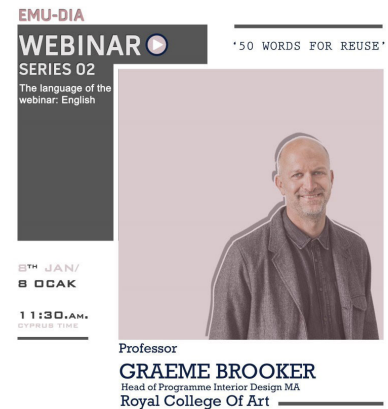
Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Architecture Faculty, Department of Interior Architecture continues with its International Webinar series. The guest of the second event, held on Friday, January 8, 2021, was Prof. Graeme Brooker, Head of the Interior Architecture Department of the Royal College of Art (RCA).

The first of the EMU Interior Architecture Department's Webinar series was held on 14 December 2020 with the participation of Sally Stone, director of the Manchester School of Architecture, College of Continuity in Architecture. Sally Stone discussed one of the biggest challenges for a twenty-first century society in her seminar entitled 'UnDoing Buildings'. In the content of the seminar, the problem of "what to do with the huge stock of existing buildings that surpass the function they were built for" was discussed. The importance of retaining structures which its values are well known has been discussed for a long time and what to do with these buildings has been emphasized.

The second event of the international webinar series organized took place by EMU Interior Architecture Department academic staff member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hacer Başarır. In the event,

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hacer Başarıır and Prof. Graeme Brooker discussed the experiences of their work with the students of the Interior Reuse platform at RCA, under the title of “50 Words for Reuse”, and the specific languages used in the reworking of existing buildings. The webinar series attracted great attention from students and faculty members, and a consensus was reached in principle to continue these collaborations in the next period.

Prof. Graeme Brooker is a Professor of Interior Architecture and Head of Department at RCA. He has exemplary leadership experience in higher education at institutions such as Cardiff, Manchester, Brighton, Middlesex and the Royal College of Art. In 2015-2016, he was awarded one of the Higher Education Authority (HEA) National Teaching Scholarships awarded only 55 per year, and the Head Scholarship of the Higher Education Academy in 2019, as acknowledged for his work. He has published extensively on many aspects of interior space and particularly on the reuse of existing buildings. His most recent publications includes: *Key Interiors Between 1900* (Laurence King 2013), *Adaptations* (Bloomsbury 2016) and *Brinkworth: So Good So Far* (Lund Humphreys 2019). He is co-author of eight books on interiors with Sally Stone, including the highly acclaimed



Rereading's (RIBA 2005, Volume 2 - 2018) and has edited several volumes. He is a member of the editorial advisory board of *Interiors: Design: Architecture: Culture* (Bloomsbury) and *IDEA* journals. He was the founder and director for over a decade of the charity Interior Educators (IE), the national subject association for all interior courses in the UK. He is currently working on his latest book, *The Story of the Interior* (Phaidon 2021).

Webinar seminars can be viewed on EMU Interior Architecture Department's YouTube page (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=abPPEsOfZ5Y&feature=emb_logo)

ONLINE TALK FROM EMU ON “DOCTORS’ RIGHTS, PATIENTS’ RIGHTS AND VIOLENCE IN HEALTH”

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty and the Scientific Research Community operating under the EMU Social and Cultural Activities Directorate is to hold an online talk on “Doctors’ Rights, Patients’ Rights and Violence in Health” on Saturday, January 23, 2021 with the members of the National Scientific Research Community. The talk will take place at 12:00 Cypriot local time (13:00 Turkish local time) with the participation of Turkish Cypriot Doctors Association Chair and internal medicine specialist Dr. Özlem Gürkut, Universal Patients’ Rights Association Executive Board member and, Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Specialist Dr. Ayşe Zeki and lastly, Turkish Republic Ministry of Health – Patients’ Rights Scientific Board member and Marmara University academic staff member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Gürkan Sert.

In line with the increasing needs for healthcare services with the pandemic process, the issue of how much the candidate doctors and patients know their rights will be touched on during the session and the questions of the participants will be answered by the experts in the field. The event will be administered via Microsoft Teams platform and the participation link will be shared on

WhatsApp groups (<https://chat.whatsapp.com/KpDPxeGeWW3F4ZoO63y50Q>, <https://chat.whatsapp.com/KxB8U2CZ30vHwL2itqMlOn>) on the day of the event.

Further information on participant experts of the talk is as follows:

Dr. Özlem Gürkut graduated from Istanbul University Cerrahpaşa Medical Faculty in 1991. Dr. Gürkut completed her internal diseases specialty training at Turkish Republic Ministry of Health Haseki Training and Research Hospital. Dr. Gürkut has been working at the Nicosia Dr. Burhan Nalbantoğlu State Hospital since 2005, and she is also the President of the Cyprus Turkish Medical Association.

Dr. Ayşe Zeki graduated from Hacettepe University Faculty of Medicine in 2000 and received the title of “Medical Doctor” and in 2006 she started her residency at Hacettepe University Faculty of Medicine, Department of Child and Adolescent Mental Health and Diseases. Dr. Zeki, who worked as a Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Specialist at Barış Psychiatric and Neurological Diseases Hospital and Famagusta State Hospital between January 2013 and February 2020, she is currently working in her private clinic and



she is an active member of the Board of the Universal Patients' Rights Association.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Gürkan Sert completed his master's degree in Marmara University Faculty of Medicine Department of Deontology in 2003 and his doctorate degree in 2007. Dr. Sert received the title of Associate Professor Doctor in 2013. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Gürkan Sert, who was awarded the "Lawyer of the Year Service Plaque" by the Patient and Patient's Relative Rights Association in 2005, is still a faculty member at Marmara University Faculty of Medicine.

EMU RECTORATE RELEASED A MESSAGE ON THE EARTHQUAKE



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rectorate released a message on the earthquake which occurred on the 21 January 2021. The statement is as follows: As you may be aware, an earthquake, the epicenter of which was Larnaca region, was felt across Cyprus at 16:27, on 21 January 2021. We hope all staff and students of the

Eastern Mediterranean University and the people of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus are all safe and sound. As a result of the inspections carried out after the quake, we have found out with great relief that our staff and students residing in dormitories on our campus as well as all students across the country are safe.

Our greatest consolation is that there are no fatalities or any loss of property in the earthquake, which was felt greatly in the city of Famagusta. We hope that such natural disasters do not happen again. We wish everyone, especially our students and staff, healthy days.

This Week's Academic Publications

School of Computing and Technology

1. Afolabi, Olayinka Olasumbo, Ali Oztüren, and Mustafa İlkan. "Effects of privacy concern, risk, and information control in a smart tourism destination." *Economic Research-Ekonomska Istraživanja* (2020): 1-20. (Early Access)
2. Rahimzhan, Sima, Ali Oztüren, and Mustafa İlkan. "Emerging realm of 360-degree technology to promote tourism destination." *Technology in Society* 63 (2020): 101411.

Faculty of Arts & Sciences

1. Karaderi, Tugce, Halin Bareke, Imge Kunter, Adil Seytanoglu, Ilgin Cagnan, Deniz Balci, Burcu Barin, Mevhibe Hocaoglu, Bahar Taneri et al. "Host Genetics at the intersection of Autoimmunity and COVID-19: A potential key for heterogeneous COVID-19 severity." *Frontiers in Immunology* 11 (2020).
2. Özarslan, Mehmet Ali. "Approximation properties of Jain-Appell operators." *Applicable Analysis and Discrete Mathematics* 14, no. 3 (2020): 654-669.

Faculty of Pharmacy

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Monoamine Oxidase B: Update on 2010-2019." *Combinatorial chemistry & high throughput screening* 23, no. 9 (2020): 862-876.

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Faculty of Architecture

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Source: Web of Science

Faculty of Medicine

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Faculty of Tourism

1. Afolabi, Olayinka Olasumbo, Ali Oztüren, and Mustafa İlkan. "Effects of privacy concern, risk, and information control in a smart tourism destination." *Economic Research-Ekonomska Istraživanja* (2020): 1-20.
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Faculty of Health Sciences

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