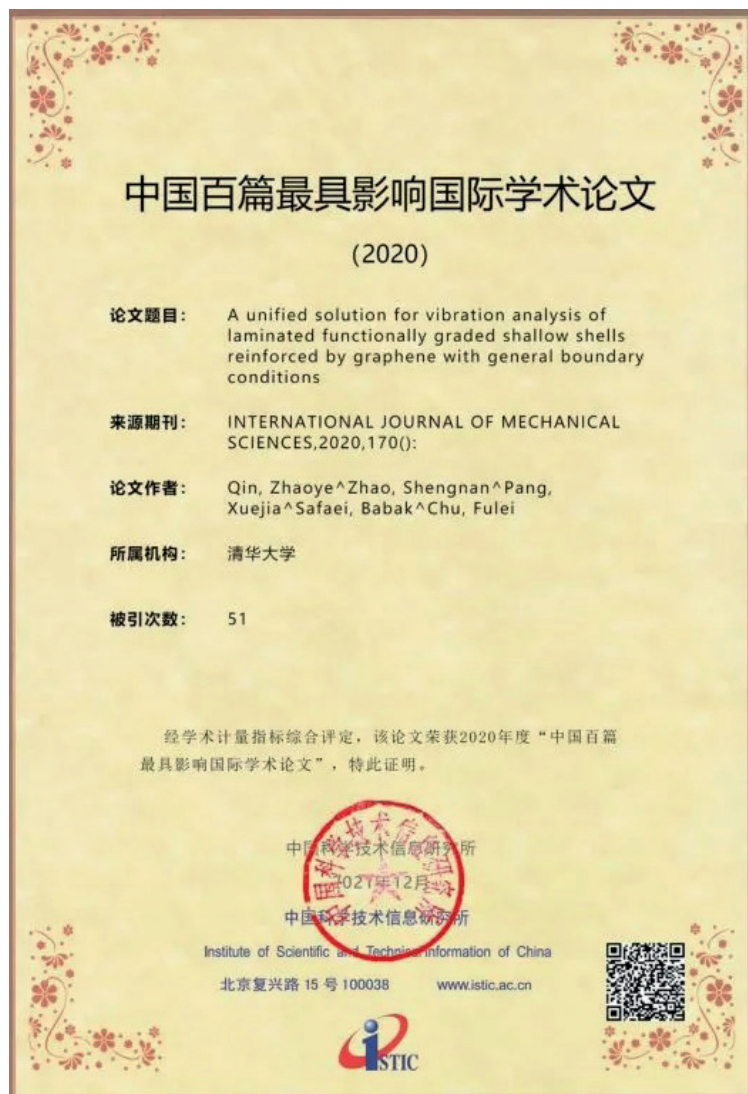


## EMU MECHANICAL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT ACADEMIC STAFF MEMBER ASSIST. PROF. DR. BABAK SAFAEI'S ARTICLE IS AMONG THE 100 MOST INFLUENTIAL PUBLICATIONS IN CHINA



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Engineering, Mechanical Engineering Department academic staff member Assist. Prof. Dr. Babak Safaei's article jointly produced with his colleagues in China under the title “A unified solution for vibration analysis of laminated functionally graded shallow shells reinforced by graphene with general boundary conditions”, was published in the International Journal of Mechanical Sciences, appearing under Elsevier B. V., one of the leading academic publishing firms of the world. The said publication has been chosen by the Institute of Scientific and Technical Information of China as one of the 100 most influential international publications published in China in 2020.

### Citations from Prestigious Institutions

Produced by Assist. Prof. Dr. Safaei with Prof. Dr. Fulei Chu, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Zhaoye Qin, Shengnan Zhao and Xuejia Pang from Tsinghua University (QS world Ranking 17) in Beijing, the article has received 76

citations in total since 15 March 2020. This article has received highly positive feedback and citations from prestigious institutions and scientists including the Chinese Academy of Sciences, the Canadian Academy of Engineering, and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

When choosing the most influential articles, the Institute of Scientific and Technical Information of China considered criteria such as the findings of the publication, the standing or reputation of the journal in which the article was published, international cooperation, and the quality of the citations it received.





## PRESIDENT OF EMU BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### DR. ERDAL ÖZCENK EVALUATES EMU'S ACHIEVEMENTS

#### "We Received Five Stars in Five Categories in QS Stars"

Dr. Erdal Özçenk also made a statement about the place of EMU in the UK-based Quacquarelli Symonds (QS), the QS Stars 2021 evaluations. Noting that EMU has achieved an important international success by receiving five stars out of five in five categories, Dr. Özçenk emphasized that, according to the evaluation results, EMU maintained the five stars it had previously received in the categories of Education, Internationalization, Campus Facilities and Equipment and Inclusiveness, while it jumped from four stars to five in the category of Graduate Employability. Dr. Özçenk said, "We Received Five Stars in Five Categories in QS Stars. This is a great success. As a result of the Overall Evaluation, EMU increased its three stars to four stars and gained an international qualification according to the standards set by QS and confirmed its successful standing as a higher education institution where education and training, internationalization and inclusiveness are at the highest level, its campus facilities and equipment are excellent, and its graduates are preferred by employers."

#### "Our Faculties and Academicians Have a Great Role in Our International Success"

President of the EMU Board of Trustees Dr. Erdal Özçenk also touched upon the international achievements of faculties and academic staff. Dr. Erdal Özçenk stated that having ranked 38th in the field of Tourism and Hotel Management, EMU is the only university from the TRNC to be included in the World Universities Academic Ranking 2021 of China-based ShanghaiRanking. Noting that EMU also ranks first among the universities from Cyprus and Turkey included in the list, Dr. Özçenk emphasized that the success achieved in this field with each passing year is carried forward with the Faculty of Tourism. Dr. Özçenk continued his statement as follows: "Our faculties and academicians have a great contribution in our international success. We are among the top 300 universities in the world in THE 2022 Physical Sciences Field Rankings. We have become a sole leader in the TRNC and Turkey. We are among the top 400 universities in the world in THE 2022 Engineering Field Rankings. We are among the top 250 universities in the world in THE 2022 Business and Economics Field Rankings. While being the only university to enter the list from the TRNC, we co-shared the first place with Koç University amongst Turkish universities. We have once again succeeded in taking place in the field of Economic Sciences in ShanghaiRanking's World Universities Academic Ranking 2021, in the Field Rankings list. We have become the only university in the field of Economic Sciences to be included in the list from the island of Cyprus. We have been ranked first amongst 43 universities in Cyprus in the Cyprus University Rankings of Sydney Australia-based uniRank, which ranks universities around the world. We have been selected as the best university on the island in the Physical Sciences category of Nature Index's 2020 university rankings. Nature Index publishes monthly and annual success rankings by browsing articles on Medicine, Health, Chemistry, Physical Sciences, Earth and Environmental Sciences published in 82 of the world's most respected academic journals. Another achievement that has made us proud is that 13 academicians from our university have been placed among the most cited scientists in the world in the "World's Most Influential Scientists" list, published in 2021 as a result of a study conducted by a team of US and Dutch scientists under the coordination of US Stanford University. According to the extensive research conducted by the USA Stanford University in 2021, 13 scientists from EMU have been

placed amongst the top 2% in their chosen field. This is also a remarkable success. EMU is also a full member of the International Universities Association, the European University Association, the Mediterranean Universities Association and the Federation of the Universities of the Islamic World. Our University, which attaches great importance to international accreditations, boasts prestigious accreditations obtained from international scientific bodies. Our Engineering Faculty has the accreditation of ABET, which oversees Technology and Engineering Programs in the USA. This accreditation is the most prestigious accreditation in the field of engineering worldwide, and together with EMU, only five universities in Turkey have this accreditation." EMU BOT President Dr. Erdal Özçenk also stated that all faculties at EMU attach great importance to obtaining international accreditation in their fields.

#### "We Started the Construction of the New Faculty of Business and Economics Building"

Explaining that infrastructural investments continue at full speed at EMU, Dr. Erdal Özçenk noted that work has begun on the new and technological building of the Faculty of Business and Economics, one of the oldest faculties. Dr. Özçenk said, "As a result of the work carried out upon the initiative of the EMU Rector's Office and in line with the need for a new building due to the growing and developing conditions, the new building, the construction of which started in November 2021, is planned to be completed in 2023. In the building, which will have 5 floors and an area of close to 7 thousand square meters, there will be a total of 105 offices, 4 of which will belong to research centers, 10 classrooms, 4 computer labs, 5 separate meeting rooms for each department, an amphitheater for 138 people and elevators."

#### The First University in TRNC to Receive a Covid-19 Approved Safety Education Certificate

Dr. Erdal Özçenk also emphasized that EMU was inspected by the International Certification Authority 'Inspect' and as a result of the audit, it received the first "COVID-19 Approved Safety Education" certificate in the TRNC. Reminding that all countries in the world have been struggling with the Covid-19 pandemic for two years, Dr. Özçenk stated that as the University, they prioritize the health of both students and staff, and in this context, they have succeeded in obtaining this document by fulfilling all obligations in the fight against the pandemic. Stating that EMU has once again passed ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management System, ISO 10002:2018 Student Satisfaction Management System and ISO 45001:2018 Occupational Health and Safety Management System inspections conducted by the Turkish Standards Institute (TSE), Dr. Özçenk shared the information that no non-compliance was detected regarding the Management System and that the University successfully passed the said audits with merit. Dr. Özçenk ended his speech as follows:

All of our academic and administrative staff and workers employed at our university contribute greatly to moving EMU to better positions day by day through working in harmony with their sense of institutional belonging as well as their sense of duty, responsibility and harmony. I would like to thank EMU Administration and EMU Staff for all these great achievements. EMU's development and successful achievements will surely continue in 2022. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all members of community and the staff of EMU a happy new year filled with health and peace."

President of Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Board of Trustees (BOT) Dr. Erdal Özçenk released a statement about the achievements of EMU. Appointed as the Head of BOT on 22 July, 2019, Dr. Erdal Özçenk emphasised that they have been in great harmony with the EMU Rector's Office under the management of Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocanın, who took office in June 2020. Dr. Erdal Özçenk evaluated the university's achievements, academic development and the point reached in the last one and a half year.

#### "EMU is the Flagship of this Country"

Stating that EMU is one of the most important institutions of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, Dr. Özçenk said, "EMU is the flagship of this country. At EMU, effort and success are the highest values. There is no such thing as "my period" at EMU, it is always "our period". People are temporary, institutions are permanent. The management that takes the flag takes the institution forward by building further on the past work. In line with these principles, I took over the duty of the President of EMU Board of Trustees on 22 July 2019, on the 40th anniversary of our university. Our university, since I took office together with the members of the Board of Trustees and the EMU Rector's Office, has attained many academic achievements that will make our country proud, as in the past."

Providing information about EMU's successful standing in the world rankings, Dr. Özçenk stated that achieving success in the world rankings in the TRNC, which is under embargoes, is something that cannot be taken lightly. Dr. Özçenk said, "While our institution was among the top 800 universities in the world in 2019 in the UK-based Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings, the publisher of the widely-referenced university rankings, In THE 2022 World's Best Universities Ranking, we are proud to be placed among the top 600 universities in the world with a great rise, despite the fact that the list features 136 newly added universities and a general decline worldwide. While EMU appears to be the best university in the TRNC, it is in the same band and co-shares the second place in Turkey with important Turkish universities, which are Koç University and Sabancı University." On the other hand, Dr. Özçenk stated that in the University Impact Rankings according to the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals, Times Higher Education (THE) has increased EMU's 52.7 points from last year to 69.4, moving its place from 401-600 band to 301-400, which is a serious achievement.. Dr. Özçenk stated that this rise is a great proof that the university is progressing on the right path. Dr. Özçenk also added that in the Times Higher Education (THE) Best Young Universities rankings that included universities which started offering education within the last 50 years, EMU has become the only university from the TRNC to be included in the 251-300 band this year, as it was last year.



## EMU DENTISTRY FACULTY CONTINUES PATIENT ADMISSIONS WITH STRICT MEASURES



The Dental Clinic operating under the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Dentistry Faculty continues the patient admissions within the framework strict pandemic measures. The clinic initially started the patient admissions in December 2021. Stating that the individuals who wish to get services from the clinic must present a negative Antigen / PCR test result from the last 72 hours, EMU Dentistry Faculty Dean and the Head Physician of the Dental Clinic Prof. Dr. Hikmet Solak indicated that the

clinic is currently applying strict pandemic measures.

Pointing out that the notions of “quality” and “satisfaction” are always the most important of all, Prof. Dr. Solak mentioned that the clinic has received several cooperation messages from sister universities along with the opening of the clinic and the new year. Stating that the initiatives continue for new collaborations within the near future, Prof. Dr. Solak underlined the fact that they are taking



firm steps towards bringing the Dentistry Faculty and the Clinic to the world standards.

Prof. Dr. Solak stated that the university has been establishing relations with the Dentistry Faculty and Dental Science Institute of Japan Kyushu University within the scope of the collaborations, adding that the Japan Kyushu University mentioned EMU and Dentistry Faculty in its February newsletter. Prof. Dr. Solak thanked everyone for the intensive attention that the Clinic has received.

## JOURNALIST METE ÇUBUKÇU GIVES A SEMINAR IN EMU

Doyenne journalist Mete Çubukçu, who also offers courses at the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Communication, New Media and Journalism Department, gave a seminar titled “Journalism in Conflict Zones”. Journalist Mete Çubukçu shared his war correspondence experiences at the seminar held with the participation of EMU Communication Faculty students and academic staff members.

### “It was Very Difficult to Deliver The News Before the New Media”

Çubukçu talked about the events he encountered in conflict zones and stated that before going to the conflict areas, it is necessary to have information about that region and to be careful in the region where they are going, according to the sensitivity of the issue. Reciting his memories of the Gulf War, Çubukçu stated that there are discursive differences between a journalist whose country is in a war and a journalist whose country is not in that war, and that in such

cases, the journalist should get rid of their own identities and take on the identity of a journalist while reporting. Comparing the events that took place in Iran in 2009 with the Gulf War in terms of new media, Çubukçu said that it was very difficult to deliver the news before the new media, but now it is very fast to report on the event and deliver it, which is a convenience for journalists.

### “Journalists Should Take More Responsibility”

In a statement before the seminar, EMU Communication Faculty, New Media and Journalism Department Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Metin Ersoy said that they are very pleased to be bringing together the students of the department with successful journalists with high sectoral experience. Prof. Dr. Ersoy added that they are honored to have Mete Çubukçu, a doyen journalist, as a lecturer at EMU Communication Faculty, New Media and Journalism Department. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ersoy added that in our world where wars



and conflicts take place, journalists covering these events should take more responsibility and make an effort to build the language of peace. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ersoy concluded his statement by saying that they support the education of their students by adding such courses in their curriculum.

## ASSIST. PROF. DR. MATTEO DE PAMPHILIS FROM UNIVERSITY OF BOLOGNA TO TEACH IN EMU FACULTY OF LAW



University of Bologna Faculty of Law Postgraduate Program jointly carried out by academic staff member Assist. Prof. the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Dr. Matteo de Pamphilis came to EMU and the University of Bologna. Assist. Prof. offer lectures at the Comparative Law Dr. Matteo de Pamphilis is conducting the

course “Tort Law in Practice: Legal Liability in Comparative Perspective” during the Fall Semester of the 2021-2022 Academic Year as part of the Comparative Law Master’s Program. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the courses offered by the academic staff members of the University of Bologna within the scope of the Comparative Law Master’s Program have been conducted online since the Spring Semester of the 2019-2020 Academic Year. Assist. Prof. Dr. Matteo de Pamphilis has become the first faculty member to come to EMU from the University of Bologna as part of the program, following the EMU Senate’s decision to conduct face-to-face education starting from the 2021-2022 Academic Year Fall Semester.

## EMU FACULTY OF LAW ORGANISED A SEMINAR TITLED “BATTERED WOMAN SYNDROME”



The first of the “People Worrying about Injustice: Cultured Lawyer Seminar Series” initiated by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Law Club was held on 30 December 2021 at EMU Faculty of Law.

The students showed great interest towards the seminar during which EMU Faculty of Law academic staff member Assist. Prof. Dr. Nurcan Gündüz participated as a speaker. In the seminar that started with the definition of the concept of Battered Woman Syndrome, Assist. Prof. Dr. Nurcan Gündüz drew attention to the violence that women are exposed to in their lives, addressed the inadequacy of the policies implemented on violence against women and responded to the questions of the eParticipants. At the end of the event, EMU Faculty of Law, Vice Dean Assist. Prof. Dr. Hakan Bilgeç presented Assist. Prof. Dr. Nurcan Gündüz a certificate of appreciation on behalf of the Faculty Dean’s Office.



## STUDENTS OF EMU CIVIL AVIATION, CABIN SERVICES PROGRAM VISITED ERCAN AIRPORT

Students of the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Tourism Faculty Civil Aviation Cabin Services program took a technical trip to Ercan Airport. Within the scope of the technical trip organized with the contributions of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Civil Aviation Department Directorate and Pegasus Airlines officials, the students had the opportunity to examine the units involved in flight operations. Tourism Faculty academic staff member Sen. Inst. Aslı Akı accompanied the students in the said trip, which was organized so that the students could observe how the theoretical knowledge they learned in the course is put into practice.

EMU Civil Aviation Cabin Services students visited the Ercan Airport apron, ground handling services and maintenance office and received detailed information about the the personnel operations. Starting from meeting the passenger on the ground, they had the opportunity to receive training on the aircraft of Pegasus Airlines, during which detailed information was given about the in-flight services provided on board and the relevant duties and responsibilities. At the end of the training, students had a chance to examine and observe emergency equipment, opening and closing of the doors and over-wing exits, in-flight arrangements, announcement system and in-flight entertainment system, aircraft galley layouts, ovens, kettles, coffee pots and coffee machines (Hot cup and Coffee maker), toilet fire systems, oxygen systems and general aircraft information.

Providing information on the subject, EMU Tourism Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç stated that the students of the EMU Civil Aviation Cabin Services program are trained as cabin attendants who have sufficient knowledge and equipment both theoretically and practically. Stating that the program has attracted great interest, Prof. Dr. Kılıç underlined that in line with the development and growth of the aviation sector, graduates pursue employment opportunities easily. Stating that the said trip is extremely important in terms of gaining practicality and seeing the actual practice, Prof. Dr. Kılıç thanked Sen. Inst. Aslı Akı, TRNC Civil Aviation Department Directorate, Pegasus Airlines and Ercan Airport Police officials who made the trip possible.





## EMU CWS TO ORGANISE AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON GENDER STUDIES

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Center for Women's Studies (CWS) is finalising the preparations for the "8th International Conference on Gender Studies" at Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center between 12-14 May 2022. The said conference has been held regularly since 2004. As the first academic gender research and education center in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC), the CWS has been working to raise awareness about gender equality and problems encountered by women by bringing these issues to the society's attention since its establishment on 17 November 1998. In this direction, as one of the many scientific activities carried out by EMU-CWS, the "8th International Conference on Gender Studies" will be held this year with the theme of "Gender and Art".

### "New Studies will be Added to the Literature"

In a statement made by the EMU-CWS regarding the international conference, "The conference, which aims to deal with how the gender roles based on

sovereignty ideologies, socio-cultural fictions, heteronormative systems are produced, supported and criticized through art, as well as the struggle of art producers and critics with gendered bodies and a social order based on inequality, will provide an outstanding platform for leading academicians, researchers and practitioners to present and discuss their work and offer new perspectives on the field. Although there are limited studies on feminist art in the TRNC, gender and women's studies have been covered by various disciplines such as sociology, anthropology and history with an increasing interest in the relation between gender and art in recent years. This conference aims to add new studies to the literature by encouraging academicians, researchers and activists to have intergenerational and intersectional dialogues around the theme of gender and art. The conference will also include other studies with a gender perspective.

### Deadline for Abstract Submission is

13 January

Those who want to present papers at

the conference are invited to send their abstracts, not exceeding 250 words, to the [gsart@emu.edu.tr](mailto:gsart@emu.edu.tr) e-mail address by 13 January 2022, at the latest. Detailed information about the conference is available at <https://gsart.emu.edu.tr> or from EMU-CWS at 0392 630 22 69.

The subtopics of the international conference are Aesthetics and Gender, Art as Activism, Art History, Gender Representation of the Artist in the Art Flow, Architecture and Gender, Design

Issues and Gender, Feminism and Art, The Future of Women in Arts and Humanities, Gender Equality in Art from Past to Present, Gendering the Artistic Field, Philosophy of Art, Women's Struggle in Art, The Face of Art in the Pandemic, Queer Historiography, Photography and Gender Roles, Rediscovering Sculpture, Being a Female Storyteller, Feminism in the Feminist Theatre, Gender in Cinema, Performance and Identity, Gender and Drama Writing, and Gender and Humor.



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