



14 ACADEMICS FROM EMU HAVE BEEN LISTED IN THE STANFORD UNIVERSITY'S WORLD'S MOST INFLUENTIAL SCIENTISTS LIST

Fourteen academics from Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) have made it to the "World's Most Influential Scientists" list, published on 4 October 2023.

The following academic staff members from the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) have been included in the list of the world's most influential academics: Prof. Dr. Osman Karatepe from the Faculty of Tourism, Prof. Dr. Salih Katircioğlu, head of the Faculty of Business and Economics, Banking and Finance Department, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Babak Safaei from the Faculty of Engineering, Mechanical Engineering Department, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ali Övgün from the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Physics Department, Prof. Dr. Nazım Mahmudov, head of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Mathematics Department, Prof. Dr. Hasan Kömürçügil from the Faculty of Engineering, Computer Engineering Department, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Akeem Adeyemi Oladipo from the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Chemistry Department, Prof. Dr. Hasan Demirel from the Faculty of Engineering, Electrical and Electronic Engineering Department, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Arran Fernandez from the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Mathematics Department, Prof. Dr. Seydedhabibollah Mazharimousavi, assistant head of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Physics Department, Prof. Dr. İzzet Sakallı, head of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Physics Department, Prof. Dr. Osman Kükrer from the Faculty of Engineering, Electrical and Electronic Engineering Department, Prof. Dr. Müberra Koşar, Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy, and Prof. Dr. Omar Mustafa from the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Physics Department.

Prof. Dr. Karatepe has Become Turkey's 8th Most Influential Scientist

According to the report, Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe has ranked 1,780th on the list of the world's most influential scientists, making him the 8th most influential scientist in Turkey. Prof. Dr. Salih Katircioğlu was Turkey's 58th most influential scientist, while Assoc. Prof. Dr. Babak Safei ranked 59th in Turkey. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ali Övgün and Prof. Dr. Nazım Mahmudov has made it to Turkey's top 200; Prof. Dr. Hasan Kömürçügil and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Akeem Adeyemi Oladipo to the top 250; Prof. Dr. Hasan Demirel into the top 600; Assoc. Prof. Dr. Arran Fernandez into the top 650; Prof. Dr. Seydedhabibollah Mazharimousavi into the top 850; Prof. Dr. İzzet Sakallı, Prof. Dr. Müberra Koşar, and Prof. Dr. Osman Kükrer into the top 1,200; and Prof. Dr. Omar Mustafa into the top 1,300. It is worth mentioning that they have all been listed within the top 2% of scientists worldwide.

10 EMU Academics in the Career-Long Impact List

10 academics from Eastern Mediterranean University have been included in the "Career-Long Impact List" released as part of the report. Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe ranked among the world's top 13,000 most influential scientists and has ranked 18th in Turkey. Prof. Dr. Salih Katircioğlu has been included among the world's top 55,000, ranking 115th in Turkey. Prof. Dr. Nazım Mahmudov has been ranked within the world's top 57,000, becoming 120th

EMU ACADEMIC STAFF RANKED WITHIN THE TOP 2% OF THE WORLD EMU ACADEMIC STAFF APPEAR IN THE WORLD'S MOST INFLUENTIAL SCIENTIST LIST IN STANFORD UNIVERSITY'S STUDY

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- Prof. Dr. Salih Katircioğlu Faculty of Business and Economics, Department of Banking and Finance Chair
- Assoc. Prof. Dr. Babak Safaei Faculty of Engineering, Department of Mechanical Engineering Faculty Member
- Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ali Övgün Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Department of Physics Faculty Member
- Prof. Dr. Nazım Mahmudov Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Department of Mathematics Chair
- Prof. Dr. Hasan Kömürçügil Faculty of Engineering, Department of Computer Engineering Faculty Member
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- Assoc. Prof. Dr. Arran Fernandez Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Department of Mathematics Faculty Member
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- Prof. Dr. Osman Kükrer Faculty of Engineering, Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering Faculty Member
- Prof. Dr. Müberra Koşar Faculty of Pharmacy Dean
- Prof. Dr. Omar Mustafa Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Department of Physics Faculty Member
- Prof. Dr. Benedek Norbert Nagy Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Department of Mathematics Faculty Member

in Turkey. Prof. Dr. Hasan Kömürçügil has appeared within the world's top 95,000, ranking 210th in Turkey. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Babak Safaei has been listed among the world's top 210,000 and ranks 561st in Turkey.

Whilst Prof. Dr. Osman Kükrer has ranked among the world's top 216,000 scientists, becoming 596th in Turkey, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ali Övgün has appeared amongst the world's top 218,000 and ranked 601st in Turkey. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Akeem Adeyemi Oladipo has been listed among the world's top 246,000 and ranked 684th in Turkey.

Prof. Dr. Hasan Demirel has ranked among the world's top 268,000 most influential scientists and came 755th in Turkey. Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Mathematics Department Faculty Member Prof. Dr. Benedek Norbert Nagy has also made it to the world's top 669,000 most influential scientists and ranked 1,029th in Turkey, thereby earning a place in the career-long impact list.

The list of the world's most influential scientists can be accessed at: <https://elsevier.digitalcommonsdata.com/datasets/btchxktzyw/6>



EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty Welcomes New Students



Europe's Leading Schools of Tourism and Hospitality to Get Together at EMU in the 30th EURHODIP Conference



EMU's New Students Enjoyed a Warm Welcome Night Organisation

EMU DR. FAZIL KÜÇÜK MEDICINE FACULTY WELCOMES NEW STUDENTS



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty and Marmara University (MU) International Joint Medicine Program 2023 – 2024 Academic Year Opening and White Gown Ceremony was held on Monday, 2 October 2023, at 11:00 at Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty Amphitheater. 60 new medicine students took their first steps towards the profession by wearing white gowns.

EMU Acting Rector Prof. Dr. Mustafa Tümer, EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty Acting Dean Assist. Prof. Dr. Nimet İlke Akçay and many academic staff members as well as the families of the students attended the event.

The ceremony commenced with a moment of silence and recitation of the national anthem followed by a speech delivered by Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty, 3rd year student Muharrem İyican. In his speech, İyican thanked everyone who attended the event and emphasized that the white gown ceremony reflects the first phase of a long education journey. Underlining that wearing white gowns is not only a symbol but also a sign of responsibility and devotion, İyican stated that by wearing these gowns the new students accepted this responsibility. Noting that they are ready to learn more, explore more and to contribute to the society more, İyican said that the education is a life-long experience and that the white gowns are the beginning of this journey. İyican wished all the new students success in their journey.

“Welcome to Our Family”

EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty Acting Dean Assist. Prof. Dr. Nimet İlke Akçay also delivered a speech, expressing that they are excited for their new students who are about to move on a new chapter of their lives. Moreover, Assist. Prof. Dr. Akçay stated that the first stage of their mission is for the students to graduate as

physicians who have full medical knowledge and skills, have acquired ethical and human values, have strong social and communication skills, and can access and produce scientific knowledge at the end of their education. Assist. Prof. Dr. Akçay continued her words by saying; “You will have the opportunity to receive high-quality education in state-of-the-art multidisciplinary laboratories and good lecture halls, with esteemed faculty members. You will study in a rich and multicultural environment that will help you develop empathy, understanding and respect for differences and diversity. The white gowns you will wear today will be your first step into the profession. Medical education is very difficult, but you started your journey knowing this. Don’t forget your responsibilities towards art, sports and nature. Get to know your university life. Welcome to our family.”

“I wish You All Success in This Honorable Journey”

Expressing his contentedness on being able to be together with the students at the white gown ceremony and to share their excitement, EMU Acting Rector Prof. Dr. Mustafa Tümer underlined that the event is also a proud moment

for the families of the students. Noting that the profession of medicine is a difficult but an honorable profession, Prof. Dr. Tümer continued his words with the words of Suleiman the Magnificent: “A state is like a breath of health in the world” and emphasized that nothing has value without health. Saying that the white gown ceremony is the first step taken into the profession, Prof. Dr. Tümer addressed the student by saying; “Good days are awaiting for you. There will be days that you will have patients to heal, and there will be days and nights when you are helpless. You will also be sleepless. You chose this profession knowing this. I wish you all success in this honorable journey”.

Following the opening speeches, EMU Acting Rector Prof. Dr. Mustafa Tümer, Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty Acting Dean Assist. Prof. Dr. Nimet İlke Akçay and faculty members presented the students their white gowns. Then, the first presentation of the academic semester was delivered by Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty and Marmara University (MU) International Joint Medicine Program academic staff member Prof. Dr. Serap Çifçili.



EMU PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT HOSTS THE 7TH EXPERIMENTAL COGNITIVE PSYCHOLOGY SYMPOSIUM



The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Psychology Department hosted the 7th Experimental Cognitive Psychology Symposium this year. The symposium has been held on 5-6 October, 2023, at the EMU Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall. During the symposium, academics and researchers working in the field of experimental and cognitive psychology came together to share their scientific research.

The opening ceremony of the symposium was held on Thursday, 5 October, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. Present at the ceremony were EMU Acting Rector Prof. Dr. Mustafa Tümer, Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences Prof. Dr. Mehmet Ali Özarslan, and Head of the Psychology Department Prof. Dr. Fatih Bayraktar.

“A Scientifically Fulfilling Symposium”

During his speech at the ceremony, Prof. Dr. Fatih Bayraktar, the Head of the Psychology Department, expressed that a scientifically fulfilling program has been prepared for the symposium. Prof. Dr. Bayraktar also highlighted that scientific meetings not only address research questions and hypotheses but also provide an opportunity to learn about the cultures of the countries where the meetings are held. He recommended the participants to explore the cultural treasures of Famagusta, one of the most beautiful cities in Cyprus.

“We Are Honored to Host This Prestigious Event”

Prof. Dr. Mehmet Ali Özarslan, the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, mentioned that the

first symposium took place at Koç University and the second at Boğaziçi University, with subsequent symposiums held every two years. He expressed the honor and pride of hosting such a prestigious event as a faculty and department. Prof. Dr. Özarslan also provided information about the faculty and department to the participants and wished them a successful symposium.

“Wishing a Productive Symposium”

Acting Rector Prof. Dr. Mustafa Tümer welcomed all the participants and wished for a productive symposium. He noted that as a social scientist, he also conducted scientific research on human behavior, highlighting that throughout human existence, various factors and influences have led to the development of different forms of behavior. Prof. Dr. Tümer thanked those involved in organizing this symposium, which aims to understand human behavior.

Day One

Following the speeches, the first day of the symposium featured presentations from 11:20 a.m. to 4:40 p.m.. The presentations included topics such as “Cognitive Style and Memory” by Ayşe Altan Atalay, “Functional Memory: Emotion Regulation in Individual and Social Events Context” by Sezin Öner-Yaman, “The Relationship Between Disclosure Memories and Well-being in Gay and Bisexual Men” by Burcu Kaya Kızılöz, “Behavioral and Neural Correlations of Visual Search Task in Cerebral Visual Impairment” by Zahide Pamir, “Autobiographical Memory and Episodic Future Thinking in Blind Individuals” by Ali İzzet Tekcan,

“Investigating Emotion-Memory Interactions in Bilinguals (L1-Turkish and L2-English)” by Aslı Aktan-Erciyes, and “Visual Word Recognition and the Special Role of Turkish in Anglo-Oriented Psycholinguistics” by İlhan Raman. The first day of the symposium finished with a Poster Session at 4:40 p.m..

Day Two

The second day of the symposium continued with presentations from 10:30 a.m. to 3:40 p.m.. The presentations included topics such as “Data-Driven Decision-Making Processes: The Role of Effective Data Visualizations” by Ayşecan Boduroğlu, “Mindful Awareness in Skillful Movements” by Çığır Kalfaoğlu, “The Confounding Role of Gender and Presentation Duration in Perceptual Load Effects” by Özlem Ertan-Kaya, “Understanding the Behavioral and Neural Effects of Prior Knowledge on Sensory Processes with Computational Modeling” by Buse Merve Ürgen, “Foresight in the Context of the Turkish Presidential Election” by Sami Gülgöz, “Social Anxiety, Social Memory, and Future Thinking: Turkish Elections” by Meymune N. Topçu, and “Going Beyond the Literal Meaning in Action Events: Transfer Effects of Theory of Mind Intervention on Children’s Processing of Metaphorical Expressions” by Fatma Nur Öztürk.

The 7th Experimental Cognitive Psychology Symposium, hosted by the Psychology Department at EMU has come to an end after the Closing Ceremony held at 3:40 p.m..

EMU COMMUNICATION FACULTY'S "CMC" DOCUMENTARY TAKES THE SECOND PLACE IN 33RD YOUNG COMMUNICATORS COMPETITION



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Communication Faculty, New Media and Journalism Department student Hatice Melisa Santürk and, Cinema and Television Department graduate Sadık Tevfik Kayrakçı's documentary on Cyprus Mines Corporation (CMC) mine dumps took the second place in the Turkey Journalists' Society (TJS) Aydın Doğan Young Communicators Competition.

In the project carried out under the coordination of EMU Communication Faculty research assistant İbrahim Emre Sugel and within the scope of the workshop held with content creator Can Pürtüzüz, the success of the students were appreciated.

Prof. Dr. Ersoy: "Our Projects will continue with the Sense of Peace Journalism"

In a statement, New Media and Journalism Department Chair Prof. Dr. Metin Ersoy, who is also the project advisor of the documentary, congratulated those who contributed to the process and expressed his gratitude to everyone who sensitively carry out work on the problems of the society by bringing a possible environmental disaster in Cyprus into the agenda. Saying that; "We are happy that an issue that could be the disaster of the century in the Mediterranean geography was

handled by communication students and won an award in a serious competition. In the coming days, our projects will continue with the understanding of peace journalism, sensitive to the problems of society", Prof. Dr. Ersoy noted that the New Media and Journalism Department showed that it has started to reflect the training it provides to the students into the field.

Prof. Dr. Çavuşoğlu: "This Achievement once again shows the Importance of Sensitivity of Academia in regards to Social Problems"

EMU Communication Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Seniha Çavuşoğlu also thanked the students for achieving a great success in a prestigious competition and expressed that this achievement is a sign of the good quality education Communication Faculty offers and the continuous renewal of its education approaches. Prof. Dr. Çavuşoğlu also said: "I congratulate our students and academic staff members who contributed to the process which led to a success like this in TJS Aydın Doğan Young Communicators Competition, one of the leading competitions in the media sector. As an institution, we are proud that our students received the second prize. This success once again showed the importance of the academy's sensitivity to social problems".

Environmental Journalism was the Focus in the Documentary

In the statement made by second place winners Sadık Tevfik Kayrakçı and Melisa Santürk, it was stated that the CMC documentary aimed to draw attention on the effects of mine tailings on environment as well as human health. Kayrakçı said: "Examining the ongoing environmental impacts of CMC, the mining company operating in Cyprus in the past, and the potential effects of environmental pollution was a task that I saw as a social responsibility project. I was honored to be involved and direct this documentary based on such an important issue where its effects on society are observed".

Noting that they have created a pool of information gathered from their research conducted within the scope of the documentary, Santürk said: "We took care to create a fluent narrative in this project, by focusing on environmental journalism. As a student of EMU New Media and Journalism Department, I was honored to have made an effort to raise awareness about CMC and its mining waste, which has a place in the social memory of Cyprus. I would like to thank all my friends who are part of the team with us, our advisors and the EMU Faculty of Communication, of which I am also a member".

62 Students from 18 Universities Received Awards

The TJS – Aydın Doğan Young Communicators Competition, which is one of the most rooted competitions for students of the Faculty of Communication that plays a strong role in raising contemporary and qualified journalists in Turkey, was held for the 33rd time this year. In the competition where more than 20 thousand students have participated by carrying out projects so far and successful names such as Cüneyt Özdemir, Çağan Irmak, Güven İslamoğlu, Haluk Sarıtaş, Ömer Öztürk and Yağız Şenkal participated during their student years, 62 students from 18 universities were deemed worthy of awards with 44 projects this year.

Finalists will contribute to Creating Awareness on Earthquakes

The Turkish Journalists Association – Aydın Doğan Young Communicators Competition Award Ceremony, which is an important meeting place for both young journalists and sector representatives who advance the journalism profession every year, was held in a different format this year. The finalists of the competition will receive mentoring support from leading names in the industry to develop projects that will contribute to earthquake awareness this year. With these projects, which they will develop by the end of the year, young individuals will be encouraged to start their careers with the communication trends and tools of the age, while contributing to keeping social memory alive in earthquake zones.

EUROPE'S LEADING SCHOOLS OF TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY TO GET TOGETHER AT EMU IN THE 30TH EURHODIP CONFERENCE

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Tourism will be hosting the much sought International Association Supporting Hospitality and Tourism Education and Training (EURHODIP) 2023 Conference. The conference will take place on 1-5 November, 2023.

In the 30th EURHODIP Conference; student competitions and other interesting events in four different categories, Food and Beverage Management, Tourism Management, Marketing Management and Culinary Arts, will be organized.

Distinguished speakers and guests from international tourism industry will attend and contribute to the conference. Researchers, educators of tourism, master's and doctoral students and professionals from the industry sector will present papers in the academic conference.

Highly Distinguished Participants from the International Tourism Industry

EMU Tourism Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç stated that nearly 200 participants from abroad and Cyprus are expected to participate in the conference. Stating that, this year's conference theme is determined as "Sustainability and Innovation in Tourism and Gastronomy", Prof. Dr. Kılıç underlined that many prestigious speakers and



guests from the tourism industry are to attend the event.

EURHODIP is an international association representing over 120 schools from more than 30 countries around the world that supports hospitality and tourism education and training. Over the last 40 years, passionate individuals from different backgrounds contributed to the EURHODIP by presenting their cultures and expertise. From

Tourism and Gastronomy to teaching and scientific research, EURHODIP serves as a platform where everyone can exchange ideas. The 30th EURHODIP conference offers students and tourism stakeholders the opportunity to enrich their skills, experience and compare the characteristics of different cultures.

Further information and updates regarding the 2023 EURHODIP Conference are available at <http://eurhodip2023.com> website.

EMU BANKING AND FINANCE DEPARTMENT TO HOST THE 7TH INTERNATIONAL BANKING AND FINANCE PERSPECTIVES CONFERENCE

The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Business and Economics, Banking and Finance Department will host the 7th International Banking and Finance Perspectives Conference this year. Sponsored by Garanti BBVA, the conference is scheduled to take place on 19-20 October, 2023, at the Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center. The conference will feature distinguished guest speakers, including Prof. Dr. Sabri Boubaker, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Research at EM Normandie Business School, and Prof. Dr. Arman Eshraghi, Head of the Finance and Investment Department and Deputy Director of the Research, Impact, and Innovation Unit at Cardiff Business School.

The conference will cover a wide range of topics, including effective monetary policies that central banks should implement during volatile periods in the economy, volatility models, the importance of supervision and regulation, Islamic banking, microfinance, and capital markets. Additionally, subjects like corporate finance, crisis management,

economic development, and energy economics will be addressed.

"Significant for the Country's Promotion"

Prof. Dr. Salih Katurcioğlu, Head of the Banking and Finance Department at the Faculty of Business and Economics, noted that the International Banking and Finance Perspectives Conference, held annually, has gained more visibility and academic productivity through international collaborations. Prof. Dr. Katurcioğlu emphasized that these conference series not only contribute to the country's academic life but also hold great significance for promoting the country at the international stage.

The Scientific Committee of the international conference includes expert researchers from universities in Northern Cyprus, the Republic of Turkey, the United Kingdom, Spain, Portugal, Japan, Belgium, Uruguay, and China.

Prestigious Academic Publishing Opportunity

The conference received nearly 70 submissions from

experts and academics from 12 different countries. Presentations will be conducted in various sessions. Full papers presented at the conference will undergo a review process for publication in the prestigious Springer Conference Proceedings in Business and Economics, which is indexed in Scopus. Detailed information about the conference can be accessed at <https://icbfp.emu.edu.tr/en>.



EMU URDC DIRECTOR PROF. DR. ŞEBNEM HOŞKARA ISSUES A MESSAGE FOR THE WORLD HABITAT DAY 2023



The Director of the Eastern Mediterranean University Urban Research and Development Center (EMU URDC), Prof. Dr. Şebnem Hoşkara, has released a message for World Habitat Day 2023. In her message, Prof. Dr. Hoşkara stated the following:

“World Habitat Day 2023: ‘Resilient Urban Economies’”

“Upon the United Nations’ resolution 40/202 in 1985, World Habitat Day is observed every year on the first Monday of October, parallel to World Architecture Day, to raise awareness amongst all communities about the challenges and opportunities created by rapid changes in our cities and towns. The World Habitat Day is recognized as the start of ‘Urban October’ by UN-HABITAT, focusing on urban issues.

Observed every year under a different theme, World Habitat Day aims to spread awareness of the fundamental right to housing and remind people of their responsibility for the living spaces of future generations. World Habitat Day 2023, observed on the 2nd of October this year, focuses on ‘Resilient Urban Economies,’ highlighting the potential of cities to be the driving forces of inclusive, green, and sustainable growth. United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres emphasizes that ‘to fulfill the goals of inclusive, green, and sustainable growth,

cities must confront a range of challenges, from economic shocks to increasing climate emergencies and expanding inequalities.’ He also states that ‘through the Local 2030 Coalition, the entire United Nations system is mobilized to address these crises at their core and advance sustainable urbanization.’

According to a report by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) released in April, 2023 has been a particularly challenging year for Urban Economies. Global economic growth has dropped to around 2.5%, making it the weakest growth since 2001, except for the initial COVID-19 crisis in 2020 and the global financial crisis of 2009. As indicated in the 2022 World Cities Report by UN-Habitat, given the significant contribution of cities to national economies, the productivity of urban areas will determine the future of many countries. In other words, cities are engines that create value and accelerate economic recovery.

For this economic growth and recovery to be sustainable, we need cities that can absorb, recover, and prepare for future economic shocks. This also underscores the importance of addressing the transition to a climate-neutral economy within the framework of ‘green recovery,’ especially in a post-COVID-19 world. (UN-Habitat, World Habitat Day 2023 concept note)

In this context, this year’s World Habitat Day aims to bring together various urban stakeholders to discuss how cities can prepare for recovery through:

Addressing the different dimensions of the current economic slowdown following the global economic shocks and conflicts intersecting at the global level, Identifying actions that cities can take to accelerate economic recovery, and Sharing experiences among different cities on how they position themselves in dealing

with inflationary pressures and other tight global financial conditions.

Following the statements made by the UN Secretary-General under the main theme of ‘Resilient Urban Economies’ for World Habitat Day, we can emphasize the need for:

Local ‘zero-waste initiatives’ to create circular economies in our cities, Public efforts to expand ‘green spaces’ to help urban areas cool down during heatwaves, Societal actions to reduce food waste and promote local production, as these are significant steps in transforming our food systems.

To create greater resilience and protect vulnerable populations in our cities, there must be increased investment in sustainable infrastructure, early warning systems, and affordable housing. Simultaneously, efforts to improve access to electricity, water, sanitation, transportation, and other essential services need to be intensified while investing in education, healthcare, skills development, digital innovation, and entrepreneurship. In addition to all this, global and regional collaborations, along with local actions and policies, are imperative to build inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable human settlements for all.

At this point, the question that needs to be asked is: In a global sense, are the ideas developed in the context of cities, urban spaces, and urban economies, the topics debated in contemporary urban planning worldwide, the new methods and theories it generates, and the current concepts such as ‘inclusivity, sustainability, resilience, or livability, urban equality, and justice,’ which are put forth in response to natural and man-made disasters and challenges we face in our cities, challenging utopias that are very difficult to attain for the cities of Cyprus and Northern Cyprus?

EMU'S NEW STUDENTS ENJOYED A WARM WELCOME NIGHT ORGANISATION

Within the scope of Eastern Mediterranean University's (EMU) 26th Orientation Days, a 'Welcome Night' was organized for the new students coming to our country from all around the world. Taking place under the sponsorship of North Cyprus Turkcell, this event was held on Friday, 29 September, 2023, at 19:30 at the EMU Atatürk Square.

During the Welcome Night, stands of student clubs operating under the EMU Social and Cultural Activities Directorate were set up. Students had the opportunity to visit these stands, gather information about student clubs, and become members of the clubs they were interested in. Additionally, the night featured introductions of faculties, colleges, departments, and international student associations. Local product promotion stands were also available for students' interest. The EMU Social and Cultural Activities Directorate distributed village buns, and thanks to the support of Koop Süt and Oza Kahve, halloumi cheese and beverages were also provided. Furthermore, gifts were distributed to participants by Dağlı Trading Ltd.

Fantastic Performance by DJ Umut Özsoy

In attendance at the event were EMU Acting Rector Prof. Dr. Mustafa Tümer, faculty deans, and academic staff. Prof. Dr. Tümer visited the stands and met with the students, welcoming them to the university and wishing them a successful academic year.

During the event, "DJ Jay on The Bass" entertained the attendees with a selection of songs. Following a dance performance by the Gazimağusa Folk Dance Group, the Palestine and Jordan Student Societies presented a Dabke show. The demonstration by the American Football Team garnered considerable attention from the students. Throughout the night, students enjoyed themselves to the fullest with DJ Umut Özsoy's music selection and outstanding performance.





This Week's Academic Publications

Source: *Web of Science*

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Faculty of Engineering

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