

“STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE OF EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN” DISCUSSED AT EMU WITH PARTICIPATION OF TRNC PRESIDENT ERSİN TATAR



The “Strategic Importance of Eastern Mediterranean” symposium hosted by Eastern Mediterranean University and, organized by the International Academic, Social and Economic Relations Federation (USKEF) and the International Social, Cultural and Academic Relations Association (USKAID) was held with the participation of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus President Ersin Tatar, on Thursday, 27 February 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at the Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall. The said symposium was moderated by the Association of Bureaucrats and Business People (TUMBIAD), High Supervisory Board Chairperson Can Çobanoğlu. Moreover, the project commission chair of the symposium was carried out by Republic of Türkiye Former State Minister Prof. Dr. Yüksel Yalova.

The symposium was attended by EMU Board of Trustee (VYK) President Dr. Erdal Özçenk, EMU Acting Rector and Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, Presidency Private Counsellor Gökhan

Güler, Presidency Political Affairs Counsellor and Member of the VYK Anıl Kaya, EMU VYK Members Özgür Yuca, Servet Karabacak, Beyhan Gürgöze, İsmail Güneş Güneşoğlu, EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Salih Katırcıoğlu and Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu, EMU General Secretary Derviş Ekşici, faculty deans and many students.

“Proud to be organizing the Event at the Eastern Mediterranean University”

In his speech, the Chairperson of USKAID, Lawyer Selman Yaray, expressed their contentment in participating at the said symposium and provided information regarding USKAID. Lawyer Yaray highlighted that the symposium was the association’s inaugural

international event and expressed pride in hosting it at EMU. He provided insights into the strategic position of the Eastern Mediterranean and mentioned that the topic would be thoroughly examined by various specialists during the symposium. Lawyer Yaray extended his gratitude to all those involved in the event, hoping it would contribute to a better understanding of the region’s strategic importance, and announced that the findings of the symposium would be shared with the public.

“A Meeting Point for Civilizations”

Chairperson of USKEF, Academic Umut Elbir also addressed the participants and explained that the event aimed to discuss the strategic

importance of the Eastern Mediterranean and convey the region’s significant values. Elbir pointed out that the Eastern Mediterranean has historically been a meeting point for civilizations and a battleground for major powers, and that it remains central to global politics today. Elbir highlighted the importance of Cyprus’s

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geopolitical and strategic position, energy resources, and trade routes, stressing its value to Türkiye’s security and economic interests. Lastly, Elbir concluded by expressing his gratitude to the participants of the event.

“EMU is Always Open to Regional and International Cooperation”

EMU Acting Rector Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe stated that the symposium is a key platform for addressing the Eastern Mediterranean’s vital role in international relations, and emphasized the global importance of the region’s energy resources, maritime routes, and security. Prof. Dr. Karatepe conveyed that EMU, as the first state university of the TRNC, is always open to regional and international cooperation. He also mentioned that EMU’s 2030 vision focuses on sustainable growth, research, and developing innovative solutions. Prof. Dr. Karatepe concluded

by stating that such events offer valuable insights for the future of the region and contribute to establishing collaborative foundations, expressing his gratitude to the participants.

“Island of Cyprus Located at a Critical Point”

Also delivering a speech at the event, TRNC President Ersin Tatar stressed the strategic location of Cyprus in the Eastern Mediterranean, providing information on the historical background of the island. President Tatar emphasized that Cyprus, with its significant ports and airports, is an essential part of the Eastern Mediterranean, noting that a large share of global trade passes through this region. President Tatar stated that Cyprus is strategically important in terms of land, energy resources, and maritime routes. Referring to the concept of “Blue Homeland”, Tatar highlighted that the TRNC is integral to these valuable assets and that Türkiye has consistently provided strong

support. President Tatar also underscored the vital role of Türkiye’s guarantor status in ensuring regional peace and security, asserting that the TRNC’s presence in the Eastern Mediterranean is of great importance. Following his speech, President Tatar was presented with a silver plate by USKAID Chairperson Lawyer Yaray, USKEF Chairperson Elbir and EMU Acting Rector Prof. Dr. Karatepe.

“To Present Different Perspectives on the Future of Eastern Mediterranean”

Delivering a speech after President Tatar, Acting Chair of Confederation of Bureaucrats and Business People (TUMBIKON) Erol Aykut noted that the Eastern Mediterranean is of great significance not just geographically, but also historically, politically, economically, and strategically, explaining that the upcoming symposium would cover important topics,



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including the region’s economic potential, energy resources, trade routes, and its influential role in international relations. Aykut emphasized that various non-governmental organizations in the TRNC are working towards the region’s prosperity and development. Moreover, he expressed confidence that the symposium would present diverse viewpoints on the future of the Eastern Mediterranean and wished for the event’s success.

“A Strategic Power Center”

Chairperson of Confederation of Non-Governmental Organizations (TSTK) Hakan Gültekin shared information about the Eastern Mediterranean region and its areas of influence. Gültekin emphasized that the region’s geopolitical position has made it a strategic power center, with its location connecting Europe, Asia, and Africa, placing the Eastern Mediterranean at the center of global power struggles. Gültekin also pointed out that the surface and underground resources of the Eastern Mediterranean Basin could contribute to crises and conflicts in the area. Regarding Cyprus’s strategic location, he noted that it plays a crucial role in shaping the region’s power dynamics, with efforts to control Cyprus continuing throughout history.

“A Bridge between the East and the West”

Turgay Deniz, President of the TRNC Chamber of Commerce, highlighted that the Middle East has long been a cradle of civilizations, making it a crucial region. He noted that the region’s strategic significance mainly stems from its role as a bridge between the East and West. Deniz mentioned that historical trade routes, such as the Silk Road and the Spice Route, have contributed to the Middle East’s value over time. He also pointed out that, given the region’s history and current developments, safeguarding one’s own interests should be a top priority today. He concluded by stating that the important work being done will enhance perspectives and thanked the participants.

Important Topics Discussed

The sessions held as part of the symposium focused on important topics such as “The New

Scientific Paradigm in a Changing World and the Evolving Concept of the State”, “Strategic Analysis and Future of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus within the Union of Turkish States”, “The Strategic Position and Importance of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus”, “Changing Mediterranean Geopolitics After October 7” and “Possible Approaches of the USA to the Eastern Mediterranean in the New Era”. Moderated by the Republic of Türkiye Former State Minister Prof. Dr. Yüksel Yalova, the first session featured presentations by the Chief Editor of the Journal of Global Strategic Management and Yıldız Technical University academic staff member Prof. Dr. Cemal Zehir, Prof. Dr. Soyalp Tamçelik and EMU Faculty of Business and Economics, Economics Department Chair Prof. Dr. Vedat Yorucu. The second session which was moderated by TRNC Presidency

Private Counsellor Gökhan Güler, consisted of presentations of Prof. Dr. Nurşin Ateşoğlu Güney from the National Intelligence Academy, EMU Faculty of Business and Economics academic staff member Prof. Dr. Kudret Özersay and former Special Representative of the TRNC Presidency Mustafa Ergün Olgun.

The symposium, coordinated by Arif Ekşi, came to a successful end with a plaque ceremony and a group photo after the sessions.



EMU HOSTS THE UNION OF TURKISH - ISLAMIC CULTURAL ASSOCIATIONS IN EUROPE



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) hosted a group of nearly 60 people from the Union of Turkish-Islamic Cultural Associations in Europe (ATIB). The meeting took place on Friday, 21 February 2025 at EMU Senate Meeting Hall where ATIB Chairperson İmam Cengiz and the visiting delegation were provided information on the academic and social opportunities of the university. EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç and EMU Vice Rector for Promotion and

Institutional Communication Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren presented various insights on EMU during the said meeting.

ATIP Chairperson İmam Cengiz hoped that the Cyprus Workshop which commenced on that day to be beneficial for all. Conveying their contentment on organizing such an event in Cyprus, Cengiz thanked EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç for their kind hospitality. Touching on the importance of

Cyprus for the Turkish Muslims living in Europe, Cengiz stressed that the island holds a great sentimental value. Also addressing the participant of the meeting, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç expressed the university's pleasure on hosting the delegation from ATIB. Underscoring that EMU is an important educational institution which has strong ties with the motherland Türkiye, Prof. Dr. Kılıç provided information on the university's international achievements and the academic opportunities it offers. Mentioning about the strategical and cultural significance of Türkiye over Cyprus, Prof. Dr. Kılıç expressed his hope for a beneficial and successful workshop which was organized by ATIB. Prof. Dr. Kılıç concluded his speech by stating their desire to continue such visits and collaborations with ATIB.

Following the speeches, EMU Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren delivered an extensive presentation on the academic programs, research activities and campus facilities at the university. During the visit, indications were made regarding a possible cooperation protocol that may be signed between EMU and ATIB in the future. The event ended with a group photo session.



EMU AND NIĞDE ÖMER HALİSDEMİR UNIVERSITY SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) and Niğde Ömer Halisdemir University (NOHU) signed a memorandum of understanding for the purpose of developing, strengthening and encouraging relations between the two institutions. The signing session of the agreement took place on Wednesday, 26 February 2025 at 05:30 p.m. at EMU Rector's Office, where EMU Acting Rector and Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe and NOHU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Uslu signed the said agreement. Present during the signing session were; EMU Vice Rector for Financial Affairs Prof. Dr. Salih Katircioğlu, Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu, EMU General Secretary Derviş Ekşici, EMU Rector's Office Coordinator Assist. Prof. Dr. Arzu Abiç and NOHU Faculty of Medicine Dean Prof. Dr. Alp Özgür Akdemir, NOHU Private Secretary Uğur Akyapı and Journalist Çağlar Tuncer.

“The Agreement Settled with EMU Further Advance NOHU”

In his speech, NOHU Rector Prof. Dr. Uslu underscored their goal of developing collaborations with distinguished institutions. Prof. Dr. Uslu touched on the agreements made with universities in Asia and Europe, emphasizing that their collaboration with EMU would help address gaps in Cyprus. Expressing their contentment in partnering with EMU in education and research, Prof. Dr. Uslu also highlighted NOHU's academic achievements, TUBITAK projects, and progress in global rankings. Prof. Dr. Uslu mentioned that the university had applied to work on 17 areas within the United Nations' sustainable development goals project. Expressing



pride in the collaboration with EMU, Prof. Dr. Uslu stated that the agreement with EMU, Northern Cyprus' first state university, would further advance NOHU.

“EMU – A Role Model in Higher Education in TRNC”

Addressing the participants, Prof. Dr. Karatepe conveyed EMU's appreciation in hosting the delegation from NOHU and stressed his belief that both universities could make valuable contributions to one another, particularly in areas like agriculture and food. Prof. Dr. Karatepe outlined EMU's Strategic Plan, which includes focus areas such as scientific research and development, technology, internationalization, digital transformation, employee and student satisfaction, and maintaining a sustainable financial structure. Moreover, Prof. Dr. Karatepe highlighted EMU's top position in TRNC according to the Times Higher Education World Rankings, its unique presence in the QS rankings for the island, and its programs recognized in the Shanghai Rankings. He also emphasized

EMU's strong focus on research and development, supported by reward systems that motivate its academics. Additionally, Prof. Dr. Karatepe noted that EMU is the first and only state university in Northern Cyprus established by law and stands as a role model for higher education in the region.

The memorandum of understanding is intended to promote collaborative research projects involving the exchange of academic and administrative staff, develop student exchange programs and/or dual degree opportunities, create joint certificate and micro-credential programs as part of lifelong learning services, engage in cooperation on publishing and cultural activities, and organize joint academic and scientific events such as conferences, seminars, symposiums, and congresses.

After the protocol, Prof. Dr. Karatepe presented Prof. Dr. Uslu with a traditional Cypriot Lefkara embroidery panel, while Prof. Dr. Uslu reciprocated with a gift for Prof. Dr. Karatepe.

FACULTY OF COMMUNICATION RECEIVES A PRESTIGIOUS AWARD

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Communication obtained great success at the 34th Türkiye Journalists' Society (TJS) Aydın Doğan Young Communicators Competition organized by the Aydın Doğan Foundation. At the Awards Ceremony held on Thursday, 20 February 2025 at 05:00 p.m. at the Hilton Istanbul Bosphorus Hotel, EMU Faculty of Communication student Hatice Melisa Santürk was presented with third place award in the Internet Publications category. EMU Faculty of Communication Dean Prof. Dr. Metin Ersoy, Project Advisor İbrahim Emre Sügel and Media and Journalism Department and Department of Television and Cinema Double Major student award winner Hatice Melisa Santürk attended the Awards ceremony. Participating in the competition with her “Ecological Echoes” website designed to raise environmental awareness, Santürk expressed her excitement and said, “I am deeply honored and happy to receive this award. I would like to express my gratitude to my valuable mentors, İbrahim Emre Sügel and Prof. Dr. Metin Ersoy,

and to everyone who contributed. My wish is to continue producing, researching, and sharing without ever giving up”.

“So Proud of EMU!”

Making remarks on the topic, the Dean of EMU Faculty of Communication, Prof. Dr. Ersoy, said; “Our Melisa has brought an award to the EMU Faculty of Communication in the field of Internet Broadcasting at the Türkiye Journalists' Society Aydın Doğan Young Communicators Competition. We thank Melisa for giving us this wonderful success. We're so proud of EMU!”.

Aydın Doğan Young Communicators Competition

Organized every year, the Aydın Doğan Young Communicators Competition is one of Türkiye's most respected contests for emerging communicators. It allows university students to demonstrate their skills in the media sector and seeks to inspire young communicators through awards in categories such as print, visual, audio, and digital media.



“TANIKLARIN DİLİYLE KIBRIS OLAYLARI” PANEL HELD AT EMU



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) hosted “Tanıkların Diliyle Kıbrıs Olayları / The Cyprus Events in the Words of Witnesses” organized by Atatürk Research Center operating under the Atatürk Supreme Council for Culture, Language and History. Taking place on Wednesday, 25 February 2025 at 02:30 p.m. at the Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall, the event was attended by Republic of Türkiye (TR) Famagusta Consul General İlyas Çetin, Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Presidency Private Secretary Çağın Zort, Famagusta Mayor Dr. Süleyman Uluçay, EMU Acting Rector and Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, Chairperson the TR Atatürk Research Center (ATAM) Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ahmet Kılınç and many students.

A Platform for Learning

The opening ceremony of the event commenced with National Anthem and A

Moment of Silence. Then, EMU Acting Rector and Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe emphasized the importance of analysing the historical process of Cyprus from multiple perspectives. Prof. Dr. Karatepe pointed out that recounting the events between 1955 and 1983 through witness testimonies would help preserve collective memory and pass it on to future generations and, reaffirmed EMU’s commitment to safeguarding the region’s historical and cultural heritage as part of its academic duty. Stressing that the panel was more than just an academic gathering, but also a valuable platform for learning through personal experiences and historical facts, Prof. Dr. Karatepe expressed gratitude to all contributors. Prof. Dr. Karatepe reiterated his belief that drawing lessons from the past would help build a stronger future and wished for a successful panel.

“A Significant Event Shedding Light to the Cypriot History”

Also delivering a speech, the Chairperson of TR ATAM Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ahmet Kılınç touched on the establishment and goals of the Atatürk Research Center. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Kılınç highlighted the center’s role as a pioneering institution that sheds light on history through its publications on Turkish history and participation in national and international projects. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Kılınç emphasized that they contribute to historical studies through ongoing publications, a digital encyclopaedia, and events such as congresses, symposiums, and panels, while also influencing national policy-making. Moreover, referring to the center’s works on the history of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Kılınç pointed out the significance of the 2024 publication “The Cyprus Events in the Words of Witnesses (1955-1983)”, describing it as an important contribution to understanding Cyprus’s past.

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“The Past Must Not Be Forgotten”
Speaking on behalf of the President of TRNC, Private Secretary Çağın Zort extended President’s regards and talked about the existential struggle of the Turkish Cypriot community. Zort reflected on the hardships the Turkish Cypriot community had faced in the past, emphasizing Türkiye’s crucial role in the establishment and survival of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. He pointed out that building a state and living under one flag required immense sacrifices, adding that history books document the struggles endured by both the Turkish Cypriot community and the Turkish nation. Highlighting the necessity of preserving these memories, Zort recalled the EOKA attacks on 12 July, 1958, and shared

that his own grandfather had lost his life in the massacre. He then presented an excerpt from an interview with Arif Halil, a witness to those events, stressing the importance of remembering the past to guide the future. Zort concluded his speech by expressing his appreciation to everyone involved in organizing the panel.

Various Topics Regarding the Turkish Cypriot History were Discussed

Following the opening speeches, a panel moderated by the Chairperson of TR ATAM Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ahmet Kılınc was held. In the said panel, Full Member of ATAM Scientific Board Prof. Dr. Ali Satan delivered a speech on “Oral History Study and Its Importance in TRNC”. Moreover, “The Path to Peace through

Memories” was presented by another Full Member of the ATAM Scientific Board, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hasan Cicioğlu. Lastly, Producer and Director Erdoğan Şentürk delivered a speech titled “Getting to Know the Witnesses of Cypriot History”. During the panel event, one of the witnesses, Dr. İsmail Başarır, shared his memories with the participants.

At the end of the event, Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe presented a traditional Cypriot Lefkara work panel to TR ATAM Chairperson Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ahmet Kılınc. On the other hand, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Kılınc presented certificates of appreciation to the panellists.



DR. FAZIL KÜÇÜK MEDICINE FACULTY CLINICAL APPLICATION AND RESEARCH CENTER, CANCER SCREENING POLYCLINIC BEGINS ITS SERVICES



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Cancer Screening Polyclinic operating under the roof of EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty, Clinical Application and Research Center commenced providing services on 4th of February – World Cancer Awareness Day. The polyclinic to be led by Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty academic staff member Dr. Ayşe Atasoylu will offer screenings, check-ups and referrals. Moreover, the polyclinic aims to educate the public towards cancer screenings and to provide evidence-based recommendations based on age and other risk factors. The first step in evidence-based cancer screenings is a thorough examination of person's medical background, their family history and other risk factors. The next step is physical

examination to be carried in accordance with the information gathered from the patient and, cancer screenings appropriate for the person are recommended. Evidence-based cancer screenings involve various tests, including skin examinations, mammograms, breast ultrasounds, Pap smears, HPV tests, colonoscopies, as well as stool and blood tests. After reviewing all evaluations and screening results, appropriate plans are developed, and personalized recommendations are given. Cancer is a disease that can be prevented and successfully treated if detected early. Those wishing to obtain detailed information about the Center and Polyclinic or, to make an appointment must contact 0 392 630 3851.

EMU STUDENTS' "FROM GARDEN TO TABLE" PROJECT: THE POWER OF NATURE AND AGRICULTURE IN SPECIAL EDUCATION



the Famagusta Special Education School. Then, EMU students gathered together with the students with special needs and planted various vegetables like carrot, turnip, mint, oregano, parsley, spinach, spring onion, dill, lettuce and legumes. During the project, the teachers of Famagusta Special Education School and School Principal Emirali Evcimen cooperated with the EMU students, while Altınoğlu Agriculture supported the initiative by supplying seeds and seedlings.

At the final event of the project, EMU Faculty of Tourism, Department of Gastronomy and Culinary Arts students Erkan Kaya, Fikri Varoğlu, İrem Demiralp, Yağmur Dinçsay and Hülya Ardağlı held a breakfast preparation session with students with special needs. While experiencing the joy of preparing a product with their own contributions, the participants had great time at the breakfast event.



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Tourism, Department of Gastronomy and Culinary Arts students carried out the "From Garden to Table" project at the Famagusta Special Education and Occupation Instruction School within the coordination of EMU Community Involvement Center (CIC) Chair Assist. Prof. Dr. Nazenin Ruso Kandemir. The project, designed to connect students with special needs to nature, aimed to improve their manual skills through agricultural activities and culinary events, while also highlighting the significance of organic farming. Said project began in September 2024 and ran until January 2025.

A Variety of Activities Held

As part of the project, a 'site cleaning' event was organized in the garden area of

Project Coordinator and the Chair of CIC Assist. Prof. Dr. Nazenin Ruso Kandemir stressed that organic farming is not a way of sustainable production but also is a source of healing and education process for the individuals. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mine Haktanır, the former Dean of EMU Faculty of Tourism said, "We offered special education students the chance to grow healthy products based on organic farming principles, while also enhancing their interaction with nature. The knowledge they gain through this experience will not only benefit them now, but will also encourage them to embrace an eco-friendly lifestyle in the future".

EMU-CEC ORGANIZES EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION SEMINAR FOR THE MEMBERS OF KTAMS

Eastern Mediterranean University Continuous Education Center (EMU-CEC) organized an educational seminar titled “Citizen Relations and Effective Communication Skills” for members of the Cyprus Turkish Civil Servants Trade Union (KTAMS). The seminar was led by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nilüfer Türksoy, the Vice Dean of the EMU Faculty of Communication.

Effective Communication Methods and the Importance of Perception Discussed
Around 300 KTAMS members from various government departments and levels participated in the seminar. The training addressed key topics like effective communication with citizens, the role of perception in communication, the significance of both verbal and non-verbal communication, listening and empathy skills, defense mechanisms, and how to approach criticism. Güven Bengihan, the Chair of KTAMS, highlighted that they had incorporated effective communication into the certification program they initiated



to support the professional and personal growth of union members. He emphasized the significance of establishing strong communication with citizens for the efficiency of public services and noted that similar training programs would continue in the upcoming months. At the end of the seminar, the Chair of KTAMS Güven

Bengihan presented Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nilüfer Türksoy a souvenir for their contributions. Moreover, attendees of the seminar were presented with certificates of participation. EMU-CEC aims to keep offering valuable contributions to enhancing the professional skills of public servants through its training programs.

News from Our Alumni

SUCCESSFUL EMU ALUMNI ABUBAKAR MOHAMMAD SALEH WORKS AS A PROGRAM MANAGER AT GOOGLE

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Engineering, Department of Industrial Engineering graduate Abubakar Mohammad Saleh successfully continues his career journey as a Program Manager at the Silicon Valley Center of Google, one of the leading technology companies in the world.

“EMU provided Me with Distinct Advantage as I Entered the Professional World”

Saleh praised the contributions of his academic and social experiences at EMU to his professional life, highlighting that the university, with its academic excellence as well as its social and cultural activities, played a key role in preparing him for the future. In his remarks, Saleh said; “The transition from the academic world to the professional sphere can be daunting,

but at EMU, the combination of rigorous academics and a wealth of extracurricular opportunities fostered an environment that gave me a distinct advantage as I entered the professional world. This unique blend has equipped me with a multitude of transferable skills that remain incredibly relevant and beneficial to me today in my role at Google. While at EMU, I was already developing critical abilities such as tackling complex challenges head-on, leading teams composed of diverse individuals, and navigating the intricacies of a corporate environment, all skills that continue to serve me well in my current position”. Saleh, currently working at Google’s Silicon Valley headquarters, is successfully representing EMU on the global stage as he pursues a thriving international career, leveraging the experiences he gained after graduating.



“CULTURAL ADAPTATION AND LAW OF THE LAND” SEMINAR WAS HELD



Within the collaborations of Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) and Medi Foundation Student Society, a seminar titled “Cultural Adaptation and Law of the Land” was held for the newly registered students of the university. The event took place on Tuesday, 25 February 2025 between 04.30 p.m. and 07.30 p.m. at the Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall where the Chair of Medi Foundation Student Society Dr. Canan Salih, Lawyer Nevin Ersoy and Lawyer Melek Mestan delivered presentations.



The seminar, organized to assist new EMU students in adapting to the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) and inform them about the country’s basic laws, was held in both Turkish and English, aimed to enhance students’ understanding of the cultural and legal environment in Northern Cyprus. Moreover, information about the Medi Foundation Student Society was shared. Key details about student rights were presented to help ease their integration into the community.

Last Week’s Academic Publications

Source: Web of Science

Faculty of Pharmacy

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Faculty of Arts & Sciences

1- Halilsoy, M, and V Memari. “Chiral Geodesics in a Stationary Electromagnetic Universe.” *PHYSICS OF THE DARK UNIVERSE* 48 (May 2025). <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.dark.2025.101834>.
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Faculty of Architecture

1- Sepehri, Borhan, Mohammad Anvar Adibhesami, Amirmohamad Parvanehdehordi, and **Hirou Karimi**. “Unlocking the Power of Snailstep Application: A

Smartphone-Based Way to Improve Walking and Urban Health.” *JOURNAL OF TRANSPORT & HEALTH* 41 (March 2025). <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jth.2025.102001>.

Faculty of Health Sciences

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Faculty of Engineering

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Developments in Ultrasonic Welding of Similar and Dissimilar Joints of Carbon Fiber Reinforcement Thermoplastics with and without Interlayer: A State-of-the-Art Review.” *REVIEWS ON ADVANCED MATERIALS SCIENCE* 64, no. 1 (2025). <https://doi.org/10.1515/rams-2024-0077>.

Faculty of Tourism

1- Lee, Gyehee, **Osman M Karatepe**, Jieun Kim, Victor Oluwafemi Olorunsola, and Taegoo Terry Kim. “Intercultural Sensitivity and Sociocultural Adaptation among Cabin Attendants: Direct, Indirect and Interaction Effects on Organizationally Valued Job Outcomes.” *INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF CONTEMPORARY HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT*, 2025. <https://doi.org/10.1108/IJCHM-01-2024-0161>. (Early Access)
2- Puga-Bonilla, Monica, David Hidalgo-Garcia, **Hamed Rezapouraghdam**, and Francisco Javier Lafuente Bolivar. “Risk of Mortality and Disease Attributable to the Heat Stress Index and Its Variability during Heat Waves: An Observational Study on the City of Madrid.” *SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND SOCIETY* 121 (March 2025). <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.scs.2025.106189>.



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