

## PROTOCOL SIGNING CEREMONY AND “KAYIP MİRASA YOLCULUK” SEMINAR HELD AT EMU SHED LIGHT ON THE HISTORY



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) has signed collaboration protocols with Kırıkkale University and Prof. Dr. Fuat Sezgin Islamic Science History Research Foundation (IBTAV). Furthermore, EMU hosted “Kayıp Mirasa Yolculuk: Bilim Tarihi ve İslam Medeniyetinin İnsanlığa Katkıları / A Journey to Lost Heritage: The History of Science and Contributions of Islamic Civilization to Humanity” seminar.

### Protocols signed with IBTAV and Kırıkkale University

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and IBTAV on Wednesday, 3 December 2025 at 12:00 p.m., at EMU Senate Hall. The protocol with Kırıkkale University was signed by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç and Kırıkkale University Rector Prof. Dr. Ersan Aslan. On the other hand, EMU’s protocol with IBTAV was signed by once again EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Kılıç as well as IBTAV Chairperson Mecit Çetinkaya and IBTAV Board of Trustees member Necmeddin Bilal Erdoğan.

The collaboration protocols signed with the two institutions are designed to foster joint educational and research programs, facilitate cooperative

projects, and launch a range of initiatives aimed at enhancing academic partnerships.

The signing ceremony of the protocols was attended by EMU Board of Trustees (VYK) President Dr. Erdal Özçenk, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, İbn-i Haldun University Board of Trustees President Prof. Dr. İrfan Gündüz, EMU VYK Members Halil İbrahim Orun, İsmail Güneş Güneşoğlu, Beyhan Gürgöze and Servet Karabacak, EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe and Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu, EMU Secretary General Derviş Ekşici and EMU Senate members.

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## EMU HOSTS THE 18<sup>TH</sup> SABDEK DEANS’ GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The 18th General Assembly of the Health Sciences Deans’ Council (SABDEK), which unites Health Sciences Faculties from Türkiye and the TRNC, was hosted by EMU Faculty of Health Sciences. Commencing with an opening ceremony at Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall, the two-day assembly featured an intensive academic program attended by over 150 participants.

The Opening Ceremony was attended by Higher Education Planning, Accreditation and Coordination Council (YÖDAK) Vice Chair Prof. Dr. Hasan Amca, EMU Board of Trustees (VYK) President Dr. Erdal Özçenk, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, Famagusta Mayor Dr. Süleyman



Uluçay, EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe and Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren, EMU Secretary General Derviş Ekşici, EMU Health Sciences Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç, SABDEK

Executive Board Chairperson Prof. Dr. Bülent Elbasan, health sciences faculty deans and faculty members. Following A Minute of Silence and National Anthem, a musical recital was performed by EMU

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### “We are Proud”

Making a speech at the Protocol Signing Ceremony, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç offered insight on the history and institutional development of the university, expressing their pleasure expressing his pleasure at formalizing collaborations that will significantly advance EMU's academic vision. Emphasizing the university's focus on higher education and academic growth, Prof. Dr. Kılıç noted pride in signing these meaningful agreements, which are expected to enrich areas ranging from education and research to academic mobility and scientific output. Prof. Dr. Kılıç also underscored his belief that these protocols will unite the institutions' scientific capacities around shared values, fostering a stronger environment for academic cooperation, and wished the initiatives every success.

Prof. Dr. Ersan Aslan, Rector of Kırıkkale University and Vice Chair of IBTAV, also made an address, explaining that they have ongoing collaborations with many institutions and organizations. Stating that the protocol signed with EMU marks their 169th protocol, Prof. Dr. Aslan outlined two main objectives of the protocol: first, to formalize inter-university collaboration, which will be detailed and implemented in the coming weeks; and second, in line with IBTAV's mission, to share with the world,

guided by ‘Fuat Hoca’, a vision for a comprehensive history of science. IBTAV Chairperson Mecit Çetinkaya extended his best wishes for the success of the protocol and seminar and thanked all participants for their involvement.

### “The History of Science is one of the Core Fields”

Stating that the history of science is one of the core fields, Necmeddin Bilal Erdoğan, IBTAV Board of Trustees member, noted that Prof. Dr. Fuat Sezgin pursued it for his own distinctive reasons. He emphasized that Prof. Dr. Sezgin devoted his academic career to documenting the often-overlooked contributions of Muslim scientists by European scholars. Erdoğan highlighted that progress in science and technology does not require a Western cultural background, and that Prof. Dr. Sezgin's work demonstrates how one can achieve excellence in science, history, and technology while embracing a Muslim identity.

On the other hand, Prof. Dr. İrfan Gündüz from the Board of Trustees at İbn-i Haldun University underscored that each study carried out would honor the legacy of Prof. Dr. Fuat Sezgin. Saying: “Do not look to the skies alone for the future; it also lies in our roots”, Prof. Dr. Gündüz expressed his belief that the signed protocols and organized seminar would be fruitful.

EMU VYK President Dr. Erdal Özçenk also made an address, expressing his satisfaction in hosting two key collaborations that advance the university's scientific vision. He highlighted that the protocol with IBTAV demonstrates their dedication to preserving and transmitting the rich heritage of our scientific history to future generations. Regarding the partnership with Kırıkkale University, Dr. Özçenk noted that it establishes the foundation for a strong academic alliance grounded in mutual engagement in education and research. He concluded by extending his best wishes for the success of both initiatives.

Following the signing ceremony, EMU VYK President Dr. Erdal Özçenk presented a silver plate to Prof. Dr. İrfan Gündüz, President of Board of Trustees at İbn-i Haldun University. EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Kılıç also presented silver plates to Kırıkkale University Rector Prof. Dr. Ersan Aslan,

IBTAV Vice Chair Prof. Dr. Ersan Aslan, IBTAV President Mecit Çetinkaya, and IBTAV Board of Trustees Necmeddin Bilal Erdoğan.

### “Kayıp Mirasa Yolculuk: Bilim Tarihi ve İslam Medeniyetinin İnsanlığa Katkıları” Seminar

After the protocol signing session, a seminar titled “Kayıp Mirasa Yolculuk: Bilim Tarihi ve İslam Medeniyetinin İnsanlığa Katkıları / A Journey to Lost Heritage: The History of Science and Contributions of Islamic Civilization to Humanity” was held at 02:30 p.m. at Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall. The seminar stood out by exploring significant milestones in the history of science and the contributions of Islamic civilization to humanity from multiple perspectives. The speakers included IBTAV President Mecit Çetinkaya, IBTAV Board of Trustees member Necmeddin Bilal Erdoğan, and Kırıkkale University Rector and IBTAV Vice Chair Prof. Dr. Ersan Aslan. They offered comprehensive insights on civilization, the tradition of scholarship, historical continuity, and its relevance to the modern world, providing participants with a highly informative and engaging program.

Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Member of the Parliament Dr. Faiz Sucuoğlu, Cyprus Evkaf Administration Director General Prof. Dr. Mustafa Tümer, EMU Board of Trustees (VYK) President Dr. Erdal Özçenk, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, İbn-i Haldun University Board of Trustees President Prof. Dr. İrfan Gündüz, EMU VYK members Beyhan Gürgöze and Servet Karabacak, EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe and Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu, EMU General Secretary Derviş Ekşici, faculty deans, department chairs, academic and administrative personnel members, and students attended the said event.

### “Islamic Civilization has pioneered Scientific Achievement for Centuries”

At the seminar, IBTAV Board of Trustees member Necmeddin Bilal Erdoğan reflected on his acquaintance with Prof. Dr. Fuat Sezgin, highlighting his singular role in the history of science. Erdoğan detailed the efforts to strengthen Prof. Dr. Sezgin's connection to Türkiye and to transfer the outcomes of his research in Frankfurt to Istanbul. He emphasized that Islamic civilization has long



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been a leader in scientific achievement and that progress in civilization arises not from religious or cultural differences, but from dedication and viewing science as a collective human heritage. Erdoğan also underscored that with confidence, young Muslims can once again become pioneers in science and technology, noting that Türkiye’s ‘Century of Türkiye vision reinforces this goal.

### “Muslims Hold a Vital and Unshakable Role in the Scientific Heritage of Humanity”

In his speech, IBTAV Chairperson Mecit Çetinkaya touched on Prof. Dr. Fuat Sezgin’s life and work, highlighting his crucial role in appreciating the historic contributions of Muslim scientists. He explained how Muslim scholars approached science in a systematic manner and how much of Western scientific knowledge was derived from the Islamic world, noting that Western societies have, over time, sought to downplay this fact. Using examples ranging from Ibn-i Sina to the maps created by Muslim geographers, Çetinkaya emphasized the Islamic world’s defining role in the history of science and reaffirmed that Muslims occupy a strong and indispensable position in humanity’s scientific heritage.

### “Knowledge, Science, Wisdom and Future”

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç emphasized that the seminar was a valuable platform underscoring the exceptional role of Islamic civilization in humanity’s collective scientific legacy. He pointed out that

the methods developed by Muslim scholars over many centuries laid the groundwork for modern science, and highlighted the importance of the universal character of science and cross-cultural interaction in advancing human knowledge. Prof. Dr. Kılıç noted that EMU views science not merely as academic production, but as a driving force for societal progress, adding that the university continues to provide its students with the highest-quality research and educational opportunities guided by the principles of “knowledge, science, wisdom, and future”. Adding more, Prof. Dr. Kılıç thanked IBTAV for preserving Prof. Dr. Fuat Sezgin’s scholarly heritage and stated that the collaboration protocols signed between EMU, Kırıkkale University, and IBTAV would make valuable contributions to both education and research.

### “All Scientific Fields Influence One Another”

In his speech, Kırıkkale University Rector and

IBTAV Vice Chair Prof. Dr. Ersan Aslan expressed that today’s young participants would carry lasting impressions from this event in the years to come. He underlined that those who understand their heritage and can accurately interpret the present are better equipped to move confidently into the future, drawing attention to the significance of family, self-awareness, and knowing oneself. Prof. Dr. Aslan added that the intellectual accumulation and skills of past generations play a vital role in shaping what lies ahead, emphasizing that all scientific fields influence one another. He concluded by stating that the scientific achievements of one society inspire and illuminate the path of others.

At the seminar, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Kılıç presented souvenirs to IBTAV Board of Trustees member Necmettin Bilal Erdoğan, IBTAV Chairperson Mecit Çetinkaya, Kırıkkale University Rector as well as Vice Chair of IBTAV Prof. Dr. Ersan Aslan.





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Faculty of Education, Department of Fine Arts Education, Music Teaching Program Polyphonic Choir, Choir Master Erkan Dağlı and academic staff member Assist. Prof. Dr. Atakan Sari.

Making an address at the opening, Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç, Dean of EMU Faculty of Health Sciences, highlighted the significance of the meeting and expressed pride that EMU was hosting the SABDEK General Assembly for the second time. Prof. Dr. Malkoç outlined how the Faculty has scientifically addressed the region's need for health professionals since its founding and shared insights about the Faculty and Cypriot culture. Prof. Dr. Malkoç concluded by wishing the assembly to be inspiring, productive, and fruitful.

### “A Strategic Role”

Prof. Dr. Bülent Elbasan, Chair of the SABDEK Executive Board, stressed that Faculties of Health Sciences play a strategic role in shaping the quality

of the nation's healthcare. He pointed out that growth has naturally created vulnerabilities in capacity, quality, and employment, which would be discussed at the meeting. Addressing rising quotas and graduate numbers, Prof. Dr. Elbasan stressed the need to evaluate academic staff and infrastructure. Moreover, Prof. Dr. Elbasan emphasized that the General Assembly aims to be a solution-oriented platform rather than just identifying problems, expressing confidence that the meeting would mark a new milestone and help establish a critical roadmap.

Delivering next, Famagusta Mayor Dr. Süleyman Uluçay shared his experiences from his student years, noting that the first Faculty of Health Sciences in Türkiye was established at Hacettepe University. Drawing on his own experiences, Dr. Uluçay also discussed the significance of Türkiye for the Turkish Cypriot community.

### “To Lead to Future of Health Sciences Training”

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç expressed his pride and honor in hosting the 18th General Assembly of the Health Sciences Deans' Council at EMU, describing the event as a valuable platform for shaping the future of health sciences education. He noted that national collaborations in health sciences align with EMU's commitment to fostering a culture of quality in higher education and strengthen communication with academic stakeholders. Prof. Dr. Kılıç continued by saying, “I truly believe this meeting will contribute significantly to advancing health education at our university, in the TRNC, and in Türkiye, not only by evaluating the current state but also by developing proactive, solution-focused strategies for the future”. Highlighting the qualities required of future health professionals, Prof. Dr. Kılıç stressed that students should not only master technology but also excel in human connection, communication, and empathy. He also underscored that EMU aims to train health professionals who leverage



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science and technology while keeping human values at the forefront.

### **“Common Expertise to be built”**

EMU VYK President Dr. Erdal Özçenk stressed that the meeting goes beyond a mere gathering, serving as a platform to build collective expertise in health sciences, set innovative goals, and guide future health professionals. He highlighted that bringing together the Faculties of Health Sciences from Türkiye and the TRNC under one umbrella reflects a shared societal responsibility. Furthermore, Dr. Özçenk stated; “Guide your students beyond professional knowledge, teach them to value humanity, show empathy, uphold social responsibility, and maintain principled conduct in all situations. True healthcare thrives on respect for people, ethical commitment, and professional integrity. At the General Assembly, the focus will be on generating solutions, exploring new opportunities, and fostering collective wisdom to advance faculties into the future. EMU takes pride in fulfilling its role in this endeavor, and I hope the Assembly will

bring fresh momentum to health policy and the scientific community”.

### **“EMU Leads Higher Education Sector”**

In his remarks, Prof. Dr. Hasan Amca, Vice Chair of YÖDAK, highlighted that YÖDAK continues to work diligently, aiming not only to address current needs but also to establish a strong, forward-looking educational system prepared for future uncertainties. Noting that recent technological advances have brought a profound paradigm shift in higher education, with health sciences being particularly impacted, Prof. Dr. Amca expressed confidence that the 18th General Assembly would produce significant outcomes and provide guidance for the future, underlining the importance of EMU, a leader in higher education, in hosting such esteemed scholars. Prof. Dr. Amca also stated; “EMU’s dedication to quality, innovation, and forward-thinking in higher education stands as a key reference point for the TRNC and the wider region. I firmly believe that your academic contributions will help shape our country’s future. Wishing you all continued success”.

Following the opening speeches, various sessions were held: ‘SABDEK Action Plan’ by Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç and Prof. Dr. Bülent Elbaskan; ‘Prosthesis-Orthosis Core Education Program’ by Prof. Dr. Sultan Taşçı and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Esra Dursun Atılgan, and lastly, ‘Adaptation to Core Education Programs’ session by Prof. Dr. Sibel Aksu Yıldırım and Prof. Dr. Salih Bardakçı.

The General Assembly proceeded with a three-part workshop for deans, department heads, and program coordinators, focusing on Program-Based Feasibility Analysis, Aligning Course Types with Teaching Methods, and Mapping Programs to Learning Outcomes.

### **Presentations Continued**

On the second day, the General Assembly continued with a series of presentations. The event concluded with panels titled “Designing Quality Together, Building the Future Together” featuring representatives from SABAK, HEPDAK, FTR-AD, and EPDAK.



## EMU AND ITU'S COLLABORATION IN ACADEMIC, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL FIELDS TO BE STRENGTHENED

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) and Istanbul Technical University (ITU) signed a collaboration protocol aiming to strengthen cooperation in academic, scientific and cultural fields. The protocol was signed on Saturday, 6 December 2025 at 12:30 p.m. at EMU Rector's Office building by ITU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Mandal and EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç. The signed protocol seeks to initiate collaboration in areas such as the sharing of physical facilities at undergraduate and graduate levels, student and faculty exchanges, the sharing of scientific publications, the organization of joint events, academic advisory activities, and national and international promotional efforts.

Present during the signing session were; ITU North Cyprus Campus Rector Prof. Dr. Burçkin Dal, EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu and Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren.

Speaking at the ceremony, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç highlighted that entering into a cooperation agreement with one of Türkiye's oldest and most prestigious universities—a sister institution—marks a significant step toward collaborative projects, research, and initiatives. Prof. Dr. Kılıç expressed his pleasure at seeing the protocol signed between the two sister countries and their universities, noting that its prompt implementation is expected to bring new insights to the scientific field.

Also making a speech, ITU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Mandal underscored that the collaboration protocol signed between EMU and ITU – two prominent universities from TRNC and Türkiye – holds great significance for both institutions. Stating that the relation between ITU North Cyprus Campus and EMU is already a strong one, Prof. Dr. Mandal added that, as ITU,



they aim to take action in realizing this communication. Prof. Dr. Mandal explained that many joint projects will be carried

out within the framework of joint diploma matters and specified focal fields. He also expressed his hope for a fruitful protocol.





## EMU AND NORTH CYPRUS TURKCELL

# SIGN COLLABORATION PROTOCOL IN THE FIELDS OF EDUCATION AND CAREER

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) and North Cyprus Turkcell signed a collaboration protocol covering the fields of education and career. EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç and Group Director of North Cyprus Turkcell Human Resources and Procurement Serhat Gezgin signed the said protocol on Thursday, 4 December 2025 at 04:00 p.m. at EMU Rector's Office building. The signing session was also attended by EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe and Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu, and Kübra Yalçın, Talent Manager at North Cyprus Turkcell.

The protocol seeks to create a framework for cooperation between North Cyprus Turkcell and EMU in education, career development, research, and innovation. It aims to support the growth of students and graduates, combine academic expertise with industry practice, and jointly carry out projects that will benefit society.

In his speech, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç stated that the two institutions gathered together for a meaningful collaboration that would reinforce the relation between them. Noting that the students will be provided

job and internship opportunities through the signed protocol. Prof. Dr. Kılıç also highlighted the importance of uniting EMU—an institution that has grown from the roots of this country and become an integral part of it—with North Cyprus Turkcell, a powerful and internationally recognized organization. He concluded by expressing his hope that the protocol brings positive outcomes for both parties.

In his address, Serhat Gezgin, North Cyprus Turkcell Human Resources and Procurement Group Director, stressed the importance of universities and the business sector working together, especially given the rapidly

changing global landscape, and noted that the newly signed cooperation protocol holds great value in this regard. Gezgin also extended his thanks to all those who played a role in bringing the protocol to life.

EMU Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu noted that the relation with North Cyprus Turkcell has consistently progressed with mutual goodwill. Moreover, she highlighted that the collaboration protocol provides significant benefits for students, expressing her belief that it will enable them to gain practical experience in their fields, apply what they learn while still studying, and create new employment opportunities.



## EMU DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION ACADEMIC STAFF ASSOC. PROF. DR. MURAD KAYACAN PRESENTS "SERMAYE PİYASASI HUKUKU" BOOK TO EMU RECTOR PROF. DR. HASAN KILIÇ

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Business and Economics, Department of Business Administration academic staff member and EMU Board of Trustees (VYK) Financial and Economic Affairs Advisor Assoc. Prof. Dr. Murad Kayacan presented his book titled "Sermaye Piyasası Hukuku (Capital Market Law)" to EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç.

During his visit to Rector Prof. Dr. Kılıç, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Kayacan shared insights on the developing field of capital markets law in Türkiye, highlighting academic gaps, recent legislative updates, and the process behind preparing his book. Rector Prof. Dr. Kılıç congratulated him on this significant work and reaffirmed the university's dedication to supporting scientific research, adding that he believes the book will offer valuable contributions to both academic world and practical application.

The "Sermaye Piyasası Hukuku" book prepared by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Murad Kayacan, Prof. Dr. Şaban Kayıhan and Dr. Onur Kuru



and released in its first edition in October 2025, explores the legal foundations of capital markets under current legislation, offering a comprehensive perspective for both students and professionals.

The book is designed not only for undergraduate and graduate students but also as a resource for those preparing for the Capital Markets Board (SPK) licensing

exams and TÜRMOB Certified Public Accountant (CPA) exams. In this regard, each chapter includes test questions, with an answer key provided at the end of the book. Focusing on the legal framework of capital markets—where medium- and long-term funds are traded—the book also highlights recent legislative developments related to legal practices in this field.



# EMU SABDEK HEALTH SCIENCES STUDENT CONGRESS ORGANIZED



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Health Sciences and Deans' Council of Health Sciences Faculties (SABDEK) co-organized the very first "Health Sciences Students' Congress". Hosted by EMU, the event was held on Thursday, 27 November 2025 at 09:00 a.m. at Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center. Said congress commenced with an opening ceremony, bringing the students of health sciences field together on a scientific platform. With its goals of uniting young researchers, motivating health sciences students to participate in scientific work, strengthening interdisciplinary collaboration, and cultivating a strong research culture, the congress successfully reached a broad audience of 639 participants.



EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, EMU General Secretary Derviş Ekşici, Health Sciences Faculty Dean and Congress Co-Chair Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç, SABDEK Chairperson and Congress Co-Chair Prof. Dr. Bülent Elbasan, EMU Faculty of Pharmacy Dean Prof. Dr. H. Ozan Gülcan, EMU Faculty of Dentistry's Dean Prof. Dr. Hikmet Solak, EMU Communication Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Metin Ersoy, academic personnel members and many students attended the event. Following A Minute of Silence and National Anthem, EMU Faculty of Education, Department of Fine Arts student Şükrü Kemal Söylemez performed a musical recital. After his performance, Söylemez was presented with a bouquet by Health Sciences Faculty Dean and Congress Co-Chair Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç.

## "A New Platform to Engage in Scientific Exchange"

Making an address at the opening ceremony of the congress, Prof. Dr.

Mehtap Malkoç – Dean of EMU Faculty of Health Sciences and Co-Chair of the Congress – welcomed everyone who attended the very first SABDEK Students' Congress. Prof. Dr. Malkoç highlighted that since its founding, the faculty's mission has gone beyond training health professionals to also contributing directly to public health, promoting scientific research, and implementing innovative initiatives to shape healthcare services. She noted the special significance of the

student congress, held for the first time in collaboration with SABDEK, explaining that the combination of SABDEK's strong presence in Türkiye and Northern Cyprus with the academic expertise of health sciences faculties provides a new platform for young researchers to engage in scientific exchange. Prof. Dr. Malkoç emphasized that the congress is a valuable opportunity for future health professionals to connect, broaden their perspectives, and strengthen their professional vision.





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## “Impactful Contributions That Touch Society’s Quality of Life”

Also delivering a speech at the event, SABDEK Chairperson and Co-Chair of the Congress Prof. Dr. Bülent Elbasan expressed his pride in hosting the first



student congress in health sciences under SABDEK. He thanked EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç for his support, and also acknowledged Dean Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç and her team for their key role in organizing the event flawlessly. Prof. Dr. Elbasan highlighted that the congress represents more than an opening ceremony—it is a platform for young researchers, innovative ideas, and interdisciplinary collaboration that will shape the future of health sciences. He emphasized that each student participant carries the potential to strengthen public health, advance scientific productivity, and contribute meaningfully to society. The congress’s scientific outputs, he noted, promise to make valuable, tangible impacts on the quality of life.

## “A Platform to Inspire the Future Scientists”

In his speech, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç expressed his honour in hosting the SABDEK Health

Sciences Student Congress at Eastern Mediterranean University, highlighting that this first-of-its-kind event in Northern Cyprus brings together young researchers and contributes significantly to academic growth in health sciences. He noted that the congress offers a platform to encourage student involvement in research, strengthen interdisciplinary collaboration, and inspire future scientists. Prof. Dr. Kılıç thanked SABDEK Chairperson Prof. Dr. Bülent Elbasan, Congress Co-Chair Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç, and the organizing team for their support. He emphasized that the event provides students with a valuable opportunity to enhance their research skills and advance their careers, and he wished all participants a successful and productive congress.

Following the opening speeches, Prof. Dr. Malkoç and Prof. Dr. Elbasan moderated the “Beyaz Önlüğün Dili: Sağlıkta Etkili İletişimin Gücü” conference delivered by EMU Faculty of Communication’s Dean Prof. Dr. Metin Ersoy. At the end of the conference, Dean of Faculty of Health Sciences and Co-Chair of the Congress Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç and SABDEK Chairperson and also Co-Chair of the Congress Prof. Dr. Bülent Elbasan presented Prof. Dr. Ersoy with a certificate of participation.

Parallel sessions held throughout the day in various halls explored current issues in physiotherapy and rehabilitation, nutrition and dietetics, and nursing. By uniting these three major health disciplines under one program, participants were offered a well-rounded academic experience that blended theory, practical application, and scientific discussion.





## EMU CIVIL AVIATION AND CABIN SERVICES PROGRAM STUDENTS WEAR THEIR UNIFORMS



Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu, EMU General Secretary Derviş Ekşici, Acting Dean of EMU Faculty of Tourism Assist. Prof. Dr. İlkey Yorgancı, Turkish Airlines (THY) Cabin Supervisor Gülner Meziyene, Tourism Faculty members, students and their families.

### “Take Pride in Your Uniforms”

Following a Minute of Silence and National Anthem, Assist. Prof. Dr. Yorgancı delivered a speech, highlighting that this day marks not just an ordinary occasion but a new beginning, a moment of responsibility, and the formation of professional identity. Speaking to the students, she stated: “Today, your uniform is more than just attire; it represents the values, discipline, conduct, and commitment to safety inherent in the profession you cherish. The civil aviation industry is fast-paced, highly responsible, and directly touches human lives. You are preparing to become one of the most visible and essential components of this complex system. Your uniform reflects not who you are yet, but who you are becoming. You are future professionals of an international field, ambassadors of the skies. Wear your uniform with pride and embrace the responsibility it carries”.

THY Cabin Supervisor Gülner Meziyene shared her years of experience and love for flying with the students, stressing that every crew, flight, and journey brings its own unique excitement. She spoke about the importance of the uniform, explaining that it embodies a brand, a culture, and a sense of safety. Meziyene also discussed the duties of the cabin crew, emphasizing that civil aviation relies on teamwork. Addressing the students directly, she added: “You are confident, cultured, and capable students of EMU. I have faith in you and believe that with every flight, you will carry your country, your values, and your humanity”.

### “May your Achievements be As Limitless as the Sky and Your Path be Bright”

In his speech during the event, Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren, who played a leading role in establishing the program, spoke about the Civil Aviation Cabin Services Program and shared insights into its founding process. He addressed the students:

A “Uniform Ceremony” was organized for the students of Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Tourism, Civil Aviation and Cabin Services Program. During the ceremony held at Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall, nearly 100 students from the Civil Aviation and Cabin Services Program took an important step towards

the profession, proudly wearing their uniforms and attaching the EMU emblem pins to their lapels.

The said ceremony was attended by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren and





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“Dear students, as you begin this dynamic and exciting journey, see every challenge as an opportunity for both personal and professional growth. The path you have chosen is more than a career—it is the responsibility to provide passengers with a safe, comfortable, and memorable flight experience. Believe in your potential and your education. Be resilient in the face of obstacles. Strive to stay positive in every situation. Keep your passion for your profession alive. Look to the future with confidence. We have complete faith in you. May your achievements be as limitless as the sky, and your path be bright”.

EMU – The Best on the Island and in the Region Prof. Dr. Karatepe emphasized that EMU is the leading university both on the island and in the region, mentioning that since 2019, EMU has been evaluated by the Shanghai Ranking, and the Faculty of Tourism has achieved a strong position in this ranking. Speaking to the students, Prof. Dr. Karatepe offered guidance on the civil aviation cabin services profession: “In your career, learn to manage your emotions and always greet others

with a smile. Your personal development depends not only on your formal education but also on the experience you gain in the field”. He also highlighted the importance of factors such as job security, available training programs, support in decision-making, and recognition of successful performance in the workplace. He concluded by wishing all students of the EMU Civil Aviation Cabin Services Program great success.

### “The Sky is Closer to You”

Highlighting that the gathering marked a proud and significant occasion, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç emphasized that the Civil Aviation Cabin Services Program is designed to train highly skilled professionals who uphold the highest standards of flight safety, focus on customer satisfaction, demonstrate strong communication skills, and are capable of effective problem-solving. Stressing the vital role of air transportation today, Prof. Dr. Kılıç underlined the ongoing need for qualified personnel in the sector. He further noted that the program equips graduates to meet the industry’s highest demands,

reflecting the prestige of the profession. Prof. Dr. Kılıç continued: “The uniform you will wear today is more than just attire. While wearing it, students represent not only themselves but also our university, their instructors, and the institutions they will serve in the future. Donning this uniform signifies taking on responsibility and moving a step closer to your dreams. From this moment, the sky is within your reach. We are confident in your success in every assignment. As EMU, we will take pride in seeing you shine in the skies. I wish you enduring success in all your endeavors”.

Following the opening speeches, Prof. Dr. Kılıç and Assist. Prof. Dr. Yorgancı presented Program Coordinator Aslı Akı a bouquet. Moreover, Rector, Vice Rectors, General Secretary and Academic Staff members placed EMU-emblem pins on the lapels of students’ uniforms. Lastly, achieving students of 2024-2025 Academic Year Spring Semester received their Honor and High Honor certificates.



# EMU HOSTS THE INTERNATIONAL STATISTICS CONGRESS IRSYSC 2025



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) hosted the 9th International Researchers, Statisticians and Young Statisticians Congress (IRSYSC 2025) organized in collaboration with the Adana Alparslan Türkeş Science and Technology University. Held on Friday, 28 November 2025 at the Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center, the event brought the recent research in the field of statistics and applied sciences together with international science society.

Serving as a follow-up session of the congress organized in Adana on 26-27 November, the scientific event was attended by Zorlu Töre, the former Chairperson of the Parliament of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus; EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç; Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe; Prof. Dr. Hülya Çıngı, retired academic from Hacettepe University; and Congress Organizing Committee Chairperson Assoc. Prof. Dr. Selim Gündüz.

## “A Potential to Initiate New Collaborations, Projects and Friendships”

In his speech, Congress Organizing Committee Chairperson Assoc. Prof. Dr. Selim Gündüz thanked everyone attending the congress and emphasized that the scientific process of the congress that began in Adana and continued in Famagusta, was a potential to initiate new collaborations, projects and friendships. Expressing his particular interest in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Gündüz said he was honored to begin, with this congress, the project he has long been developing toward the vision of making it a ‘scientific hub of the Turkic world’. He highlighted that statistics is more than just numbers, as it evolves into practical concepts influencing social well-being through fields like economics, artificial intelligence, finance, and public policy. He stressed the importance of combining accurate data from the field with proper methodologies, especially in an era of growing uncertainty. Concluding his remarks, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Gündüz thanked all institutions and stakeholders for their support, adding that every new collaboration formed during the congress will contribute not only to scientific advancement but also to societal progress.

## “The Science of Statistics Has Established Its Roots”

Former academic staff member of the Hacettepe University, Prof. Dr. Hülya Çıngı, also made



an address at the event, commencing by saying that they experience the same excitement for organizing the 9th congress, just as the first one. Touching on history of IRSYSC, Prof. Dr. Çıngı noted that the very first congress was held at Hacettepe University, followed by subsequent congresses held respectively at Konya Selçuk University, Ege University, Süleyman Demirel University and Yıldız Technical University, reaching an international level. Prof. Dr. Çıngı recalled that statistics first gained its academic foundation in Türkiye in 1967 with the establishment of the Department of Statistics at Hacettepe University, and pointed out that the field became firmly rooted with the later openings of statistics departments at Middle East Technical University in 1975, Ondokuz Mayıs University in 1984, and Yıldız Technical University in 1990. She further stated that statistics programs are now available at 23 universities, demonstrating the discipline’s considerable academic and scientific advancement.

## “A Strategic Platform of Science”

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç conveyed that the congress extends beyond being merely a scientific gathering, it is also a testament to the ever-growing scientific collaboration between Türkiye and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. Noting that IRSYSC 2025 serves as a strategic platform of science that brings interdisciplinary studies together, Prof. Dr. Kılıç expressed that the congress will foster enduring value through fresh ideas, joint initiatives, and academic contributions. He emphasized that with its 46-year legacy, EMU acts as a bridge connecting science, cultures, and communities. Underscoring their trust in emerging scholars,



Prof. Dr. Kılıç noted that young researchers are central to the scientific work that will shape the future. He also extended his appreciation to everyone involved, stating that the event stands not only as an academic occasion, but also as a catalyst that enhances inspiration, reinforces cooperation, and accelerates scientific advancement.

## “Statistical Data Play a Crucial Role in Effective Decision-Making”

Zorlu Töre, former Chairperson of the Parliament of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, underscored the significance of scientific studies, particularly studies grounded in statistical data, noting that most analyses on Cyprus rely on such information. He pointed out that the history of the Turkish Cypriots is frequently debated in negotiation and discussion settings, making reliable data essential. Töre stressed that scientific work, especially statistical findings, is key to informed decision-making, and added that events like this congress play an important role in generating accurate knowledge and ensuring it is passed on to future generations.

Following the opening speeches of the International Researchers, Statisticians and Young Statisticians Congress, internationally acclaimed academics shared their knowledge and experiences.

The congress covered a wide range of topics, from core disciplines like statistics, biostatistics, econometric analysis, biometrics, and operations research to contemporary research areas such as data science, artificial intelligence applications, actuarial science and risk management, as well as economics, business, and finance.



## “YAHYA KEMAL BEYATLI’NIN ŞEHİRLERİ: ÜSKÜP, İSTANBUL, ANKARA” DISCUSSED AT EMU

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Business and Economics, Department of Business Administration organized a seminar titled “Yahya Kemal Beyatlı’nın Şehirleri: Üsküp, İstanbul, Ankara / Cities of Kahya Kemal Beyatlı: Skopje, Istanbul, Ankara” with the contributions of Gönyeli – Alayköy Municipality. Held on 2 December – the birthday of Yahya Kemal Beyatlı – the seminar was attended by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, Gönyeli – Alayköy Mayor Hüseyin Amcaoğlu, EMU Vice Rector Prof. Dr. M. Karatepe, Business and Economics Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Mustafa Besim, Business Administration Department Head Assoc. Prof. Dr. Burak Erkut, faculty members and students.

Moderated by EMU Department of Business Administration academic staff member Prof. Dr. Deniz İşçioğlu, the event featured presentations by Gönyeli – Alayköy Mayor Hüseyin Amcaoğlu, Prof. Dr. Kemal Görmez and Prof. Dr. Orçun İmga.

In her opening speech, Prof. Dr. İşçioğlu talked about Yahya Kemal Beyatlı, providing information about his life. Thanking everyone who contributed in realizing the event, Prof. Dr. İşçioğlu noted that the seminar would focus on Yahya Kemal Beyatlı’s dual role as an artist and politician, and highlight the need for collaboration between art and politics in local governments.

In his speech, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Burak Erkut, Head of Department of Business Administration, also provided insights on Yahya Kemal Beyatlı, stating, “to understand Beyatlı, one must grasp the essence of the cities he breathed, wandered, yearned for, and immortalized in his poetry”. Adding more, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Erkut conveyed his hope that the event serves as a gateway opening to the journey of getting to know and loving Yahya Kemal Beyatlı.



Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç highlighted that EMU continues its artistic initiatives and explained that the seminar will focus on the three cities associated with Yahya Kemal Beyatlı. He noted that these cities represent more than just physical locations—they convey the poet’s sensitivity, viewpoint, and pivotal moments. Prof. Dr. Kılıç added that the seminar will examine the meanings of these cities from Beyatlı’s perspective and expressed his belief that the discussions

will provide researchers in the field with fresh insights. Following the opening speeches, Gönyeli – Alayköy Mayor Hüseyin Amcaoğlu, Prof. Dr. Kemal Görmez and Prof. Dr. Orçun İmga explored the life and cities of the renowned poet Yahya Kemal Beyatlı, tracing his journey from his birthplace in Skopje to Istanbul and later Ankara. They also analyzed his perception of these cities within their historical and cultural contexts from an academic standpoint.





## THE UPSIDE-DOWN STATE OF DESIGN: INSPIRING POP-UP EVENT HELD WITH ARCHITECT MİNE KAVASOĞULLARI AT EMU

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Architecture, Department of Interior Architecture organized a 'Pop-Up Talk' event at Faculty of Architecture's A01 Amphitheater. Architect Mine Kavasogullari, known for her large following on the social media platform 'Mimarın Tersi', joined the event as a speaker.

Assist. Prof. Dr. Seyit Ermiyagil moderated the event organized by the academic staff of the Department of Interior Architecture, including himself and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Zehra Öngül. Attracting great interest from students and academic staff members, the event offered a new perspective on design sector.

### Critical Thinking is Crucial for Emerging Designers

During the first part of the talk event, Kavasogullari shared the story behind the creation of 'Mimarın Tersi' platform, established in 2018. Kavasogullari founded the platform to tackle the often-ignored question in design, 'Why is it like this?', stressing the importance of critical thinking for emerging designers.

### Social Media Visibility is Key

The program also addressed the need for designers to be visible on social media. Kavasogullari noted that social media is more than a showcase—it becomes meaningful

when a design's story is told correctly, capturing the students' interest.

Artificial Intelligence (AI), a significant contemporary issue, was also discussed during the event. Kavasogullari highlighted its growing impact on architecture and interior design, while stressing that the essence of design lies in human intuition and emotion. She pointed out that AI serves as a tool to broaden the designer's creative scope, rather than replace them.

One standout moment was the moderator's question, 'What is love?'. Kavasogullari took this chance to stress the importance of passion and dedication in design, explaining that only work infused with love, care, and sincerity has true character. Her message had a powerful impact on the students in the audience.

The event concluded with a closing address by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Afet Coşkun, Chair of Department of Interior Architecture, who thanked Kavasogullari for her contributions, emphasizing the importance of such events for students. At the end of the event, Chair of Department of Interior Architecture Assoc. Prof. Dr. Afet Coşkun presented Kavasogullari, Assist. Prof. Dr. Ermiyagil and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Öngül with certificates of appreciation.



## EMU DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING ORGANIZES HONOR AND HIGH HONOR CEREMONY

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Engineering, Department of Industrial Engineering organized a certificate ceremony and a cocktail event for the students of Industrial and Management Engineering Programs who showcased success during the 2024-2025 Academic Year Spring Semester.

Achieving students received their certificates from academic staff members during the ceremony held at the Faculty of Engineering. A statement released of the department congratulated the students on their success, stating that their achievements are results of their dedication and hard-work. The statement also noted that such achievements contribute to their career development, and bring them closer to their future goals, while also thanking all participants.





# “ATATÜRK DEVRİMLERİNİN İZİNDE: ÇAĞDAŞLAŞMA VE YENİLİK”

PANEL HELD AT EMU FACULTY OF LAW IN MEMORY OF PROF. DR. ESİN KONANÇ

A panel was organized in memory of late Esin Konanç, a Criminal Law Professor, who had significantly contributed to the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Law, but sadly passed away in 2009 due to a traffic accident. Held for the 16th time this year, the panel was organized in collaboration with Atatürk Ideology Club, Law Club and EMU Faculty of Law with the title of “Atatürk Devrimlerinin İzinde: Çağdaşlaşma ve Yenilik / On Track of Atatürk’s Revolutions: Modernization and Innovation”. Acting Dean of EMU Faculty of Law Assoc. Prof. Dr. Arzu Alibaba chaired the said panel event.

Delivering the first speech of the panel, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Bezar Eylem Ekinci delivered a presentation titled “Cumhuriyet Dönemi Kanunlaştırma Hareketlerinin Düşünsel Temeli / The Intellectual Foundations of Legislative Movements During the Republican Era” examining the philosophical background of the legal reforms introduced after the founding of the Republic and highlighting the impact of Atatürk’s modernization vision on these transformations.

Then, Assist. Prof. Dr. Emine Koçano Rodoslu – Vice Dean of EMU Faculty of Law – delivered “Mustafa Kemal

Atatürk’ün Hukuk Devriminde Türk Medeni Kanunu’nun Yeri ve Önemi / Role and Importance of Turkish Civil Code on the Legal Revolution of Mustafa Kemal Atatürk” presentation. Assist. Prof. Dr. Koçano Rodoslu highlighted the pivotal role of the Turkish Civil Code in modernizing society, explaining how it helped shape legal equality and the understanding of contemporary citizenship.

The final person speaking at the panel was EMU Faculty of Law academic staff member Assist. Prof. Dr. Nurcan Gündüz who delivered a speech titled “Cumhuriyetin İlk Ceza Kanunu / First Criminal Code of the Republic”, approaching the reforms held in criminal law and their contributions in establishing the new state order.



The event ended with a question and answer session and was notable as a meaningful gathering held to commemorate Prof. Dr. Esin Konanç and continue her academic legacy.





## EMU HOSTS THE 32<sup>ND</sup> CONFERENCE ON ECONOMICS

Hosted by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Business and Economics and organized in collaboration with Turkish Economics Association (TEA), the 32nd Conference on Economics was held at Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center with the participation of Olgun Amcaoğlu, Minister of Economy and Energy of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC).

The opening ceremony was attended by TRNC Minister of Economy and Energy Olgun Amcaoğlu, EMU Board of Trustees (VYK) President Dr. Erdal Özçenk, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, Chair of TRNC Central Bank Rifat Günay, EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe and Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren, EMU General Secretary Derviş Ekşici, Chairperson of TEA Prof. Dr. Hasan Kazdağlı, Dean of EMU Faculty of Business and Economics Prof. Dr. Mustafa Besim, faculty deans, department heads, academics and students.

The 3-day event commenced on Thursday, 13 November 2025 with the opening speeches by EMU Faculty of Business and Economics Dean Prof. Dr. Mustafa Besim, TEA Chairperson Prof. Dr. Hasan Kazdağlı, TRNC Central Bank Chairperson Rifat Günay, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç and TRNC Minister of Economy and Energy Olgun Amcaoğlu.

On this first day of the conference, Prof. Dr. Hakan Kara from Bilkent University approached the recent monetary policy in Türkiye during his speech titled “The Great (Monetary) Experience”. On the other hand, Prof. Dr. Erol Taymaz from Middle East Technical University delivered a presentation with the title of “Sınai Kalkınma ve İmalat Sanayiinde Yeşil Dönüşüm / Green Transition in Industrial Development and Manufacturing”. Throughout the day, participants exchanged insights and experiences in sessions addressing a variety of topics, including the transformation of the Northern Cyprus economy, firm dynamics and international trade, corporate finance,



risk management and governance, labour markets and employment, macroeconomic modelling and policy, household behaviour, technological transformation, technological transformation, research and development, and digitalization.

On the second day of the conference, Prof. Dr. Kamil Yılmaz from Koç University was among the invited speakers of the event. Prof. Dr. Yılmaz discussed financial market links and risks in a presentation titled “Connectedness-Driven Risk”. On the same day, Prof. Dr. Gleen Jenkins from Queen’s University examined the topics of commodity taxation and obesity among the poor, focusing on the taxation of sugar-sweetened beverages and cosmetics (“Commodity Taxation and the Obesity of the Poor: Taxation of Sugar-Sweetened Beverages and Cosmetics”).



On the final day of the event, parallel sessions were held on banking, entrepreneurship and social security. Then, Prof. Dr. Selva Demiralp from Koç University delivered her speech titled “Medya Kapsamında Cinsiyet Ayrımcılığı ve Enflasyon Beklentileri Üzerindeki Etkisi / Gender Discrimination within Media and Its Impact on Inflationary Expectation”. In her speech, Prof. Dr. Demiralp touched on recent inflation developments occurring in Türkiye.

The panels and presentations held as part of the conference offered participants the opportunity to evaluate current economic developments as well as sharing their academic perspectives with one another.



## EMU DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION MAKES ITS MARK AT THE 32ND TEA CONFERENCE

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Business and Economics, Department of Business Administration achieved a significant presence at the 32nd Turkish Economics Association (TEA) Conference held at the Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center. Chaired by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Burak Erkut, Head of EMU Department of Business Administration, the conference included four academic presentations and one special session, with 150 papers delivered across 36 sessions.

Head of EMU Department of Business Administration Assoc. Prof. Dr. Burak Erkut and doctoral students Saba Shirzadifooladi, Mehrza Shafiei Shahidlu and Obioma Obijama presented their research. The special session titled “Sosyo-Ekonomik ve Kültürel Dönüşüm Dinamikleri / Socio-Economic and Cultural Transformation Dynamics” was chaired by Prof. Dr. Sami Fethi from EMU Department of Business Administration.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Burak Erkut, Head of EMU Business Administration Department, presented his research on technology and entrepreneurship in a talk titled “The Digital Entrepreneurship Divide: National Digital

Infrastructure as a Predictor of High-Growth Aspiration Entrepreneurship in Emerging Economies”. The study, based on panel data analysis, explored how digital infrastructure in emerging economies influences the prevalence of early-stage, high-growth potential ventures. The findings revealed that digitalization often produces many subsistence-level entrepreneurs alongside a few high-tech-focused entrepreneurs, highlighting the existence of a ‘digital entrepreneurship divide’.

EMU Department of Business Administration doctoral student Mehrza Shafiei Shahidlu’s study titled “Dynamic Integration and Volatility Spillovers in Technology-Focused Financial Markets” offered extensive insight on volatility spillovers within exchange traded funds. The finding that increased simultaneity in the technology sector weakens the effectiveness of diversification offers important insights for regulators who monitor systemic risk closely.

Within the framework of the research on market resilience, EMU Department of Business Administration doctoral student Saba Shirzadifooladi’s presentation,

“Assessing Volatility Spillover Effects between Sustainable and Non-Sustainable Firms in the Energy Sector”, stood out. Analyzing data from 2010–2024, the study revealed that traditional oil companies primarily transmit shocks during crises, whereas renewable energy firms mainly absorb them. The research also emphasized that sustainability plays a key role in enhancing market resilience.

The study titled “Exchange Rate Policy and Crisis Signals: Constructing an Exchange Market Pressure Index for Nigeria” carried out by Department doctoral student Obioma Obijama, jointly with Foday Joof, introduced a foreign exchange market pressure index for Nigeria, offering policymakers a valuable tool to detect early signs of stress in the currency market.

Another key academic contribution from the department was the special session on ‘Socio-Economic and Cultural Transformation Dynamics,’ chaired by Prof. Dr. Sami Fethi. Combining insights from four studies in religion, education, and tourism, the session offered an in-depth discussion forum for exploring socio-cultural transformation processes.





## SPECIAL EVENT HELD AT EMU ON 24 NOVEMBER – TEACHERS' DAY



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Atatürk Ideology Club (ADK) organized two separate events on the occasion of 24 November – Teachers' Day. Firstly, the club held a seminar titled "Başöğretmen Atatürk'ün İzinde: Doğa Bilinciyle Aydınlık Bir Gelecek". Secondly, in collaboration with International Student Societies and EMU Student Clubs, a symbolic tree planting event was held at the pool area of Rector's Office building.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Süheyla Üçışık Erbilin, Academic Supervisor of EMU Atatürk Ideology Club, moderated the seminar organized at Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall. The said seminar featured Urban Education Specialist and Landscape Architect Dr. Gülizar Eroğlu.

### "Teaching Profession is a Way of Life"

Delivering a speech at the event, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Süheyla Üçışık Erbilin touched on the meaning and importance of 24 November – Teachers' Day. She also highlighted the process through which Mustafa Kemal Atatürk was awarded the title of 'Head Teacher'. Mentioning that Teachers' Day has been celebrated in Türkiye since 1981, Assoc. Prof. Dr.



Üçışık Erbilin stressed that teaching is not just a profession but a way of life. She also explained how the event combined Atatürk's educational vision with environmental awareness, noting his many important contributions to environmental initiatives. Moreover, she emphasized the importance of these efforts for a greener future and stated that the tree-planting activity symbolically represented all students.

Following the opening speech, Dr. Eroğlu delivered an extensive presentation covering Atatürk's passion for nature, his leadership on environmental matters during his tenure, his pioneering projects, initiatives in agriculture and livestock, and his perspective on urban planning and environmental issues. By sharing specific examples of Atatürk's environmental efforts, Dr. Eroğlu helped enhance participants' awareness of the subject.

### Motto: Growing Together

After the seminar, International Student Societies and EMU Student Clubs held a symbolic tree planting event at the poolside of EMU Rector's Office building. During the event organized

with the motto of "Growing Together", a plane tree and an olive tree were planted, representing different cultures and nations. The plane tree symbolized the International Student Societies, on the other hand, the olive tree represented EMU Student Clubs. This meaningful event conveyed a powerful message, representing EMU's multicultural community, the spirit of unity, mutual support, and the gathering of people around common values.

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, EMU Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu, EMU General Secretary Derviş Ekşici, EMU Student Development, Activities and Sports Affairs Director Cemal Kılıç, ADK Academic Supervisor Assoc. Prof. Dr. Süheyla Üçışık Erbilin, academic and administrative personnel members, and many students attended the event.

### "A Symbol of Togetherness and Shared Commitment to Common Values"

In his speech, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç underscored the meaningfulness of the event held in celebration of Teachers' Day. He remarked that November 24th has long been observed as a way to honour Atatürk's legacy, and that planting long-living trees such as olive and plane trees further strengthens this significance. Prof. Dr. Kılıç emphasized, "People may have different roots, but what matters most is humanity, friendship, and unity", underlining the importance of uniting diverse cultures and prioritizing human values. He concluded by noting that the tree-planting activity symbolized solidarity, togetherness, and the shared commitment to common values.





## EMU PUBLIC RELATIONS AND ADVERTISING DEPARTMENT STUDENTS ORGANIZE SOLIDARITY AND PRODUCTION WORKSHOP

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Communication, Department of Public Relations and Advertising students carried out a meaningful social responsibility project, coordinated by Assist. Prof. Dr. Umut Ayman, within the scope of Social Responsibility (HIRE303) course. With the contributions of Lion Trading, students Asya Savant, Ömer Altunç, Alya Bakkaloğlu and Deniz Nalbant organized the said event at Alasya Vakıflar Preschool. As part of the project, students met with preschool students in a joyful cookie making session. The event was realized through the oven, aspirator and stove donated by the Lion Trading.

Carried out under the coordination of EMU Community Involvement Center (CIC), the project aimed not only to raise awareness on social sensitivity but also to introduce the children with notions of production, sharing and solidarity. During the event, preschoolers had great time making cookies while they also improve their fine motor skills.

Administration and teachers of Alasya Vakıflar Preschool extended their thanks to EMU students, Assist. Prof. Dr. Umut Ayman, EMU Community Involvement Center and Lion Trading, noting that such collaboration play a significant role on the development of children.



## EMU DEPARTMENT OF CINEMA AND TV HONOR CEREMONY COMES TO LIFE WITH PROMINENT NAMES OF CINEMA SECTOR AND “ERKEN KIŞ” FILM SCREENING

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Communication, Department of Cinema and Television organized a ceremony for its students who entitled to receive a High Honor and Honor Certificate for the 2024-2025 Spring Semester. Held at Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall, the ceremony hosted Producer Emre Oskay, Director Özcan Alper and Leyla Tanlar, the winner of the ‘Best Actress Award’ in the 25th Antalya Altın Portakal Film Festival. The ceremony turned into a broad event celebrating academic success and connecting attendees with experienced film industry professionals.

The ceremony commenced with an opening speech by Prof. Dr. Metin Ersoy, Dean of Faculty of Communication. Emphasizing EMU’s strong academic structure the field of communication, Prof. Dr. Ersoy congratulated the students for their hard work.

Also making remarks, Prof. Dr. Bahire Özad, Chair of Cinema and Television Department, noted that successful producer Emre Oskay who is also a graduate of EMU Department of Cinema and Television, was also one of the most successful students studying at the department, receiving numerous Honor Certificates in recognition of his achievements. Moreover, stating that Oskay once acted as the chair of the Cinema Club operating under

the department, Prof. Dr. Özad stressed that Oskay stands out not only for his professional accomplishments but also for his loyalty to the department. Prof. Dr. Özad noted that despite being one of the most prolific producers in Türkiye and managing both a film company and the Atlas Cinema Museum in Beyoğlu, he still made time in his busy schedule to meet with the students, something that made them truly happy.

Following the speeches, students entitled to receive High Honor and Honor Certificates for their success during the 2024-2025 Spring Semester received their certificates from producer Emre Oskay, director Özcan Alper and actress Leyla Tanlar. Having leading figures of the film industry present the certificates

stood out as one of the most memorable and inspiring moments of the ceremony.

The event continued with the screening of “Erken Kış” film. Then, during a talk event, Özcan Alper, Leyla Tanlar and Emre Oskay talked about film production processes, current dynamics in Turkish cinema sector and its future. At the conclusion of the event, EMU Vice Rector for Students Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu presented souvenirs to Alper, Tanlar and Oskay.

The event honored academic success and connected students with leading industry figures, reflecting the innovative and energetic spirit of EMU’s Cinema and Television Department.





## MUSIC FEVER AT EMU: AN UNFORGETTABLE PIANO FESTIVAL WITH GÜLSİN ONAY



The 4th edition of Gülsin Onay Piano Festival was organized in collaboration between Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) and the Cyprus Polyphonic Choirs Association (CPCA), on 5-6-7 December 2025 at Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center. Bringing the music lovers together, this year's festival was held in memory of Cypriot late trumpet artist Gökmen Noyan. The 3-day long festival event received a lot of attention from prominent jury members, art-lovers and educators.

The opening concert of the festival took place on Friday, 5 December 2025 at 08:00 p.m., featuring world-renowned pianist Gülsin Onay who performed with the Presidency Symphony Orchestra of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus.

The opening concert was attended by the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Members of the Parliament Teberüken Uluçay and Şifa Çolakoğlu, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç,

Famagusta Mayor Dr. Süleyman Uluçay, Director of TRNC Department of Culture Şirin Zaimağaoğlu, EMU Vice Rector for Promotion and Institutional Communication Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren, EMU General Secretary Derviş Ekşici and many art-enthusiasts.

### **“An Educational Platform Guiding the Way through the Artistic Journey”**

Delivering the opening speech of the event, Rana Uluçay – Chairperson of CPCA – commenced her speech by welcoming all the attendees of the event. Noting that this year's event is dedicated to the memory of late trumpet artist Gökmen Noyan, who was a Famagusta-lover, Uluçay stressed that they remember his passion for music with love and respect. Uluçay continued and stated that the festival goes beyond being a mere concert series, and it serves as source of inspiration for young talents and an educational platform guiding the way through their artistic journeys. Emphasizing the important contributions of the workshops held with master artists

and stage opportunities offered for young talents, on the growth of arts education, Uluçay noted that the event named after Gülsin Onay plays a key role in fostering artistic awareness and the appreciation of polyphonic music.

### **“Let's Keep Singing Together and Continue Celebrating Art”**

Next, Şirin Zaimağaoğlu, Director of the TRNC Department of Culture, shared her pride in supporting this meaningful and special event, now in its fourth year. She emphasized that providing support for such activities is part of their duties and said; “As an artist, one knows when and where their presence is most valuable. Whether in Famagusta specifically or across the island more broadly, we are ready to contribute responsibly whenever something positive is happening in the arts”. Thanking participants and contributors, Zaimağaoğlu addressed the artists, saying, “You are invaluable to Famagusta and the island—thank you for being here. Let's keep singing together and continue celebrating art”.



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### “A Cherished Tradition”

In his speech, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç welcomed the participants and expressed his enthusiasm for the much-anticipated recital, now a cherished tradition. He emphasized that holding the festival in memory of Gökmen Noyan added special meaning and shared the late musician’s passion for music with the audience. Speaking from personal experience, Prof. Dr. Kılıç recalled his own memories of Noyan. Highlighting the contributions of EMU Faculty of Education and Department of Fine Arts Education, he expressed excitement in hosting one of Türkiye’s most esteemed pianists, internationally acclaimed artist Gülsin Onay, along with the TRNC Presidency Symphony Orchestra.

Following the opening speeches, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç and CPCA Chairperson Rana Uluçay presented

souvenirs to the contributors of the event. The event consisted of two main sections: “Festival” and “Competition”. The Festival section provided stage experience for beginners and amateur pianists of all ages, while the Competition section offered a dedicated platform for professional pianists, who were evaluated according to age categories.

### Piano Workshops and Concerts Held

Within the scope of the event’s program, Gülsin Onay, Eser Öktem and Tayfun İlhan carried out piano workshops. On Saturday, 6 December 2025 at 06:00 p.m., Alper Remzi Aydın delivered a seminar titled “Piano ile Yaşam Boyu Gelişim” which attracted great interest from the audience.

This special event, where art and education came together, inspired young talents and celebrated the cultural richness of Cyprus through music.





## “GEEK GIRL DINNER” EVENT AT EMU: SUPPORTING THE STEM JOURNEY OF YOUNG WOMEN



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) took an active role in an important event supporting women in STEM fields (science, technology, engineering and maths). The event held with the title of “Geek Girl Dinner” took place at Zantani Restaurant located in Famagusta Walled City, with participation of nearly 40 female students studying in STEM fields.

The event was organized by TECHGIRLS committee operating voluntarily under the body of EMU Faculty of Computer and Information Sciences, within the scope of the “Project for Enhancing Women’s Economic Participation and Partnership along the Green Line”, financed by the European Union (EU) and carried out by the Turkish Cypriot Chamber of Commerce Women Entrepreneurs Council (KTTO-KGK).

**EMU Rector Meets with STEM Students**  
Attending the event, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç met with students, listening to their educational journeys and career plans. Emphasizing the under-representation of women in STEM, especially in Information and Technology fields, Prof. Dr. Kılıç stressed the importance of such events in raising awareness and motivation.

Reaffirming the university’s support, Prof. Dr. Kılıç encouraged the students to also take part in similar events.

### EU-Supported Project Contributes to the Economic Empowerment of Women

Carried out by KTTO-KGK, the said project aims to increase the economic participation of women as well as their entrepreneurship rates, while enhancing gender equality. Furthermore, the Women’s Economic Partnership Platform (KEOP), formed by the collaboration of eight civil society organizations, together with the Women’s Leadership Academy offering leadership and mentorship programs, seeks to empower over 700 women by 2026.

### Students Meet Role Model Entrepreneurs

The event also saw participation from the members of KKTO-KGK, including the Chairperson Eda Kervanlı, Executive Board Members Şükran Alp, Çiğdem Nailer and Seza Akay, and “Limitless Women” EU Project Coordinator Merve Ereksel. Moreover, the event also featured Olcay Hoca, the first registered natural cosmetics producer in the TRNC, as a guest and role model. Attending from EMU were Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe and TECHGIRLS committee members Assoc. Dr. Nazife Dimililer, Dr. Yeşim Kapsıl Çırak, Halide Sarçizmeli, and Dr. Özlem Görkan Evre.

Meeting with the students during the event, Olcay Hoca shared her first career experiences and insights on her entrepreneurship process with them. Hoca also touched on the challenges and the ways how she tackled them throughout her journey. On the other hand, Eda Kervanlı and Merve Ereksel offered students guidance on crucial aspects of their career paths, highlighting the importance of gaining accounting and financial knowledge to engage

successfully in the entrepreneurial ecosystem. The event also helped build a strong network connecting students with women entrepreneurs.

### EMU Puts an Emphasis on Sustainable Development Goals

Explaining the value the university attaches on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations, Prof. Dr. Karatepe noted that the event contributed many suitable development goals, particularly the Gender Equality and Partnership for the Goals. Expressing his pleasure to be gathering with female students studying in technology and STEM fields, Prof. Dr. Karatepe conveyed his belief that the future would be more inclusive and equitable. Stating that EMU will increasingly continue these kind of events that both foster student development and benefit society, and that the satisfaction gained from collaborating with civil society will be reflected in new projects as well.

### “Building a Stronger, More Empowered, and Equal Future Together”

A statement by TECHGIRLS Committee stated: “As TECHGIRLS, our mission is to boost the participation of young women at EMU in STEM fields, support their growth, and connect them with inspiring role models. We strive to ensure that the next generation is stronger and more empowered than us. We stand by our students at every step. The ‘Geek Girl Dinner’ marked an important milestone in this journey. We sincerely thank KTTO-KGK for organizing the event, including us in the process, and for being such valued partners. We also extend our gratitude to all institutions that contributed to the project, our speakers, and especially the participating students. We believe that strong collaborations with civil society are vital for social progress, and together, we can create a stronger, better-equipped, and more equal future”.





## EMU STUDENT COUNCIL HANDS OUT MEALS TO STUDENTS DURING THE EXAMS WEEK

With the aim of boosting the students' motivations during the exams period, Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Student Council handed out meals at a stand set in front of Özay Oral Library. Receiving great appreciation from the students studying at the Özay Oral Library, the event took place with participation of EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç and EMU General Secretary Derviş Ekşici. Touching on the significance of such events organized during the exam weeks on supporting the motivation the students, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç said; "As our University administration, we are always here for our students. Such short breaks during tiring exam weeks boost the motivation of our students. I would like to thank our Student Council for this meaningful event".

### Prof. Dr. Kılıç Visited the Students Studying at the Library

Following the event, Prof. Dr. Kılıç paid a visit to the Özay Oral Library to connect with students preparing for their exams. He spoke with the students, listened to their feedback, and extended his best wishes for their exam success. The visit also included discussions on potential improvements to make the library's study facilities more effective during the exam period.





## EMU HEALTH SCIENCES FACULTY RELEASES A STATEMENT ON DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup> – INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Health Sciences, Department of Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation's Vice Chair and EMU Disabled Students Unit Coordinator Assist. Prof. Dr. Ünal Değer released a statement on December 3<sup>rd</sup> – International Day of Persons with Disabilities. The statement by Assist. Prof. Dr. Değer reads as follows:

“December 3<sup>rd</sup>, International Day of Persons with Disabilities, is observed worldwide and in our country through various events aimed at promoting awareness. This year, the United Nations has highlighted the theme ‘Fostering Disability Inclusive Societies for Advancing Social Progress’, underscoring that ensuring full and equal participation of individuals with disabilities in all aspects of life is not only a matter of personal rights but also a cornerstone of societal advancement.

As the Disabled Students Unit, our priority is to establish an accessible campus environment that enables all students to participate equally in academic, social, and cultural activities. We strive to advance our initiatives in fields like strengthening

physical accessibility, developing academic adaptations, generalizing guidance and support services. Promoting the empowerment of students with disabilities, removing barriers in society, and fostering an inclusive environment for everyone are key indicators of social progress. In this regard, we view every effort aimed at increasing accessibility and participation on our campus as an integral part of driving meaningful societal change.

December 3<sup>rd</sup>, International Day of Persons with Disabilities, is not just stands out as a day for raising awareness, it is also a call for taking firm steps in creating inclusive societies. On this meaningful day, our university, FizyoClub operating under the Department of Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation and the Disabled Students Unit organized an empathy-focused activity to deepen understanding of the daily challenges faced by individuals with disabilities and to strengthen awareness of an inclusive community.

In observance of December 3<sup>rd</sup> - International Day of Persons with



Disabilities, EMU Faculty of Health Sciences hosted ‘disability experience tracks’ giving students and university staff the chance to briefly encounter challenges related to accessibility, mobility, and communication barriers. We believe that such experiences foster greater awareness and encourage the development of more inclusive and empathetic behaviors. Promoting equality, accessibility, and inclusivity is a shared responsibility of our university, and together we aim to build a barrier-free future.”

## EMU COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT CENTER ISSUES A STATEMENT ON 5 DECEMBER – INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER DAY

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Community Involvement Center issued a statement on 5 December – International Volunteer Day. The statement released by Chair of the Community Involvement Center Assist. Prof. Dr. Nazenin Ruso Kandemir is as follows:

### “Hope Never Ends As Long As There are Volunteers”

Today is December 5<sup>th</sup> – International Volunteer Day... A day that reminds us life isn't just about our own interests. Even amidst our busy, fast-paced lives, it's the small, selfless gestures, shared acts of kindness, and heartfelt steps that make the world brighter. Saying a simple ‘Good morning’ to someone doesn't take anything from us; instead, it can bring a smile to their face and a sense of peace to our own hearts.

What can doing good possibly cost us? Placing a bowl of water for a stray animal, helping an elderly person at a crosswalk, or giving way to another vehicle in traffic. Unfortunately, too often we respond with impatience or indifference, passing by one another without noticing. In reality, above all, we must choose to be human. We need to live without hurting or offending anyone, without thinking ill of others, and focus on multiplying acts of kindness together to make the world a more loving and beautiful place.

On the path of kindness, those who are most disadvantaged rely on our presence the most. Even the smallest act of help extended to them can nurture not only one life but the hope of an entire community. Offering our support costs us nothing; instead, it enriches our hearts and strengthens our humanity.

For instance, a simple pair of shoes bought for a child struggling to walk to school because their shoes are torn... Such a small contribution can help

that child walk to school each morning with more confidence and embrace the future with greater strength. Kindness can be simple, yet its effects can last a lifetime.

It might not be possible to make huge donations. However, kindness is not always done through money. Sometimes, a smile, an act of empathy, or a quiet gesture from the heart can be enough. Though simple, these small touches are what keep our humanity alive.

Once again, December 5<sup>th</sup> – International Volunteer Day reminds us an important fact: Life is incomplete when it centers only on our own interests. Sharing with others, supporting one another, and carrying out acts of kindness without expecting anything in return are some of the most powerful forces for change in the world. Volunteering is the most wonderful way to witness how significant transformations can start from small actions. This kind of change can appear in the smile of a child, in a short conversation that eases the loneliness of an elderly person, or in the helping hand we offer to someone we don't know. Volunteering embodies the purest and most unifying expression of humanity.

Today, let's ask ourselves; if each person offered a small act of kindness, wouldn't the world's darker corners shine a little brighter? Maybe the greatest transformations start with the simplest gestures—a ‘Good morning,’ a ‘Thank you,’ or an ‘After you...’

These values have always held a special place in our history. Our leader, Atatürk, consistently believed in the power of volunteering and social solidarity. With this vision, the Türkiye Association of Philanthropists (Türkiye Yardım Sevenler Derneği) was established in 1928 under Atatürk's directive, becoming the country's first civil society organization and a pioneer in promoting a culture



of volunteerism. Today, this legacy continues to be upheld.

Let's keep working hand in hand for a kinder, fairer, and more loving world. Wishing a happy Volunteer's Day to all who take responsibility, offer selfless acts of kindness, address social challenges, and support those in need

And never forget... If you wish to make a difference, bring kindness into someone's life, or create change, the EMU Community Involvement Center is always by your side. Share your intentions with us, and we will link you to the right opportunities, support you along the way, and guide your efforts. Together, kindness spreads and hope flourishes.



## Upcoming Events

## EMU TO HOST ERDAL BEŞİKCİOĞLU AT THE 4<sup>TH</sup> “DUVAR” WORKSHOP DAYS

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Theatre Community operating under the EMU Student Development, Activities and Sports Affairs Directorate is getting ready to host the third edition of the 4<sup>th</sup> ‘Duvar’ Workshop Days, organized to support the cultural and artistic development of students.

As part of the program, our university will host Erdal Beşikcioğlu – Etimesgut Mayor and artist – in a talk event to be held on Saturday, 13 December 2025 at 04:00 p.m. at Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall. During the talk event which will be organized with the contributions of Famagusta Municipality, Beşikcioğlu will deliver a speech titled “Bir Tiyatro Yönetmek, Bir Kent Yönetmek / Directing a Theatre, Managing a City”, sharing his experiences in the field of theater as well as his knowledge gained during his time as the mayor. Beşikcioğlu’s talk will offer a striking perspective on how the discipline of art on the theater stage finds its counterpart in urban governance.

A statement released by the Directorate highlighted that EMU views art as an essential part of campus life and places institutional priority on initiatives that motivate student groups to take an active role in cultural production. It also underlined that the traditionalized 4<sup>th</sup> ‘Duvar’ Workshop Days are a key element in the university’s efforts to enhance artistic expression and social interaction.

Reaching a broad audience—from theater-interested students to art lovers and those intrigued by local governance—the event further strengthens EMU’s leading role in the culture and arts. Open to all members of the public, the talk aims to provide participants with a comprehensive viewpoint that blends artistic and administrative insights.



## AN IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS OF TRNC'S HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT TO BE CARRIED OUT AT EMU WITH PROMINENT NAMES

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Atatürk Research and Application Center (ATAUM) and EMU Atatürk Ideology Club (ADK) will co-organize a panel titled “Geçmişten Günümüze Kuzey Kıbrıs Türk Cumhuriyeti’nin Tarihsel Gelişimi / Historic Development of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus: From Past to Present” which seeks to analyze the political, social and diplomatic development of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus from different viewpoints. Prominent names in the field will gather together with participants to provide an extensive perspective on the matter.

Open to all members of the public, the said panel event will take place on Monday, 15 December 2025 at 10:30 a.m. at the Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall, appealing to everyone interested in the historical development of the TRNC, from students and academics to all stakeholders following societal developments.

The panel will feature Peker Turgud, the TRNC’s first Ambassador to Ankara; Prof. Dr. İsmail Şahin, Head of the Political History Department and Chair of International Relations at Bandırma Onyedil Eylül University; and Dr. Mete Özsezer, EMU ATAUM academic staff. The session will be moderated by Dr. Devran Kaya, also an academic staff at EMU ATAUM.





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