

## EMU FACULTY OF LAW CELEBRATES ITS 30<sup>TH</sup> YEAR WITH ITS ALUMNI, HONORED BY THE PARTICIPATION OF TRNC PRESIDENT TUFAN ERHÜRMAN



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Law, established in 1196, celebrated its 30th year with a meaningful and comprehensive event. Held on Saturday, 2 May 2026 at 6:00 p.m., honored by the participation of TRNC President Tufan Erhürman, the event served as a significant platform bringing graduates and current students together while shedding light on the long-standing history of the faculty.

Attending the event were EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, former EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Abdullah Y. Öztoprak, EMU Vice Rector for Promotion and Institutional Communication Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren, Acting Dean of EMU Faculty of Law Assoc. Prof. Dr. Arzu Alibaba, Vice Deans Assoc. Prof. Dr. Demet Çelik Ulusoy and Assist. Prof. Dr. Emine Koçano Rodoslu, academic and administrative staff members as well as current and former students of the faculty.

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## EMU HOSTS VOCATIONAL SKILLS COMPETITION WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF TRNC MINISTER OF EDUCATION NAZIM ÇAVUŞOĞLU

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) hosted the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Vocational High School Skills Competition organized in collaboration with the TRNC Ministry of National Education and the Vocational-Technical Education Department. Held with the participation of Nazım Çavuşoğlu, Minister of TRNC National Education, the event took place on Thursday, 30 April 2026 at 9:00 a.m. The activities were organized at the application kitchens of EMU Faculty of Tourism, Tower Barista Cafe, as well as in the laboratories and workshops of the EMU Faculty of Computer and Information Sciences and the EMU Vocational School of Information Technologies.

Present during the opening ceremony of the event were, Acting Rector of EMU Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, Director of the TRNC Vocational-Technical Education Department Gülşen Hocanın, EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu and Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren, EMU General Secretary Derviş Ekşici, Acting Dean of Faculty of Tourism Assist. Prof. Dr. İlkey Yorgancı, academic staff members and students.

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EMU Faculty of Law academic staff member and former dean Prof. Dr. Sema Taşınar Ayvaz expressed her pleasure at celebrating the faculty's 30th anniversary, recalling her years as dean and the deep connection she has maintained with the faculty over time. Describing the faculty as a second home, Prof. Dr. Ayvaz stated that she still continues to teach and support the faculty whenever possible. She also underlined the pride she feels when meeting graduates of the EMU Faculty of Law in academic circles and various cities, adding that each encounter with alumni is a meaningful and joyful experience for her.

In his address, Prof. Dr. Ramazan Arslan, who served as the Dean of Ankara University Faculty of Law during the founding period of the EMU Faculty of Law and who currently

serves as a faculty member at Başkent University Faculty of Law, reflected on the establishment and institutional development of the faculty. Prof. Dr. Arslan highlighted that the support and efforts of former rectors, university administrators, and academic staff were instrumental in shaping the faculty into its present form. He further stated that the initiative to establish the EMU Faculty of Law was born out of collaborative discussions between Ankara University and EMU, noting that both administrative and academic procedures were swiftly put into practice through a series of consultations and planning meetings held during the process.

In her remarks, Arzu Alibaba, Acting Dean of the EMU Faculty of Law, highlighted that the faculty's 30-year journey has been shaped by significant dedication, effort, and academic experience. She shared that after graduating from Ankara University Faculty of Law 29 years ago, she began her academic career at the faculty as a research assistant and has since continued working together with colleagues for the advancement of the institution. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Alibaba stated that the faculty has been developed with great care and commitment over the years, with a strong focus on delivering qualified legal education and educating accomplished graduates. She also extended her appreciation to former academics and all individuals whose contributions played an important role in bringing the faculty to its current respected standing.

## “A Great Source of Pride”

In his remarks, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç described the 30-year growth and achievements of the EMU Faculty of Law as a matter of immense pride and enthusiasm. He stressed that the faculty serves not only as an educational institution producing qualified graduates, but also as a center that promotes the values of justice, equality, and ethical responsibility among its students. Prof. Dr. Kılıç stated that collaborating closely with the faculty's academic staff throughout his career had been a meaningful and rewarding experience for him. He also conveyed his gratitude to all academics who played a role in the establishment and advancement of the faculty. Emphasizing the faculty's contribution to the international prestige of EMU, Prof. Dr. Kılıç noted that the success of its graduates in





distinguished positions — particularly as judges, prosecutors, and bar association presidents — demonstrates the strong academic foundation and high-quality education offered by the faculty.

#### “A Remarkable Example of Institutional Development

In his address, TRNC President Tufan Erhürman spoke about the 30-year institutional journey of the EMU Faculty of Law and reflected on his own academic ties with the faculty. He described the faculty’s current position as a notable achievement in terms of institutional growth and continuity, adding that its graduates have successfully assumed influential positions in Türkiye as well as in various countries abroad. President Erhürman also emphasized that the faculty’s accomplishments are closely linked to the academic heritage of the Ankara Law tradition. Referring to prominent academics such as Prof. Dr. Aydoğan Özman, Prof. Dr.

Turgut Turhan, and Prof. Dr. Esin Konaç, Erhürman noted that their dedication played a vital role in shaping and advancing the faculty from its early years onward. He further stated that the faculty was built not only upon a strong academic foundation, but also through a shared culture grounded in a sense of community and belonging. Erhürman concluded by stressing that the enduring relationships established among academics and alumni continue to represent one of the faculty’s greatest strengths.

Following the opening addresses, Hidayet Nalan Tüzel, a 2000 graduate of the EMU Faculty of Law, delivered a speech on behalf of the faculty’s distinguished alumni. Reflecting on the faculty’s dynamic and forward-looking structure established in 1996, Tüzel expressed her pride in being among its earliest graduates. Tüzel noted that although she encountered various challenges at the beginning of her educational journey, the faculty’s academic atmosphere and supportive

community contributed greatly to their growth and development. She emphasized that the faculty represented far more than a place of education, describing it as an environment where the foundations of a legal career and professional identity are formed. Stressing that the study of law extends beyond the acquisition of knowledge, Tüzel stated that legal education also nurtures a deep understanding of justice, adding that justice is the one principle that remains constant over time.

As part of the event program, students who qualified for Honor and High Honor certificates in the 2025–2026 Academic Year Fall Semester were presented with their awards. Following the ceremony, attendees watched a video showcasing the faculty’s development and achievements throughout the years. The event came to a close with a cocktail reception accompanied by a musical recital.



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Total of 7 vocational high schools participated in the competition: Karpaz Vocational High School, Güzelyurt Vocational High School, Iskele Trade Vocational High School, Haydarpaşa Trade Vocational High School, Girne Tourism Vocational High School, Gazimağusa Vocational High School and Rauf Raif Denktaş Vocational High School. The competition brought together more than 180 vocational high school students, whose performances were assessed by representatives from universities across the TRNC along with expert jury members from relevant professional sectors.

### “Students’ Efforts Are the Most Valuable Outcomes”

Acting Dean of EMU Faculty of Tourism Assist. Prof. Dr. İlkey Yorgancı stated that the faculty strives to educate students as well-equipped individuals capable of competing on a global scale through an education model grounded in international standards, practice-oriented learning, and strong industry collaboration. Emphasizing the significance of the competition as a platform where students can showcase their knowledge and abilities while further developing their professional skills, Assist. Prof. Dr. Yorgancı noted that the primary objective is not merely winning, but also learning, gaining practical experience, and becoming better prepared for the future. Underlining that the effort displayed

by the students constitute the most meaningful outcome, Assist. Prof. Dr. Yorgancı expressed her gratitude to everyone involved in the organization and conveyed her best wishes for the success of the competition.

### “The Main Objective Is to Educate the Skilled Workforce Required by the Country”

During her address, Gülşen Hocannı, Director

of the TRNC Vocational Technical Education Department, emphasized that vocational and technical education fundamentally aims to prepare young people as competent and well-equipped individuals for the future. She noted that the devoted efforts of teachers are reflected concretely through events of this nature and highlighted that such competitions offer students a valuable opportunity to showcase their abilities,





recognize areas needing improvement, and enhance themselves through engagement with sector professionals. Expressing her appreciation for the long-standing cooperation with EMU, Hocanın thanked the university administration together with the academic and administrative personnel for their support. She also stated that the competitions, covering numerous fields ranging from tourism and information technologies to electrical-electronics and construction, would continue throughout the day in an atmosphere of excitement and enthusiasm. Stressing the broader purpose of the initiative, Hocanın underlined that their ultimate goal is to cultivate the qualified workforce needed by the country.

#### “Reinforcing the Relationship between Education and Sector”

In his remarks, EMU Acting Rector Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe stressed that competitions held across different disciplines help increase students’ motivation and enthusiasm while also contributing to their vocational and professional development. Prof. Dr. Karatepe highlighted that such events play a valuable role in reinforcing the connection between education and sector. Referring to the international accomplishments of the EMU Faculty of Tourism, Prof. Dr. Karatepe stated that EMU, consequently the faculty, has maintained its presence since 2019 in respected international rankings such as the ShanghaiRanking Consultancy within the field of Hospitality and Tourism Management, where it is ranked among the world’s top 51 institutions. He further noted that, according to the QS World University Rankings, EMU is also listed among the top 151 universities globally in the

area of Hospitality and Leisure Management. Emphasizing that these achievements are the result of strong academic performance, research activities, and international collaborations, Prof. Dr. Karatepe described this success as an important reflection of the university’s academic standards and institutional quality.

#### “A Collective Responsibility Shared by All”

In his speech, TRNC Minister of National Education Nazım Çavuşoğlu described EMU as a valuable institution entrusted to the people of the country, emphasizing that safeguarding and strengthening this legacy for future generations is a responsibility shared by society as a whole. Referring to the university’s international academic accomplishments, Çavuşoğlu stated that these achievements constitute an important source of national pride and expressed his appreciation to all those who contributed to this success. Çavuşoğlu also noted that the event should not be regarded solely as a competition, but rather as a meaningful platform through which students can demonstrate their knowledge and abilities, express themselves, and further their development. Highlighting the vital role of vocational education in national development, he stressed the increasing need for qualified human resources and emphasized the importance of supporting young people through vocational training and preparing them for active participation in the workforce.

Following the opening speeches, competitions held at the EMU Faculty of Tourism, the EMU Faculty of Computer and Information Sciences, and the EMU Vocational School of Information Technologies provided students with the opportunity to demonstrate their skills in a wide range of fields, including Service, Basket Arrangement, Local Cuisine, General Tourism, Barista, Cocktail Preparation, Construction Technologies (Hand Drawing and Computer-Aided Drawing), Electronics (Electrical Installation, Control Systems, and Electronics), Mapping, Land Registry and Drilling, Office Management, Accounting, and Information Technologies (Software and Hardware). Within the scope of vocational education, students presented their practical work and projects for evaluation by the jury members.

Sharing their views on the event, Dean of EMU Faculty of Computer and Information Sciences Prof. Dr. Ahmet Rızaner and Acting Director of EMU Vocational School of Information Technologies Assist. Prof. Dr. Mustafa Tanel Babagil emphasized the importance of such competitions in enhancing students’ vocational skills, demonstrating the value of practice-oriented education, and contributing to the training of qualified human resources aligned

with industry needs. They also noted that these types of activities help students strengthen both their technical competencies and self-confidence.

#### What did the Students say?

##### Özden EFE – Iskele Trade Vocational High School

I participated in the competition in the field of Computerized Accounting. Eastern Mediterranean University is a very large and beautiful university. I would like to study at EMU in the future. The competition and the questions were very well prepared. I believe that this competition will contribute positively to my future education at EMU.

##### Yağmur ÖZKOL – Iskele Trade Vocational High School

I competed in the field of Computerized Accounting and felt quite stressed during the competition. Many of our teachers recommend that we pursue our education at EMU which is a very beautiful university, and for this reason, I am considering studying there in the future.

##### Hüseyin RAHMİOĞLU – Girne Tourism Vocational High School

I am participating in the competition in the field of Service. The competition has been a very well-organized and enjoyable event. I would very much like to study at EMU in the future, as it is a very beautiful university.

The participants who achieved top rankings in the competitions will receive their awards at a ceremony to be organized on a later date.



## RIGHT TO EDUCATION DISCUSSED AT EMU WITH ITS INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE



The “Right to Education” International Conference was held under the auspices of the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Law, within the framework of Türkiye’s Chairmanship of the 51st Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), with the participation of the OIC Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission, and with the support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) and the Embassy of the Republic of Türkiye in Nicosia. Held on Tuesday, 28 April 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall, the highly attended conference offered participants a comprehensive platform that examines the right to education from multiple disciplines, extending beyond a solely human rights perspective.



The event was attended by the Chief Ombudsman of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC), İlkan Varol; the President of the Higher Education Planning, Evaluation, Accreditation and Coordination Council (YÖDAK), Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocanın; the Consul General of Famagusta, Işıl Gürler;

the Director General of the Department of Foreign Affairs of the TRNC Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Beniz Uluer Kaymak; the Director of Relations with the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) at the TRNC Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ayşen Volkan İnanıroğlu; the Counsellor of the Embassy of





the Republic of Türkiye in Nicosia, Doğan Güneş; the Director General of the Cyprus Foundations Administration (Evkaf), Prof. Dr. Mustafa Tümer; the Chairperson of the Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission (IPHRC) of the OIC, Dr. Saidou Dogon Guida; the Vice-Chairperson of the OIC IPHRC, Dr. Hacı Ali Açıkgül; Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu, and Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren; EMU General Secretary Derviş Ekşici; Acting Dean of the EMU Faculty of Law, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Arzu Alibaba; as well as academic and administrative staff and students.

#### “Conference to Contribute to the Advancement of the Right to Education”

Following the observation of a moment of silence and national anthem, the conference continued with opening addresses. Delivering a speech, Acting Dean of EMU Faculty of Law Assoc. Prof. Dr. Arzu Alibaba underlined that education is among the most

fundamental human rights, serving as the cornerstone of human dignity and societal development. She pointed out that the right to education continues to face challenges in areas such as access, equality, technology, and global mobility. Emphasizing that the conference goes beyond theoretical debate, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Alibaba stated that it aims to generate practical and implementable solutions to barriers to access, and expressed her hope for a productive outcome.

Ayşen Volkan İnanıroğlu, Director of Relations with the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) at the TRNC Ministry of Foreign Affairs, emphasized that education is not only a fundamental human right but also a cornerstone of sustainable development, social cohesion, and human dignity. She noted that this right empowers individuals, fosters societal progress, and builds bridges across cultures. Highlighting the TRNC's strong commitment to the promotion of human rights, İnanıroğlu recalled that the

right to education is guaranteed under Article 59 of the Constitution and should be inclusive, equitable, and accessible to all. She further expressed her belief that the conference would provide a productive platform for meaningful dialogue, the exchange of experiences, and the development of practical solutions to advance the right to education.

The Chairperson of the Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission (IPHRC) of the OIC, Dr. Saidou Dogon Guida also made remarks and emphasized the significant role of education in fostering cooperation and upholding Islamic values. He noted that Islam regards education as a fundamental element of knowledge-sharing and national development. Stressing that no one should be deprived of the right to education, Dr. Guida expressed his belief that the conference would contribute to strengthening access to education through a fair and inclusive approach.





### “Universities are Pioneers of Social Transformation”

In his speech, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç emphasized the importance of addressing the conference not only from a legal perspective but also through its social, economic, and pedagogical dimensions. He underlined the University’s commitment to enhancing academic quality, strengthening equality of opportunity, and expanding international collaboration. Drawing attention to initiatives supporting women’s access to education, the inclusion of disadvantaged groups, and lifelong learning, Prof. Dr. Kılıç stated that, in the age of digitalization and artificial intelligence, the right to education must evolve into a more inclusive and high-quality framework. Stressing that universities are not only institutions that produce knowledge but also pioneers of social transformation, he highlighted the impact of global conflicts—particularly the humanitarian crisis in Gaza—on the right to education. He further noted that distinguished experts would share their knowledge and experience during the conference sessions, where the right to education would be addressed in a comprehensive and multi-dimensional manner.

### “To Be Addressed Extensively During the Conference”

Expressing his pleasure at being back at EMU, Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocanın extended his thanks to the Dean of the EMU Faculty of Law, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Arzu Alibaba, for the invitation. Highlighting the significance of the right to education, Prof. Dr. Hocanın shared insights into the education sector in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. He also stated that issues and rights related to education would be comprehensively examined

throughout the conference and wished everyone a successful and fruitful event.

Following the opening speeches, the first session was held under the moderation of Dr. Hacı Ali Açıkgül, Vice-Chairperson of the Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission (IPHRC) of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC). During the session, Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocanın delivered a presentation titled ‘Higher Education Area in the TRNC: Challenges and Future Perspectives’, Dr. Saidou Dogon Guida presented on ‘The Right to Education in OIC Member States’, and Prof. Dr. Hacı Ali Açıkgül addressed ‘The Convergence of the Right to Education, Artificial Intelligence and Human Dignity: An IPHRC Perspective’. Following the presentations, participants were presented with silver plaques by Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç.

Moderated by Prof. Dr. Mustafa Tümer, the second also featured various presentations. Prof. Dr. Tümer delivered a presentation titled ‘Bridging Human Rights Law and Islamic Philanthropy: The Right to Education and the Role of Evkaf’. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Arzu Alibaba presented ‘The Right to Have Rights: Nationality and Education’, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Süheyla Üçışık Erbilin addressed ‘The Right to Education in the Context of Human Rights’, and Assist. Prof. Dr. Ulaş Gündüzler delivered ‘Free Movement in the EU and Education’. Following the presentations, silver plaques were presented to the participants by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Arzu Alibaba. The conference concluded with a question-and-answer session.

### “EMU Students are Very Fortunate”

Prior to the conference, Director General of the Department of Foreign Affairs at the TRNC Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Beniz Uluer Kaymak;

Director of Relations with the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), Ayşen Volkan İnanıroğlu; Counsellor of the Embassy of the Republic of Türkiye in Nicosia, Doğan Güneş; Chairperson of the OIC Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission (IPHRC), Dr. Saidou Dogon Guida; Vice-Chairperson of the OIC IPHRC, Dr. Hacı Ali Açıkgül; and retired faculty member of the EMU Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Department of Psychology, Prof. Dr. Biran Mertan, paid a courtesy visit to EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç in his office. EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe and Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren, as well as Acting Dean of the EMU Faculty of Law, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Arzu Alibaba, were also present during the visit.

During the visit, Dr. Saidou Dogon Guida and Dr. Hacı Ali Açıkgül expressed their satisfaction at being at EMU, noting their appreciation for the University’s campus and the opportunities it offers to students. Highlighting EMU’s student-centered and supportive environment, they remarked that EMU students are very fortunate.

On the other hand, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç expressed his pleasure in hosting distinguished guests at EMU and provided detailed information about the University. Emphasizing EMU’s commitment to offering students international-level activities and academic opportunities, Prof. Dr. Kılıç underlined the importance of personal development alongside academic growth. Potential areas of cooperation between the institutions were also discussed during the visit. At the conclusion of the meeting, Prof. Dr. Kılıç presented the guests with Cyprus-specific gifts.



## GLOBAL RECOGNITION OF ACADEMIC VISION: EMU FEATURED IN “ESSENTIALS OF MODERN MARKETING” BY PHILIP KOTLER

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) added another significant achievement to its international accomplishments through its globally recognized educational vision and accreditation success. The publication titled “Essentials of Modern Marketing”, developed under the leadership of Kotler Impact established by renowned marketing expert Philip Kotler and released in strategic media partnership with Marketing Türkiye magazine — one of Türkiye’s most influential publications in marketing, communication, media, and advertising — included case studies of distinguished institutions from Türkiye and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC).

In this context, a case study authored by EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe and Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren was included in the publication, once again highlighting EMU’s prominent standing in international higher education.

Featuring distinguished institutions and brands, Essentials of Modern Marketing extends beyond being merely an academic resource; it stands out as a comprehensive work addressing the strategic transformation processes of institutions while also serving as an important guide for entrepreneurs, executives, and academics.

### EMU’s Global Higher Education Journey Featured in the International Publication

The case study featured in the book addresses EMU’s 46-year-rooted history and its journey toward becoming a globally recognized education brand despite challenging international circumstances, from an academic standpoint.



Authored by EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe and EMU Vice Rector for Promotion and Institutional Communication Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren, the study titled “Eastern Mediterranean University: A Global Higher Education Brand Through International Accreditations and a Student-Oriented Culture” provides a detailed overview of the university’s quality-oriented growth strategy.

### “EMU: A Strong Higher Education Brand Built on Universal Values”

Sharing his remarks on the subject, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç underlined the importance of the university being included in an internationally respected reference publication and stated: “Eastern Mediterranean University is not only one of the leading higher education institutions of Northern Cyprus, but also a globally recognized academic brand shaped by universal values. Being featured in this publication, prepared under the guidance of a

globally respected marketing expert such as Philip Kotler, demonstrates that our academic knowledge and institutional achievements have earned recognition at the international level. The position EMU has attained today is a significant source of pride for both our country and our region. Guided by our vision of educating future leaders, we are determined to further enhance our international competitiveness and continue strengthening our global presence.”

### Expected to Reach 100 Countries Worldwide

The publication series dedicated to Philip Kotler is intended to reach audiences across 100 countries globally. The first edition, which highlights the institutional success stories of Türkiye and the TRNC, has been made available to international readers through Amazon. Within this context, the success story of EMU has secured its place as a valuable reference for academics, entrepreneurs, and executives worldwide.

## EMU RECTOR PROF. DR. HASAN KILIÇ SERVES AS A CO-CHAIR AT MTCON 2026

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç participated in the 7th Conference on Managing Tourism Across Continents – MTCON2026, as a co-chair. Recognized among the most prestigious academic initiatives in the field of tourism, the event took place between 29 April and 2 May 2026.

Co-chaired by Roya Rahimi of the University of Wolverhampton and Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, this prominent international conference brought together academics, researchers, and industry experts from across different regions of the world. The event provided an important platform for scientific exchange and scholarly discussions aimed at contributing to the future development of the tourism sector.

Held under the theme “Tourism for a Better World,” the conference aimed to develop solutions to the global challenges faced by the tourism industry and to contribute scientifically toward a more sustainable future. Bringing together more than 200 researchers from various countries around the world, the conference provided a platform for sharing current research, innovative approaches, and scientific studies in the field of tourism.

Expressing his contentment on participating as a co-chair in the international congress, Prof. Dr. Kılıç stated; “Tourism represents not only one of the strongest industries bringing people and cultures together across the world, but also a strategic area that stands at the intersection of sustainability, innovation, and international collaboration. Co-chairing such a prestigious and



globally recognized congress is a great privilege both for myself and for Eastern Mediterranean University. Scientific gatherings of this scale play an important role in encouraging knowledge exchange and supporting the development of a more sustainable and resilient tourism industry. As EMU, we are proud to contribute actively to this international academic platform”.

# BOOK BY EMU DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY ACADEMICS GETS INTERNATIONALLY PUBLISHED

The book titled “Understanding Aggression: Insights from Psychology and Related Disciplines”, authored through the academic collaboration of faculty members from the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Department of Psychology, has been published by the international publishing house Nova Science Publishers. Addressing an important gap in the literature, the publication offers a comprehensive and interdisciplinary perspective shaped by contributions from Psychology as well as related fields such as Philosophy and Sociology.

### A Multidimensional Psychology Study Shaped Through Academic Collaboration

Co-edited by EMU Psychology Department members Prof. Dr. Fatih Bayraktar and Prof. Dr. Şenel Hüsnü, the book includes original chapters from each faculty member within the department. Reflecting a strong spirit of academic collaboration and collective academic production, the publication presents a broad and multidimensional examination of aggression by bringing together perspectives from different branches of psychology alongside insights from related disciplines.

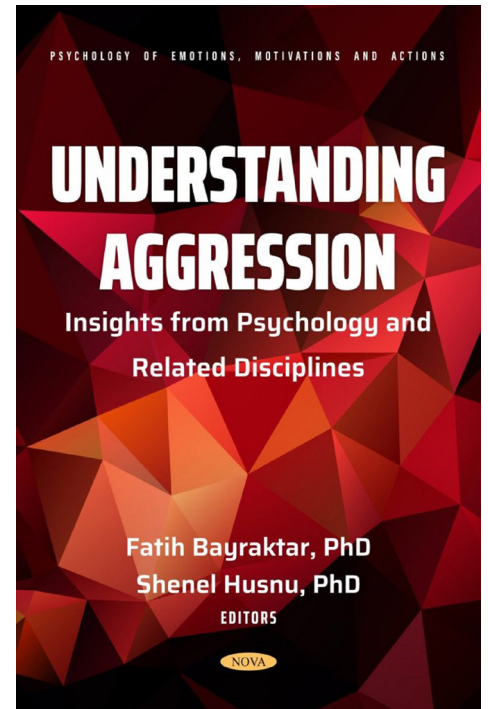
Prof. Dr. Fatih Bayraktar and Prof. Dr. Şenel Hüsnü emphasized that the publication is not merely a scientific output, but also a significant work that brings a fresh perspective to current discussions in the field. Prof. Dr. Bayraktar and Prof. Dr. Hüsnü noted that bringing together academics from diverse areas of expertise within a single publication strengthens

interdisciplinary interaction and contributes meaningfully to scholarly production.

Prepared by the EMU Department of Psychology, the publication serves as an important reference source for both academic circles and a wider readership interested in the subject. By addressing the concept of aggression through a multidimensional perspective, the book aims to contribute to current scientific discussions.

Prof. Dr. İlhan Raman, Head of EMU Department of Psychology, expressed that the book’s development through the shared efforts of the department’s academics reflects the productive and research-based vision of the Department of Psychology. She also stated that examining aggression as a contemporary and multidimensional phenomenon from different viewpoints strengthens the scientific literature and offers a valuable guide for both students and academics.

In his remarks on the topic, Prof. Dr. Mehmet Ali Özarslan, Dean of the EMU Faculty of Arts and Sciences, stated that this internationally published work by faculty members of the Department of Psychology clearly demonstrates the faculty’s scientific productivity and culture of academic collaboration. Prof. Dr. Özarslan emphasized that bringing together academics from different areas of expertise around a shared publication not only strengthens interdisciplinary approaches, but also serves as an important example supporting the culture of scientific production at EMU.



## FIVE INFLUENTIAL BOOKS FROM EMU ACADEMIC PROF. DR. VEDAT YORUCU

Prof. Dr. Vedat Yorucu, Head of Department of Business Administration at Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Business and Economics, continues to stand out with his extensive academic work and scholarly achievements. Through his research and publications focusing on energy economics, geopolitics, and sustainable development, Prof. Dr. Yorucu has established himself as a respected reference source for both the academic community and decision-makers in the field.

### Co-Author of Major Academic Publications

Prof. Dr. Vedat Yorucu co-authored a number of influential and interconnected books with the late Turkish Cypriot academic Prof. Dr. Özyay Mehmet, focusing particularly on the Eastern Mediterranean, energy security, and regional geopolitics. Among these works, the book titled “Southern Energy Corridor: The Role of Turkey in European Energy Security (2018)” examines Türkiye’s strategic role in transporting Caspian and Middle Eastern natural gas to Europe, while analyzing how projects such as TANAP and TAP could help reduce Europe’s energy dependence.

In “Modern Geopolitics of Eastern Mediterranean Hydrocarbons in an Age of Energy Transformation (2020)”, the regional implications of hydrocarbon discoveries in the Eastern Mediterranean during the global energy transition process are discussed through themes such as the “Blue Homeland” doctrine, exclusive economic zones, and the strategic policies of regional states.

The publication “Islands in Maritime Disputes: Greece Turkey Geo-Political Relations (2022)” explores the influence of islands on maritime jurisdiction areas within the framework of international maritime law. The work

particularly evaluates the role of small islands in the Aegean and Eastern Mediterranean in relation to exclusive economic zones, maritime boundaries, and hydrocarbon exploration activities from the perspective of Turkish-Greek relations.

In the book titled “From Land Disputes to Sustainable Development: A Near East Perspective (2024)”, the environmental consequences of territorial and border disputes are examined, while also presenting proposals for resolving long-standing conflicts, such as the Cyprus issue, through peaceful and sustainability-oriented approaches.

Prof. Dr. Yorucu also co-authored “Modern Approach of Resilient and Sustainable Smart Cities (2026)” together with Assoc. Prof. Dr. Festus Victor Bekun and Prof. Dr. Ibrahim Yitmen. The book discusses how cities can become more resilient in the face of climate change, population growth, and technological transformation, while also evaluating the role of data-driven governance and artificial intelligence in urban planning.

When these five publications are considered collectively, they demonstrate that Prof. Dr. Yorucu has made significant contributions across a broad spectrum of fields ranging from energy diplomacy and sustainable development to geopolitics and smart city approaches. These works not only shed light on the energy policies of both Türkiye and the Eastern Mediterranean, but also provide a scientific framework for the sustainable and peaceful management of resources.

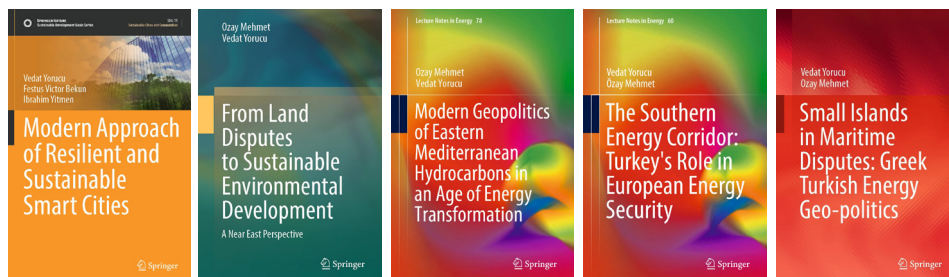
### Who is Prof. Dr. Vedat Yorucu?

Prof. Dr. Vedat Yorucu was born in Nicosia in 1970 and



earned his doctoral degree in Economics from University of Leicester in 1998. In the same year, he joined Eastern Mediterranean University, where he continues to serve as Chair of the Department of Economics. Alongside his academic responsibilities, Prof. Dr. Yorucu has played significant roles in the public sector. For five years, he served as Chief Economic Advisor to the Ministers of Economy and Finance and to the President of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, actively contributing to economic policy-making and strategic planning processes.

Within the scope of his international academic engagements, Prof. Dr. Yorucu lectured and carried out research activities at the College of Europe Bruges Campus during the summer terms between 2013 and 2017, and later continued similar academic work at Carleton University in the summer of 2018. His academic studies focus on development economics, sustainability, construction economics, energy economics and policy, and applied econometrics. Throughout his career, Prof. Dr. Yorucu has published numerous articles in internationally peer-reviewed academic journals. ([www.vedatyorucu.com](http://www.vedatyorucu.com))

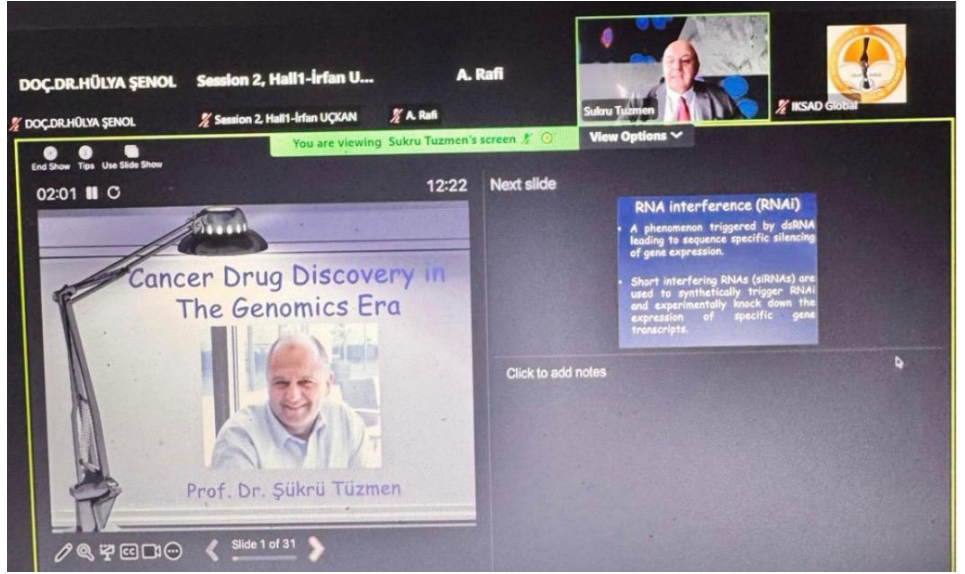


## EMU ACADEMIC SUCCESSFULLY REPRESENTS EMU AT THE INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) continues to maintain its active role in international academic platforms. EMU Faculty of Dentistry academic staff member Prof. Dr. Şükrü Tüzmen successfully represented EMU at the 8th International Anatolian Scientific Research Congress, organized online, under the hosting of Hakkari University, and participated by researchers and scientists from 32 countries.

At the congress, Prof. Dr. Şükrü Tüzmen took part as an invited keynote speaker with his presentation titled "Cancer Drug Discovery in the Genomics Era." In his presentation, Prof. Dr. Tüzmen discussed recent scientific advancements related to genomics-driven approaches in cancer studies and innovative strategies in next-generation drug discovery. His talk received considerable interest from academics and researchers specializing in the field.

As part of the congress, Prof. Dr. Şükrü Tüzmen also served as a session chair, evaluating the studies presented by researchers from different



countries and contributing to interdisciplinary knowledge exchange. Prof. Dr. Tüzmen's active involvement in the event further enhanced the scientific visibility of Eastern Mediterranean

University and once again demonstrated the university's research-oriented vision and commitment to international academic collaboration.

## EMU HEALTH SCIENCES FACULTY MEMBER PROF. DR. MİTAT KOZ ATTENDS FISU MEETING



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Health Sciences, Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation Department Chair and International University Sports Federation (FISU) Gender Equality Committee Member Prof. Dr. Mitat Koz attended a meeting held at FISU Headquarters in Lausanne, Switzerland.

### "The Enhancement of Women's Representation Discussed"

The meeting brought together members of the Gender Equality Committee from seven different countries, including Committee Chair Rosaura Méndez-Gamboa representing Costa Rica and Vice Chair Michelle Tanner from Ireland. Focusing on the advancement of university sports, the discussions addressed the importance of strengthening women's representation in traditionally male-dominated sports disciplines, particularly within coaching and technical positions.

Within the scope of the meeting, discussions also centered on significant topics aimed at advancing gender equality, such as the importance of quota systems and the introduction of new mechanisms and strategies to expand opportunities for women. Stressing the necessity of long-term cultural and structural transformation, the meeting underscored the goal of developing sustainable equality policies within the university sports environment.

During his engagements in Lausanne, Prof. Dr. Mitat Koz additionally met with Fernando Parente, Deputy Secretary General of the International University Sports Federation (FISU). The meeting included an exchange of views on the procedures and requirements necessary for EMU to receive the "Healthy Campus" certification granted by FISU.



# FAMAGUSTA TURKISH MAARIF COLLEGE WINS THE EMU 30<sup>TH</sup> HIGH SCHOOL MATHEMATICS COMPETITION



Organized by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Arts and Sciences Faculty, Department of Mathematics with the contributions of Onal Fadıl Demirciler Education and Science Foundation, the “30th High School Mathematics Competition” final took place at EMU Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall with strong participation and excitement. Famagusta Turkish Maarif College, Bülent Ecevit Anatolian High School, Turkism Maarif Collefe, 19 Mayıs Turkish Maarif College and Güzelyurt Turkish Maarif College competed during the final round. Following a closely contested final, Gazimağusa Turkish Maarif College, represented by students Efe Şafak, Naz Kaanoğlu, and Bartu Özaydın under the guidance of Mathematics teachers Kemal Tezay and İhsan Nurluöz, secured first place. Turkish Maarif College, represented by Kamil Dede, Beyza Çallı, and Mert Güney

Taşbel under the guidance of Mathematics teachers Deniz Ahiçhoca Çobanoğlu and Zehra Kavuklu Tekkan, placed second. Meanwhile, 19 Mayıs Turkish Maarif College, consisting of Nesibe Öztürk, Egemen Kahyaoglu, and Kral Mehmet Diker and coached by Mathematics teacher Ahmet Kasabalı, secured third place.

In the competition, Bülent Ecevit Anatolian High School—represented by Halef Yurtkuran, Cem Bağdatlıoğlu, and Demir Karadeniz under the guidance of Mathematics teachers Nursel Altan Andız and Derviş Topal—placed fourth and received the “Onay Fadıl Demirciler Special Award”. Güzelyurt Turkish Maarif College, consisting of Miray Korhanay, Tuana Nursema Kılıçel, and Neyyire Demirdağ and coached by Mathematics teachers Şerife Kabus and Ayten Arısoy, finished fifth and received

the “Assist. Prof. Dr. Kemal Demirciler Special Award”. In addition, TED Northern Cyprus College—represented by Gamze Selen Kum, Kardelen Eylül Arslan, and Mustafa Altun under the supervision of Mathematics teachers Fuat Temelci and Fuat Ortaş—earned the “30th Year Special Award” after placing third in the semifinal round.

At the award ceremony held following the final round, the first-place award was presented to Gazimağusa Turkish Maarif College by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç. The second-place award was presented to Turkish Maarif College by Yusuf İnanroğlu, Director of the General Secondary Education Department, while the third-place award was presented to 19 Mayıs Turkish Maarif College by EMU Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe. The awards for Bülent Ecevit





Anatolian High School, which placed fourth and received the “Onay Fadıl Demirciler Special Award” and Güzelyurt Turkish Maarif College, which placed fifth and received the “Assist. Prof. Dr. Kemal Demirciler Special Award” were presented by Naciye Demirciler, daughter of the late Onay Fadıl Demirciler.

#### Individual Competition Awards Presented

In the individual competition held on 18 April 2026, Kamil Dede secured first place, followed by Gamze Selen Kum in second place, while Efe Şafak and Naz Kaanoğlu shared third place. Halef Yurtkuran finished fourth. The awards were presented by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, Director of the General Secondary Education Department Yusuf İnanıroğlu, EMU Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, and Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences Prof. Dr. Mehmet Ali Özarslan.

#### Special Awards Presented

Special commemorative awards presented within the scope of the competition also found their recipients. Nesibe Öztürk received the “30th Year Special Award”, Demir Karadeniz the “Onay Fadıl Demirciler Special Award”, Bartu Özaydın the “Assist. Prof. Dr. Kemal Demirciler Special Award”, Cem Bağdatlıoğlu the “Assoc. Prof. Dr. Arif Akkeleş Special Award”, Egemen Kahyaoğlu the “Assoc.



Prof. Dr. Murat Kirezci Special Award”, Mert Güney Taşbel the “Assoc. Prof. Dr. Peter Kas Special Award”, and Beyza Çallı the “Assoc. Prof. Dr. Daoud S. Daoud Special Award”. The awards were presented by Prof. Dr. Suzan Cival Buranay, Chair of the Department of Mathematics; Naciye Demirciler; faculty members; Funda Özçelik Akkeleş, spouse of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Arif Akkeleş; and EMU graduate Necmi Şerbetçioğlu.

#### Champion Angels Remembered

The “Champion Angels Special Award”,



presented in memory of the Champion Angels, was awarded to Kral Mehmet Diker and Miray Korhanay. The awards were presented by members of the Champion Angels Foundation.

#### Achievement Certificates Awarded

Certificates were presented to Kayra Özdemir, Kardelen Eylül Arslan, Eliz Örsdemir, Nahide Karşılı, Ahmet Gazi Yardımsevenler, and Deha Hasan Ulusoy, who qualified for recognition in the individual competition, by EMU academic and administrative officials and school directors



## GRADUATES OF EMU CIVIL AVIATION CABIN SERVICES PROGRAM ARE TAKING THEIR PLACE IN THE SKIES

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Tourism, Civil Aviation Cabin Services Program continues to train qualified professionals for the aviation industry. Equipped with the knowledge and skills gained during their studies, graduates enjoy strong advantages in recruitment processes and pursue careers at various national and international airlines, including Turkish Airlines, Pegasus Airlines, and Qatar Airways. In this context, the recent employment of more than 10 graduates from the EMU Civil Aviation Cabin Services Program by Pegasus Airlines serves as a notable example of the program's success in preparing students for employment in the aviation sector.

Graduates of the program, who are trained as well-equipped, disciplined individuals with strong communication skills, complete their education ready to enter the aviation industry with confidence. Through the comprehensive training they receive in areas such as flight safety and emergency procedures, passenger services, teamwork, crisis management, and international aviation regulations, they acquire the professional competencies required by the sector. These qualifications not only enable graduates to stand out during recruitment processes, but also facilitate their employment opportunities across different airline companies.

With their friendly attitudes, professional conduct, and dedication to excellence in service, graduates quickly make a positive impression within the airlines they join. The appreciation and positive feedback they receive serve as a source of pride for both Eastern Mediterranean University and their families. Carrying significant responsibilities in the skies, graduates of the EMU Civil Aviation Cabin Services Program successfully showcase the university's educational excellence and quality standards.

### “EMU Graduates Stand Out in Recruitment Processes”

EMU graduates Melisa Demir, Ariana Aktaş, Yunus Emre Derebent, Yalçın Güççüik, İclal Fidan, Gözde Zeyrek, Sude Güney, Narin Sevim, Funda Aktaş, Sultan Sütçüoğlu and Eda Ezer stated that they began their professional life with confidence thanks to the education they acquired at EMU. Expressing their satisfaction with being EMU graduates, they noted that the theoretical knowledge and practical experience they gained in areas such as aviation terminology, safety procedures, cabin security, customer relations, and teamwork provided them with a significant advantage during recruitment processes. The graduates also emphasized that simulation-supported courses and applications designed to reflect real flight environments played an important role in their professional preparation. They further highlighted that the education they received equipped them not only with a diploma, but also with a strong vision and professional competence.

### “Graduate Recruitments Are a Source of Pride”

EMU Civil Aviation and Cabin Services Program Coordinator and Specialist Aslı Akı emphasized that practical trainings received by the students during their studies play an important role in their professional development. Adding that practical courses and field-based applications help students prepare for the aviation industry in a more qualified and effective way, Akı stated that students are provided with experiences closely reflecting real working environments even before graduation. According to Akı, this practical background allows graduates to adapt more easily and rapidly to professional life once they enter the sector. She also stated that the recent feedback and recruitment information received from Pegasus Airlines regarding EMU graduates has been a source of pride.

Assist. Prof. Dr. İlkey Yorgancı, Acting Dean of EMU Faculty of Tourism, noted that they regularly update their Civil Aviation and Cabin Services Program in line with the sectoral needs. Assist. Prof. Dr. Yorgancı stated; “Our greatest priority is to ensure that our students graduate not only with theoretical knowledge, but also with a strong practice-oriented foundation. The fact that our graduates quickly find their place in the international aviation industry clearly demonstrates the high standards and quality of our program”.

### “We Aim to Educate Individuals Equipped with a Global Vision”

In his remarks, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç emphasized that the university aims to educate students not only academically, but also as individuals equipped with professional competence, self-confidence, and a global vision. Stating that the achievements of the graduates of the Civil Aviation Cabin Services Program in airline companies are a great source of pride, Prof. Dr. Kılıç said: “It is a great source of pride for us to see our Civil Aviation Cabin Services Program graduates successfully serving within airline companies. Our graduates represent EMU's international vision and commitment to quality in education in the best possible way. The professionalism, discipline, and people-oriented approach demonstrated by each of our graduates in the skies are the most concrete indicators of the strength of our university's education. We regard every achievement of our graduates as a new story of pride and sincerely believe that they will continue to advance in their careers with determination. The sky is their stage, and success is their signature. I wish our graduates continued and growing success in their professional journeys.”



## “SELF-CONCEPT” COMPREHENSIVELY DISCUSSED AT EMU 18<sup>TH</sup> PSYCHOLOGY DAYS



The 18th Psychology Days organized by Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Department of Psychology in collaboration with Psychology Students Club was held with the “Understanding the Self” theme on 6-7 May 2026 at Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall.

The opening ceremony of the event took place on Wednesday, 6 May 2026 at 9:00 a.m. with the participation of EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu and Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren, EMU General Secretary Derviş Ekşici, Dean of EMU Faculty of Arts and Sciences Prof. Dr. Mehmet Ali Özarslan, Vice Dean of EMU Faculty of Arts and Sciences Assist. Prof. Dr. Mehmet Bozer, Head of EMU Department of Psychology Prof. Dr. İlhan Raman, faculty members and students.

In his opening remarks, President of the EMU Psychology Students Club, Ömer Faruk Karademir, expressed their pride in hosting this year’s event under the theme “Understanding the Self”. Karademir emphasized that, although the organization process involved various challenges, it proved to be an extremely meaningful and instructive experience for the team. He thanked all those who contributed to the event, especially the club’s executive committee members and volunteer students. Karademir also touched upon the club’s newly launched magazine,

noting that it is intended to be published on a semester basis.

### “An Ever-Changing Structure”

Head of the EMU Department of Psychology, Prof. Dr. İlhan Raman, extended her thanks to all students and academic staff involved in the preparation of the event, noting that the dedication of club members and volunteer students played a vital role in the successful organization of the program. Stressing the significance of centering this year’s event on the concept of the “self,” Prof. Dr. Raman described the self as a dynamic structure that continuously transforms through individuals’ interactions with internal and external factors. She further stated that the theme holds strong relevance to the fields of social, clinical, and cognitive psychology, and conveyed his wishes for an insightful, productive, and scientifically rewarding event for all participants.

### “A Significant Discipline Addressing Human Experience through Diverse Perspectives”

Delivering a speech at the event, Dean of the EMU Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Prof. Dr. Mehmet Ali Özarslan, emphasized that psychology is a vital discipline that approaches human experience from multiple perspectives. Pointing out the strong academic staff and broad areas of study of the Department of Psychology, Prof. Dr. Özarslan stated that events of this

nature play an important role in supporting students’ academic and career development. He noted that the presentations, discussions, and interactive sessions held throughout the program would help participants gain fresh insights and broaden their perspectives. Stressing that Psychology Days has evolved into a well-rooted tradition over the years, Prof. Dr. Özarslan added that the continuity of the event is a reflection of the department’s strong academic foundation and institutional experience.

### “To Be Explored Through Individual and Social Dimensions”

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç underlined the importance of scientific and student-centered activities organized within the university environment. Noting that student clubs play a valuable role not only in academic development but also in supporting students’ social, cultural, and personal growth, Prof. Dr. Kılıç described the uninterrupted continuation of Psychology Days for 18 years as a significant accomplishment. Speaking about this year’s theme, “Understanding the Self,” he stated that the topic would be examined from both individual and social dimensions. Prof. Dr. Kılıç also emphasized that the sessions, featuring contributions from distinguished experts in the field, would greatly enrich the event. He added that the comprehensive program would enable participants to gain new insights and broader perspectives, and concluded by congratulating



the academics and students involved in the organization while wishing all attendees a fruitful and inspiring event experience.

#### Academic Presentations and Social Activities held Together

Following the opening addresses, the academic sessions began with a presentation titled "The Construction of the Self" delivered by academic staff member Dr. Onur İyilikci. Throughout the day, participants had the opportunity to attend a variety of presentations, including "Self within Acceptance and Commitment Therapy" by Prof. Dr. Nuno Ferreira and "The Concept of Self in Art" by Specialist Psychologist Şimay Erdemirci. The program also featured an internship presentation coordinated by Assist. Prof. Dr. Akile Berfu Zorba within the scope of the 18th Psychology Days, enabling students to share insights from their field experiences.

The event later continued with a screening and analysis of the film *Dark City*, conducted

under the guidance of Assist. Prof. Dr. Burcu Kaya Kızılöz and Assist. Prof. Dr. Deniz Atalar. Alongside the film session, participants also took part in a mask-painting workshop and an informal coffee discussion on graduate school applications. During the remainder of the program, Specialist Psychologist Neslin İyilikci delivered a presentation titled "The Self: The Internalized Memory of Relationships," while Specialist Psychologist Şimay Erdemirci presented her work focusing on the concept of self in art.

#### Academic Presentations Continued

The second day of the event opened with Prof. Dr. Nebi Sümer's presentation titled "How and Why Self-Esteem Transforms into Narcissism?". The program then proceeded with sessions delivered by Prof. Dr. Ayşecan Boduroğlu and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Deniz Tahiroğlu on "Identity Fragmentation within Collective Memory Networks", followed by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Deniz Tahiroğlu's presentation titled "Real and Imaginary Relationships: Understanding Other Minds."

Additional sessions included "Identity Differentiation in Collective Memory Networks" by Prof. Dr. Ayşecan Boduroğlu, "The Construction of the Self" by Assist. Prof. Dr. Onur İyilikci, "The Self as the Internalized Memory of Relationships" by Nesrin İyilikci, "How and Why Did Self-Esteem Transform into Narcissism?" by Prof. Dr. Nebi Sümer, and "Real and Imaginary Relationships: Understanding Other Minds" by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Deniz Tahiroğlu. In addition to the academic presentations, the program included coffee talks focusing on graduate applications, interactive quiz activities, and poster presentation sessions.

Supported by conferences, workshops, film screenings, and interactive sessions throughout the two-day program, the 18th Psychology Days provided participants with the opportunity to explore the concept of self through various disciplines and perspectives, contributing to both their academic and personal development.



## 23 APRIL EVENT ORGANIZED BY EMU-CIC AND CAESAR PROJECT

As part of the 23 April National Sovereignty and Children's Day celebrations, Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Community Involvement Center (CIC) and Caesar Project collaborated to organize a colorful and meaningful event for children. Held for the children residing at the SOS Children's Village Association, the organization made the spirit and joy of the national holiday even more memorable and special.

The event was attended by representatives, social workers, instructors and SOS mothers from the SOS Children's Village Association, as well as members of the EMU-CIC. Extending beyond the participation of children residing at the SOS Children's Village, the event also achieved an international atmosphere with the involvement of children from different countries and cultural backgrounds.

Designed around a Disney-inspired concept, the event provided children with a joyful experience through fairy tale readings, performances featuring Disney characters, clown shows, balloon activities, and a live concert. Children spent the day enjoying various play areas while also engaging in social interaction and shared activities with one another.

Within the scope of the organization, Jack Afik, representative of Caesar Project, came together with officials and educators from the SOS Children's Village Association to exchange views regarding the event. Emphasizing his satisfaction with the enthusiastic participation of the children and the positive atmosphere throughout the day, Afik stated that similar social responsibility initiatives would continue in the future.

In her statement following the event, EMU-CIC Chairperson Asist. Prof. Dr. Nazenin Ruso Kandemir expressed pride in being involved in such meaningful collaborations as a center. Asist. Prof. Dr. Kandemir also conveyed her appreciation to all contributors who supported the organization of the event, especially Afik Group.



## SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY PROJECTS

### FROM EMU PUBLIC RELATIONS AND ADVERTISING DEPARTMENT STUDENTS

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Communication, Public Relations and Advertising Department final year students, through the collaboration of EMU Community Involvement Center (CIC), realized social responsibility projects as part of Graduation Project (HIRE404) course. Conducted under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Anil Kemal Kaya, Chair of the Department of Public Relations and Advertising, the graduation projects resulted in two impactful social responsibility initiatives aimed at improving the welfare of animals while also supporting the social development of children.

#### Contribution to the Feeding and Care Needs of Shelter Animals

Within the scope of the first project, students organized a support initiative for the İskele Animal Shelter with the support of Noyanlar Group of Companies, HUB Property LTD, Mackenzi Bay, Zagidas, and Zella Property LTD. As part of the event, Public Relations and Advertising students Zelal Akın, Gökhan Noyan, Aysel Lara Gülüm, and Veli Can Öztürk supported the feeding and general care needs of the animals living at the shelter. As part of the project, wet food support was provided to support the animals' nutritional needs, while assistance was also offered for the sterilization process of 10 animals requiring urgent neutering procedures. Through the initiative, the students aimed both to improve the living conditions of the animals and to help prevent uncontrolled reproduction.



#### Support to the SOS Children's Village Association

The second project was organized at the SOS Children's Village Association as part of the 23 April National Sovereignty and Children's Day celebrations, with the sponsorship of Seren Süt ve Süt Ürünleri and the support of Cemil Hafız and Şenay Bozkurt. The event, carried out by Public Relations and Advertising students İrmak Ocak, Ahmet Buğra Turgut, Enes Yıldız, and Banu Karagöz, included the establishment of a "ZIP ZIP" (trampoline) activity and play area for children, along with sales stands offering various products

throughout the day. All revenue generated during the event was donated to the association in support of social solidarity and community engagement.

Both projects highlighted that students guided by a sense of social responsibility can contribute to society not only by increasing awareness, but also by producing meaningful and concrete outcomes. Throughout the process, the students had the opportunity to gain firsthand experience regarding the value of creating sustainable and lasting social impact through social responsibility initiatives.

## “3<sup>RD</sup> INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL ON URBAN MORPHOLOGY” HELD AT EMU



“3rd International School on Urban Morphology (ISUM)” organized by Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Urban Research and Development Center (URDC) in collaboration with ISUF – International Seminar on Urban Form and CyNUM – Cyprus Network of Urban Morphology, was successfully held at EMU Faculty of Engineering. Hosting academics, researchers and students from different countries, the event served as an important international gathering on urban morphology.

Chosen from among 130 applicants, 35 young participants representing 22 countries — including 8 African, 6 Asian, 6 European, and 2 American nations — explored the city’s intricate urban morphology through conferences, fieldwork, discussions, and design-oriented explorations. The participants also developed proposals and ideas regarding the city’s future transformation.

The summer school, organized with the aim of enhancing international academic cooperation, received sponsorship support from the Deputy Prime Ministry, Ministry of Tourism, Culture, Youth and Environment of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, Famagusta Municipality, Cyprus Turkish Construction Contractors Association, DAÜ-SEN, and Cortado-Roots Cafe.

### “Extensive Research on the Future of Famagusta”

In her opening remarks, Prof. Dr. Şebnem Hoşkara, Chair of the EMU-URDC, expressed her satisfaction in welcoming participants to both Eastern Mediterranean University and Famagusta, emphasizing that hosting the event was a great privilege. Describing the program as a distinctive platform for exploring the urban fabric of Famagusta within its historical and geographical dimensions, Prof. Dr. Hoşkara stated that 35 students, selected from over 130 applications, would engage in detailed studies on urban morphology throughout a seven-day

program consisting seminars, field research, and studio-based activities. Prof. Dr. Hoşkara also noted that the event was realized through the confidence placed in EMU and URDC by the International Seminar on Urban Form (ISUF), together with the contributions of the academic staff, guest speakers, sponsoring organizations, and the EMU Rector’s Office. Emphasizing the importance of the participation of students from various countries, she thanked all attendees for contributing to the success of the program.

### “Universities Are Institutions That Contribute to the Cities They Are Part Of”

In his speech delivered afterwards, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç underlined the importance of hosting such a distinguished academic platform in Famagusta under the auspices of EMU. Prof. Dr. Kılıç remarked that Famagusta,

with its rich historical and spatial layers, represents a unique setting for examining the evolution and transformation of cities. He also emphasized that the program offers participants an extensive learning experience by combining theoretical knowledge with practical application. Stressing that universities serve not only as centers of knowledge production but also as institutions that actively contribute to the development of their cities, Prof. Dr. Kılıç stated that the program would foster critical thinking, interdisciplinary cooperation, and the development of new perspectives. He concluded by thanking the academics and students attending from various countries and wished all participants a fruitful week. During the opening ceremony of the 3rd International School on Urban Morphology (ISUM), Prof.





Vitor Oliveira, Chairperson of International Seminar on Urban Form (ISUF), Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nevter Zafer Cömert, Chairperson of CyNUM and Executive Board Member of the URDC, Onur Olguner, Chairperson of the Chamber of Architects under the Union of the Chambers of Cyprus Turkish Engineers and Architects (KTMMOB), and Laden Güvensoy, Chairperson of the Chamber of Landscape Architects, also delivered speeches and shared their views on the subject. In their remarks, they emphasized the significance of the event in terms of international interaction, the generation of academic knowledge, and its contributions to the city and the country.

#### Technical Field Trips, Seminars, and Studio Workshops

Throughout the seven-day international school program, participants took part in technical urban excursions as well as a series of informative seminars and presentations.

Among the presentations delivered during the program, Prof. Dr. Şebnem Hoşkara presented “Urban Form of Cypriot Cities & Urban History of Famagusta,” Dr. Esra Can Akbil addressed “Famagusta as a Fragmented City,” and Assist. Prof. Dr. Nezire Özgece contributed with the presentation titled “The (Incomplete) Port City Image of Famagusta”. During the second day sessions, Prof. Vitor Oliveira, Chairperson of the ISUF, delivered presentations on “Urban Morphology and the Historico-Geographical Approach” and “On New York’s Ground: Dense, Diverse and Sustainable.” Prof. Dr. Tolga Ünlü presented “Historico-geographical Approach: A Dialectical Method” and “Fringe Belts:



Development, Alienation and Morphological Cost.” In addition, Dr. Elda Ramiz discussed “Planning Strategies in Famagusta,” while Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nevter Zafer Cömert delivered a presentation titled “Theory of Morphological Regions.” On the third day of the program, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Aliaa AlSadaty contributed with the presentation “Interpreting Urban Forms: Intangible Aspects and Collective Memory in Shaping Cities,” while Dr. Mazyar Abee delivered “Urban Form Assessment; Morpho Method, Plan Units and Morphometrics.”

Throughout the program, the presentations offered students extensive knowledge on urban form, historical transformation processes, planning perspectives, and the methods utilized within urban morphology studies. Supported by technical field visits to various parts of Famagusta — especially the Walled City,

Varosha, and the Salamis Ruins — as well as intensive studio-based work, participants were able to strengthen their theoretical understanding through hands-on practice and on-site observation.

In addition, a technical excursion to Nicosia was organized within the scope of the event, providing participants with the opportunity to explore different urban textures and spatial characteristics in person. The program concluded with presentations in which students shared their analyses and proposals concerning Famagusta. Through this international organization, Famagusta once again emerged as a “living laboratory” for urban research, critical thinking, and collective urban imagination, while Eastern Mediterranean University reaffirmed its role as a university that actively contributes to both its city and the country.

# WORLD RENOWNED JOURNALIST AND EMU ALUMNA PLESTIA ALAQAQ MEETS WITH EMU STUDENTS



Plestia Alaqaq, a 2022 graduate of Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Communication, Department of New Media and Journalism, award-winning journalist and author met with EMU students as part of the "Career Talks" event series organized by EMU Student Development, Events and Sports Affairs Directorate. Recognized internationally for her reporting centered on war and human experiences, Alaqaq spoke to participants about her experiences in journalism, addressing topics such as media ethics, field-based storytelling, and the impact of digital media in shaping narratives. Said event took place on Monday, 4 May 2026 at 11:30 a.m. at Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall.

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, Famagusta Mayor Dr. Süleyman Uluçay, EMU Vicer Rectors Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu and Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren, Dean of EMU Faculty of Communication Prof. Dr. Metin Ersoy, Rectorate Coordinators, faculty members and many students attended the event.

### "Extremely Valuable in Terms of Journalism"

The opening remarks of the event were delivered by Prof. Dr. Metin Ersoy, Dean of the EMU Faculty of Communication. In his speech, Prof. Dr. Ersoy expressed the university's pride in welcoming Plestia Alaqaq, a graduate of EMU, and thanked her for accepting the invitation to meet with students and share her professional

experiences. Prof. Dr. Ersoy highlighted the importance of the reports and content Alaqaq shared from the field, particularly during the conflict that erupted in Gaza in 2023. He underlined that her ability to shed light on realities often absent from mainstream media coverage carries great importance for the field of journalism. Emphasizing the growing need for accurate information and trustworthy field reporting in the era of artificial intelligence, Prof. Dr. Ersoy stated that Alaqaq's commitment to documenting and revealing the truth, rather than remaining silent, offers meaningful inspiration to aspiring journalists. He concluded by expressing his hopes for a more peaceful world and extended his appreciation to Alaqaq for her contributions.

### "Alumni Are Among the Most Valuable Assets of Universities"

In her remarks, SEMU Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu highlighted that alumni represent one of the greatest strengths of universities. She noted that graduates carry the values they gain during their education into the wider world, strengthen the reputation of their universities, and establish a meaningful bridge between academic life and professional careers. Prof. Dr. Zorlu emphasized the significance of sustaining close relationships with alumni, stating that platforms fostering communication and cooperation both support graduates and provide motivation and inspiration for current students. She added that a well-established alumni network helps





universities become more united, stronger, and more prepared for future challenges. At the end of her speech, Prof. Dr. Zorlu expressed their pride in hosting such a distinguished graduate on campus once again.

#### “A Matter of Great Pride”

Also delivering a speech at the event, Famagusta Mayor Dr. Süleyman Uluçay stated that welcoming a graduate of EMU back to the university was both meaningful and a matter of great pride. Referring to the ongoing developments in Gaza, Dr. Uluçay noted that he has been following the situation with great sadness, emphasizing that wars affect societies not only physically and politically, but also through deep and lasting psychological impacts. Speaking from the perspective of someone who has personally witnessed the consequences of war in Cyprus, Dr. Uluçay underlined the importance of peace, dialogue, and constructive approaches in achieving lasting regional stability. He further stated that sustainable peace can only be established through cooperation and mutual understanding. Concluding his speech, Dr. Uluçay emphasized the importance of maintaining hope even in difficult times and expressed his wish for a more peaceful and stable future.

#### “A Valuable Platform Connecting Students with Distinguished Professionals”

In his remarks, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç described the “Career Talks” series as a significant initiative that brings students together with accomplished figures from different professional fields. He stated that, through its international environment and strong commitment to academic excellence, EMU seeks to foster critical thinking skills and a broader global outlook among its students. Prof. Dr. Kılıç also highlighted the international attention gained by Plestia Alaçad through her reporting centered on war and human experiences. He noted that her insights into journalistic ethics and the role of digital media would provide meaningful inspiration and guidance for students. At the

end of his speech, Prof. Dr. Kılıç underlined that truth and courage have the ability to create change in the world and stated that they were pleased to host Alaçad once again at EMU.

Following the opening remarks, Plestia Alaçad met with students in a discussion session moderated by EMU Digital and Strategic Marketing Office Coordinator Assist. Prof. Dr. Raziye Nevzat. Throughout the event, Alaçad spoke about her experiences in the field of journalism and shared observations from the regions where she has reported. Drawing particularly on her coverage from conflict zones and her focus on human-centered stories, she addressed issues related to journalistic ethics, the pursuit of accurate information, and the growing impact of digital media. In addition to responding to students’ questions, Alaçad shared inspiring reflections on her professional journey, offering participants valuable insights and broader perspectives on journalism. The event concluded with Hasan Kılıç presenting Alaçad with a silver plaque in appreciation of her contributions and participation.

#### A Visit to EMU Rector Prior to the Event

Prior to the event, Plestia Alaçad paid a courtesy visit to EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç in his office. The meeting was also attended by EMU Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren, EMU Faculty of Communication Dean Prof. Dr. Metin Ersoy, EMU Student Development, Events and Sports Affairs Director Cemal Kılıç, and EMU Digital and Strategic Marketing Office Coordinator Assist. Prof. Dr. Raziye Nevzat.

During the visit, Alaçad stated that she was very pleased and excited to return to EMU as a speaker, emphasizing that the education she received at the university had a significant impact on her professional journey. Prof. Dr. Kılıç, in turn, expressed their happiness at hosting a successful EMU graduate once again and noted that they have been proudly following Alaçad’s accomplishments. The visit concluded with an exchange of gifts, as Prof. Dr. Kılıç presented Alaçad with a gift unique to Cyprus and EMU, while Alaçad presented the Rector with a signed copy of her book “The Eyes of Gaza”.



## ARTLOVERS MET WITH BIZHAN BASSIRI AT EMU

Talk event featuring Bizhan Bassiri, one of the prominent figures in international contemporary arts, was held at Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Activity Center. The event organized by EMU Student Development, Events and Sports Affairs Directorate in collaboration with the Faculty of Architecture, was moderated by EMU Art Center's Chairperson Ümit İnatçı.

Held with significant participation, the event featured an interactive discussion by Bizhan Bassiri on his artistic philosophy and professional journey. During the event, Bassiri also offered reflections on his exhibition titled *Prince: Nottambulo del Pensiero Magmatico* ("Prince: Nocturnal Wanderer of Magmatic Thought"), curated by Chiara Squarcina and Bruno Corà and hosted at Museo Correr in Venice between 27 February 2026 and 22 November 2026. He further shared his views regarding the "Magmatic Thought".

As part of the discussion, Bizhan Bassiri's perspective on exhibition projects was approached not only in relation to his recent

artistic productions, but also through the enduring principles, rules, and elements that shape the poetic foundations of his aesthetic philosophy. In this regard, Bassiri described the exhibition held in Venice as a significant reflection of this artistic approach. The event also featured Bassiri's remarks on the "Prince" figure, an important component of his imaginary iconography that serves both as a witness and as an alter ego. He underlined that this figure functions as a prominent element welcoming visitors into the exhibition space.

Concluding the talk, Bizhan Bassiri spoke about the collection composed of portraits of ninety artists extending from the 15th to the 21st century, noting that the project represents his effort to establish an intellectual and aesthetic lineage with which he identifies. The event not only provided participants with an extensive insight into the depths of contemporary art, but also contributed significantly to EMU's international interaction and visibility in the fields of art and culture.



## "KAFKAS TEBEŞİR OYUNU" STAGED BY EMU THEATRE COMMUNITY IN COLLABORATION WITH CYPRUS TURKISH STATE THEATRES

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Theatre Community operating under the EMU Student Development, Events and Sports Affairs Directorate, staged the "Kafkas Tebeşir Dairesi / The Caucasian Chalk Circle" play within the scope of the event organized in collaboration with Cyprus Turkish State Theatres. Taking place at the Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center, the event was also attended by General Director for Cyprus Turkish State Theatres Nazım Çed.

Written by Bertolt Brecht, translated into Turkish by Yılmaz Onay, and staged under the direction of Halil Akarsu, the play stood out with its powerful exploration of justice. Centered on the experiences of the palace servant Grusha, who suddenly finds herself caught in an unexpected chain of events, the production presented the audience with compelling and thought-provoking scenes. The performance received significant acclaim from attendees, earning praise for both its acting and storytelling.

At the end of the program, EMU Theatre Community presented Nazım Çed a plaque.

Aimed to highlight the role of art in university life, the event supported students' cultural and artistic enrichment. EMU Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu noted that similar initiatives aimed at engaging students with art and culture will continue to be organized in the future.



# 16<sup>TH</sup> ART GATHERING HELD AT EMU WITH “PRODUCE, REPAIR, TRANSFORM” THEME

The 16th EMU Art Gathering events organized by Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Student Development, Events and Sports Affairs Directorate in collaboration with EMU Fine Arts Club was held under the project coordination of Club Instructor and Artist Ayhatun Ateşin. Taking place on 3–4 May 2026 with the theme “Produce, Repair, Transform,” the event featured workshops on ceramics and sculpture together with a sculpture firing activity carried out on-site. The program enabled participants to actively experience different stages of creative production.

Bringing together distinguished artists from various artistic disciplines, including Bahar Küçükkuşu, Evrim Ergün, İbrahim Yıldızbaş, Kaan Canduran, Kadir Sevim, Mert Kılınc, Sinem Akın Kılınc, Vafaollah Alması, and Vedia Okutan Gaydeler, the event offered participants a unique art experience.

### “An Important Platform Highlighting the Value of Collective Creativity”

Ayhatun Ateşin, instructor of the EMU Fine Arts Club, stated that art within university life is not merely an aesthetic field, but also a powerful common language that nurtures sharing, experience, solidarity, and cultural memory. Ateşin emphasized that the art gathering serves as an important platform that makes young people’s creativity visible, builds bridges between different disciplines, and highlights the value of collective production and collaboration.

### “Artistic Activities Will Continue to Expand and Contribute Lasting Value”

Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu expressed her gratitude to the participating artists and emphasized that such events bring vibrancy and richness to university life. Prof. Dr. Zorlu stated that artistic activities would continue through courses and practical workshops, allowing a greater number of students to

engage in and benefit from creative production processes, while also noting that student-oriented art activities would continue to increase. In her speech, Prof. Dr. Zorlu also thanked Ayhatun Ateşin, instructor of the Fine Arts Club who has dedicated many years to organizing artistic activities on campus. She highlighted that gatherings like this contribute significantly to the enrichment of campus life and support students in discovering and developing their creative abilities. Emphasizing the broader role of art, Prof. Dr. Zorlu described it as a lasting value that strengthens social connections and enriches the cultural memory of the university.

### “Various Stages of Artistic Production through Practical Applications were experienced”

As part of the event, participants attending the ceramic and sculpture workshops gained knowledge of basic techniques under the supervision of experienced artists while also having the chance to produce their own unique creations. Through direct interaction with materials, they experienced processes such as shaping, constructing forms, and adding surface details, allowing them to explore different phases of artistic production in a hands-on manner.

### “The Artwork Will Be Exhibited at the Open-Air Museum”

The sculpture firing activity organized as part of the EMU Art Gathering provided participants with the unique opportunity to observe the transformation of clay through fire. The sculpture produced and fired during the event will take its place at the Mediterranean Open-Air Museum with the collaboration and logistical contributions of the Lapta-Alsancak-Çamlıbel Municipality. To be positioned among the museum’s archaic sculptures, the artwork will remain as a lasting contribution to the cultural memory and artistic identity of the campus. Following the event, certificates of participation were presented to

the instructors who conducted the workshops and the artists who carried out the firing process by EMU Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu, and Student Development, Events and Sports Affairs Director Cemal Kılıç. The works produced within the scope of the 16th Art Gathering will be available for collection from the EMU Student Development, Events and Sports Affairs Directorate in the coming days.



## EMU BANKING AND FINANCE DEPARTMENT CHAIR ASSOC. PROF. DR. NİGAR TAŞPINAR: “FINANCIAL LITERACY TAKES SHAPE IN CHILDHOOD”

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Business and Economics Faculty, Banking and Finance Department Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nigar Taşpinar issued a statement titled “Have You Ever Talked about Money with Your Child?”, concerning financial literacy in children. The statement reads as follows:

“A study carried out by University of Cambridge indicates that children’s core attitudes and behaviors toward money are mostly formed by the age of seven. This finding highlights that financial education is not an issue that should be delayed until secondary school or university education. Long before children begin primary school, they start developing an understanding of what money is and how it should be used. Unless parents consciously guide this process, advertisements and social media step in to shape these perceptions with their own messages. In the economy of Northern Cyprus, where fluctuations in foreign exchange rates are quickly reflected in prices and consumption is largely import-driven, the importance of financial literacy becomes even more significant. Many adults learned how to manage money not through formal education, but through personal experiences such as receiving a first paycheck and struggling to balance expenses at the end of the month. Instead of allowing children to go through the same trial-and-error experience, we have the opportunity to provide them with guidance from a much earlier age. So, what practical steps can parents take?

Above all, it is essential to speak openly about money. In many households, financial matters are still treated as taboo, and children’s questions on the subject are often ignored or brushed aside. Yet even simple conversations such as, ‘Our electricity bill was higher this month; let’s think together about ways we can save,’ can help children develop an understanding of the economic realities within the household. Equally important is giving children a regular allowance and allowing them the freedom to decide how to use it without constant intervention. A child may spend money on something that parents consider unnecessary, but the disappointment experienced after quickly running out of money can provide one of the most valuable and lasting lessons about financial responsibility. Child development specialists also recommend the ‘three-jar method’ as a practical and effective tool. In this approach, one jar is allocated for daily spending, another for long-term savings, and a third for sharing or helping others. As children watch their savings gradually grow over time, the abstract idea of saving becomes a visible and tangible experience.

Financial literacy is, in fact, more of a thinking skill than merely a matter of money. A child who learns to save experiences delayed gratification; a child who sets spending priorities develops analytical thinking; and a child who manages an allowance learns to take responsibility. Parents do not need to be financial experts to help children acquire these skills. Choices made at the supermarket, savings



collected in a piggy bank, and family conversations around the dinner table such as ‘What should we be careful about this month?’ can each become valuable learning opportunities. Children internalize not what they are told, but what they experience. Every conscious step taken in this regard will lay the foundation for the financial decisions your child will make in the years ahead.”

## EMU RECTOR PROF. DR. HASAN KILIÇ CELEBRATES MOTHER’S DAY

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kiliç released a message on Mother’s Day that reads as follows:

“Mothers, whose presence gives us strength throughout every stage of our lives and whose love guides us along our journey, are the foundation of the family and among the most precious values of our society. Through their patience, selflessness, and endless devotion, they shape not only their children’s lives but also the future of the community. They stand as the most meaningful symbols of love, compassion, and unconditional support.

As the purest expression of lifelong love and devotion, motherhood represents the deepest form of patience and sacrifice. Mothers, who raise their children with compassion, prepare them for the future, and stand beside them unconditionally, are among the strongest sources of hope and inspiration in our lives.

The values our mothers provide become enduring sources of guidance throughout our lives. Their unconditional love, unwavering dedication, and invaluable contributions to our lives hold a special place that will always be remembered.

On this special day, I honor with longing and gratitude all mothers who have passed on, while also expressing my deepest sympathy to mothers who have experienced the pain of losing their children. With these thoughts, I warmly celebrate the Mother’s Day of all mothers.”



Yaşam boyu süren sevginin ve emeğin en güzel ifadesi olan annelik; sabrın ve fedakârlığın en anlamlı yansımasıdır. Tüm annelerimizin,

**Anneler Günü**  
*Kutlu Olsun*



Motherhood, embodying endless love and devotion throughout a lifetime, is the most meaningful reflection of patience and selflessness. I extend my heartfelt wishes to all mothers,

*Happy*  
**Mother's Day**

**Prof. Dr. Hasan KILIÇ**  
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## 2<sup>ND</sup> FUTSAL TOURNAMENT ORGANIZED AT EMU IN MEMORY OF ASSOC. PROF. DR. ARIF AKKELEŞ COMPLETED

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) organized “2nd Futsal Tournament” in memory of Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Department of Mathematics academic staff member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Arif Akkeleş who sadly passed away in 2024. Held in Lala Mustafa Paşa Sports Complex, the finals round of the tournament were played between Technical Affairs Directorate Team, EMU Crows, Sports Affairs Directorate Team and Security Affairs Team.

In the third-place match, the Security Affairs Team faced the Technical Affairs Team, while the final match featured a competition between the Sports Affairs Directorate Team and the EMU Crows Team. Following closely contested matches, EMU Crows claimed first place, the Sports Affairs Directorate Team finished second, the Security Team placed third, and the



Technical Affairs Team came fourth. The event was attended by EMU Board of Trustees (VYK) Member Özdiñ Akdel, EMU Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu, staff members from EMU Student Development, Events and Sports Affairs Directorate and the family members of late Assoc. Prof. Dr. Arif Akkeleş.

Following the matches, an award ceremony was held during which the winning teams received their awards from EMU VYK Member Özdiñ Akdel, EMU Vice Rector for Student Affairs Sonuç Zorlu, staff members of EMU Student Development, Events and Sports Affairs Directorate, and the family of Akkeleş.

## SUDAN TEAM BECOMES THE CHAMPION OF THE BASKETBALL CUP OF NATIONS TOURNAMENT AT EMU

Organized annually by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Student Development, Events and Sports Affairs Directorate, this year’s “Basketball Cup on Nations” tournament was held with the participation of 10 teams: Sudan, Uganda, England, Türkiye, Kazakhstan, Gambia, Kenya, Libta, Eswatini and Nigeria. The tournament concluded with the final matches held in previous days. Of the four teams that reached the final round, the Sudan Team claimed the championship title. The Türkiye Team secured second place, followed by the Nigeria Team in third place and the Uganda Team in fourth place.

### Awards Presented

Following the final matches, an award ceremony was held during which the teams placing in the top four were presented with medals, while the top three teams were awarded trophies. Within the scope of the tournament, the Fair Play Team Award was presented to



the Uganda Team. Athletes who stood out through their individual performances were also honored with various awards. Ulaş Ömer received the Most Valuable Player (MVP) Award, the Slam Dunk Award was presented to Kemal Arda Sezgin, and the Three-Point Shooting Award was given to Antony Emanuel. Gifts were presented to the athletes who

ranked in these respective categories. The awards were presented to ranking teams and athletes by EMU Board of Trustees (VYK) Member Özdiñ Akdel, EMU Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu, Student Development, Events and Sports Affairs Director Cemal Kılıç, and personnel members of the directorate.

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