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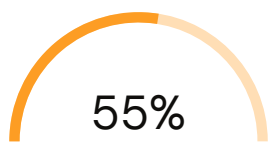


More than half of the world's population now live in urban areas. By 2050, that figure will have risen to 6.5 billion people – two-thirds of all humanity. Sustainable development cannot be achieved without significantly transforming the way we build and manage our urban spaces.

The rapid growth of cities in the developing world, coupled with increasing rural to urban migration, has led to a boom in mega-cities. In 1990, there were ten mega-cities with 10 million inhabitants or more. In 2014, there were 28 mega-cities, home to a total 453 million people. Extreme poverty is often concentrated in urban spaces, and national and city governments struggle to accommodate the rising population in these areas. Making cities safe and sustainable means ensuring access to safe and affordable housing, and upgrading slum settlements. It also involves investment in public transport, creating green public spaces, and improving urban planning and management in a way that is both participatory and inclusive.

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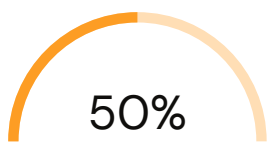
people living in the city live in slum areas



proportion of the world's population living in cities



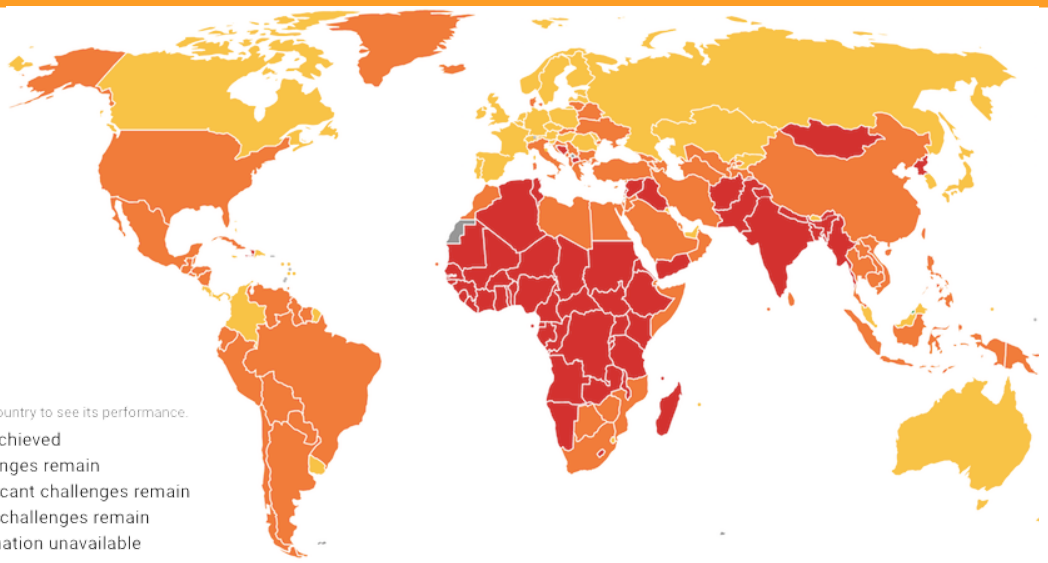
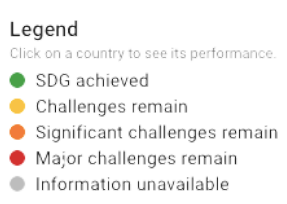
less than 20% of the total area of 3 out of every 4 cities is public space and street space.



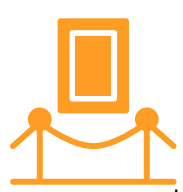
of urban residents globally had easy access to public transportation in 2022

126
COUNTRIES

reported that their local governments have a disaster risk reduction strategy



3
BROWNFIELDS
used with different functions after renovation



public access to exhibition spaces or galleries

401-600
Sustainable Cities and Communities
2023 Rank in



15+
PERFORMANCES
by bands and theater clubs open to general public



sustainable practices in campus transportation - electric scooters

Support of Arts and Heritage

Public Access to University Buildings, Green Spaces, and Libraries

Our university buildings and green spaces are open to public access for visitors who must first register at the security gates, after which they can freely go around the campus areas, attend our free public events, spend quality time in our cafeterias and green spaces, and enjoy access to the resources in our libraries.

Our libraries and library resources are open to the use of the students of local schools through institutional protocols.

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11,500+
STUDENTS
from local schools were
allowed to use our libraries
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As our central library opened in our Göztepe North Campus in 2020, İstanbul Medeniyet University Ziraat Bank Library is the largest university library in Turkey which was designed to serve 7/24 with all the amenities required by modern librarianship and when it reaches its full capacity, it can house 3000 simultaneous users. IMU Ziraat Bank Central Library was opened to the use of **external researchers and students** in 2022. With this opportunity, 5,212,421 resources in our library have become accessible to the public.



IMU Ziraat Bank Library

In addition to the resources in our libraries, students of local schools can also use our campus facilities, as well as our educational facilities such as laboratories and conference halls thanks to our collaboration protocols. In this context, our University signed protocols for collaboration in education with Haydarpasha Vocational and Technical Anatolian High School, İTO Şehit

Ragıp Ali Bilgen Anatolian Imam Hatip High School, Kartal Mehmet Akif Ersoy Anatolian Imam Hatip High School, and Ümraniye Nevzat Ayaz Anatolian High School.

Arts and Heritage Contribution and Public Access to Museums, Galleries or Works of Art

As a public university in the heart of one of the largest metropolises in the world, İstanbul Medeniyet University is fully aware of our pivotal role in strengthening the ties of our urban community to arts and heritage through various channels: by including artistic designs in our building designs by teaching arts and offering a free and creative environment for artists, by organizing and hosting art events and exhibiting works of art, and by providing free public access to our art events and exhibition spaces. We have the Departments of Turkish Music, Visual Communication Design, and Art History that offer training in arts. In 2022, we spent TRY 1,137,000 on activities related to arts and heritage.

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EXPENDITURE
for the activities related to
arts and heritage in 2022
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During the pandemic, the faculty members of IMU Visual Communication Design Department at IMU Faculty of Arts, Design and Architecture created **artimu**, a digital platform for art exhibitions both to contribute to local art and the cultural heritage and to help people maintain their ties with art in the pandemic environment. In 2022, as the effects of the pandemic subsided, artimu began to include physical exhibitions in its online exhibitions. In the exhibitions open to international participation, artworks from various art and design areas from photography, painting, video, graphic design to illustration, animation, and ceramics have come together.

While artimu held 4 online exhibitions in 2022: **boredom**, **music**, **istanbul** and **journey**, they also held a physical exhibition called **Deka'dans**. The Deka'dans exhibition, which was opened at İstanbul Medeniyet University, was later exhibited at Sakarya University, Valencia Marina and Zaragoza University.

Various performances in the form of concerts and theater performances are held in our university every year by our bands and music and theater clubs as open-to-public events. In 2022, more than 15 annual performances were organized. Below is a list of the annual performances held in our university in 2022:

Musical Performances/Concerts

1. **"Meşk"** Concert on March 29, 2022 by Turgut Özüfler
2. **Music Concert** as part of the "Nursing Week Event" on May 12, 2022
3. **Summer Fest** on May 27, 2022 by IMU Music Club
4. **"Sıra Night"** on 02 June, 2022 by IMU Young Office
5. **Graduation Concert** on June 08, 2022 by Turkish Music Department Students
6. **Students Concert** on June 09, 2022 by Turkish Music Department Students
7. **"Dem" Concert** on June 13, 2022 by Turkish Music Department
8. **Students Concert** on June 15, 2022 by Turkish Music Department Students
9. **Students Concert** on June 16, 2022 by Turkish Music Department Students
10. **"Bir Demet Türkü"** Concert on October 04, 2022 by Dr. Seval EROĞLU
11. **Ney Performance** as part of the "Civilization and Music" series on October, 2022 by faculty member of the Turkish Music Department
12. **TÖMER Opening Concert** on November 16, 2022 by Turkish Music Department Faculty Members
13. **"Music Festival"** on December 14, 2022 by Development and Art Club

Theater/Drama Performances

1. Drama Show as part of **"I'm Learning How to Avoid COVID-19 Disease with Drama"** project on January 19, 2022 by Department of Nursing
2. Drama Show as part of **"I Am Aware of Technology Addiction"** project on January 19, 2022 by Department of Nursing
3. **Drama Show** as part of the "Nursing Week Event" on May 12, 2022
4. **"İstiklal Road"** Play on June 01, 2022 by IMU Theater Club
5. **"Fehim Pasha Mansion"** Play on June 03, 2022 by IMU Theater Club
6. Theater performance for **"Acquisition of Conflict Resolution Skills"** on October 28, 2022 by Department of Nursing
7. Theater performance for **"Raising Disaster Knowledge and Awareness against Crises"** on October 28, 2022 by Department of Nursing
8. **Dance Show** on December 20, 2022 by IMU Modern Dance Club



In addition to organizing several public performances/ events in our university, we also support our students' participation in many art activities outside the campus to contribute to their cultural and artistic development.

For, instance, on February 22, 2022, Law Club visited Cultural Heritage Exhibited in the Painting Museum. The tour started with the Painting Museum of National Palaces which hosts the important works of our cultural heritage. In the museum which has around 30 halls, the exhibition of the art works brought to the country during the Ottoman Empire and also the pieces made upon the Sultans' requests were viewed. The second part of the tour was the visit to Beltaş, which operates within Beşiktaş Municipality and hosts many art exhibitions as well as social activities.



"Art Movements Workshop"



Teoman Duralı Philosophical Studies Club, one of the student groups of our university, organized a cultural and art trip called "Art Movements Workshop" to Istanbul Painting and Sculpture Museum on May 18, 2022. The purpose of the tour, which was carried out with the participation of the club members, was to see and examine the art movements in a practical way in the museums of our city that play an important role in the preservation of cultural heritage. Within the scope of the trip, under the guidance of club advisor Prof.Dr. Oktay TAFTALI from the Department of Philosophy, the beginning of art movements and modern art movements were examined.

Sustainable Practices

Promotion of Sustainable Commuting

IMU promotes the use of shuttle buses and public transport for more sustainable commuting for the campus community, aiming to reduce transport-related carbon emissions.

Free shuttle service is provided by the university for its administrative staff members twice a day for their daily commute to and from home. In 2022, shuttle service was provided for 7 different routes and 180 administrative staff members from IMU used it for commuting between work and home. The number of personnel using shuttles to commute to work increased by 48% compared to the previous year. Our academic staff members can use their institutional ID cards to buy discounted fares on the public transport services of the municipality. All our campus areas are centrally located and are close to public transport hubs and as an institution, we promote using public transport services as a responsible and sustainable choice of transport for all our students, staff, and visitors.

180
ADMINISTRATIVE
STAFF
used free shuttle

Istanbul Medeniyet University also encourages sustainable transportation options for on-campus transportation. In this context, within the scope of the "Zero Emission on Campus" project, 6 electric scooters were purchased in 2022 to reduce carbon emissions caused by the transportation of our administrative staff within the campus. Thus, a significant contribution was made to providing transportation that is more environmentally friendly and uses clean energy.



Electric Scooters for on-campus Transportation



Affordable Housing for Students

Medeniyet Female Student Dorm which is in close distance to IMU Cevizli Campus is owned by the University and run by a private enterprise. Our dormitory supports all university students in İstanbul to access to affordable housing and our students are given an extra discount of 15% in our dormitory. As İstanbul Medeniyet University, we attach importance to providing our students with affordable housing choices and in the near future, we are planning with KYK to build a large dormitory in our Göztepe campus area.

Building on Brownfield Sites

In our campus planning, IMU attaches importance to reusing older buildings within the campus area in order to reduce carbon emissions from transport and construction and the amount of demolition waste in addition to demolition and construction costs and to prevent environmental damage. After disaster risk assessments are conducted for the existing buildings inside the campus, initiatives are taken to reuse those buildings whose safety is ascertained and that are not past their economic life in accordance with the university's needs.

In this context, **Block K** located within our Göztepe North Campus area, which had previously been used by a firm and was later transferred to our university's ownership, was converted from a commercial unit into an educational building housing offices, classrooms, and laboratories in line with the needs of our university. As part of the renovation work carried out by our Department of Construction and Maintenance, the interior space of the building was re-partitioned to be used as classrooms, a library and conference hall was designed within the building, and a research laboratory was established on floor -1. Once all the installation works were completed for the refunctioning of the building, it was brought into service in 2017.

We also renovated **the older hangar building** in our Göztepe North Campus area, which was taken over from the State Supply Office (DMO). The building was used by our university as a warehouse in 2020 and was later renovated by our Department of Construction and Maintenance. The building was partially converted into our campus kitchen where the daily meals for our students, staff, and guests are cooked. To convert the building from a warehouse to a kitchen, partitioning, wet floor, and installation arrangements were made and ventilation systems were installed. The arrangements were followed by inspections by the Ministry of Health to obtain approval for the building's reuse as a campus kitchen, which was brought into service in early 2021.



IMU Campus Kitchen

In addition, a building in Orhanlı Campus area which had previously been used for educational purposes was renovated following a tender made in 2017 and refunctioned as a dental hospital. The renovation work in the building involved spatial arrangements as needed by a dental hospital such as dentist's rooms, x-ray rooms, and operating rooms and the installations were made as required by the new functions of the building. Following the inspection and approval of the Ministry of Health, the building was put into service in 2021 as **Istanbul Medeniyet University Dental Hospital**.



Istanbul Medeniyet University Dental Hospital



Istanbul Medeniyet University collaborates with numerous public institutions, research institutions, universities, local schools, and NGOs toward numerous goals that would help us achieve the objective of making cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable; making our university more sustainable with our practices and support arts and heritage both in and out of our campus areas.

Public Access

Our University signed protocols for collaboration in education with local schools to lead their education process and research. Thanks to these protocols, students of local schools can use our campus facilities and the resources in our library, as well as our educational facilities such as laboratories and conference halls.

In addition to local schools, we share our campus areas and classrooms with certain universities for their examinations. In this context, Atatürk University, Ankara Hacı Bayram Veli University Continuing Education Application and Research Center, and Istanbul University Faculty of Open and Distance Education have signed collaboration protocols with IMU on the planning and administering of their central exams to be held in the Anatolian side of Istanbul. In the context of these protocols, we share our classrooms with these partner institutions and offer them for students' use in the exams so that everyone can have access to affordable higher education services through open learning and distance education programs.

As Istanbul Medeniyet University, we give public access to our research laboratories to lead research activities. In this context, our university's Science and Advanced Technologies Research Center (IMU BILTAM) houses 7 service laboratories that offer analysis, measurement, imaging, and equipment services for all researchers in addition to our own staff and students. Institutions or researchers can fill in a request form to have their analyses made; to perform their own analyses using the devices and

41 pieces of equipment provided or to attend the analyses performed as observers. In addition, Istanbul Medeniyet University Laboratory Animal Facility (DEHAL), which has been licensed by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry in the fields of research, breeding, use and procurement, provides high quality in vivo research infrastructure to academia and R&D institutions within the framework of legislation and ethical principles.

Record and Preserve Cultural Heritage

One of our professors, **Prof.Dr. Kadir PEKTAŞ** from IMU Department of Art History is a member of **UNESCO Turkey National Commission**. Prof.Dr. Kadir PEKTAŞ is also a member of the Istanbul Cultural and Natural Heritage Conservation Board No 1, Superior Council for the Conservation of Cultural Property, and Director of Archaeological Fieldwork for Beğın and Fethiye Castles.

Intangible Cultural Heritage

Our Youth Office which carries out educational, social, cultural, sports, and artistic activities in our campuses, delivered projects to record and preserve intangible Turkish cultural heritage included in UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage List of Humanity. Among the events organized by IMU Youth Office in 2022 to record and preserve our intangible cultural heritage were a workshop on **Turkish paper marbling art** on 14 May 2022 and a traditional **Turkish Sıra Night** participated by the members of our campus community on 22 June 2022.



Intangible Cultural Heritage Educations in Youth Office

14 May 2022



Asst.Prof.Dr. Ahmet TAK from IMU Sociology Department published a book chapter titled **"Modern Turkish Culture and Tea"**. In the chapter, TAK evaluates the tea culture, which is included in Turkey's intangible cultural heritage list and also included in the "Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity" list by UNESCO in 2022, in the context of modern Turkish culture. Regarding the social and cultural functions of tea within Turkish society, TAK portrays tea as a gastronomic revolution with strong social and cultural dimensions that has garnered substantial public support. He emphasizes that tea has significantly influenced both our taste preferences and sociability.

Tangible Cultural Heritage

Prof.Dr. Kadir PEKTAŞ from the Department of Art History conducted two excavation works in Milas and Fethiye districts. He led archaeological excavations in the **ancient city of Beçin** in the Milas district of Muğla, which once was the capital of the Menteşeoğlu Principality and one of the important centers in the settlement of the Turkish-Islamic period and is now on the UNESCO World Heritage Tentative List with the cooperation of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism, Istanbul Medeniyet University, and the Turkish Historical Society. This region, which was called Caria in the ancient period, came under the rule of Menteşe Principality after 1261. In Beçin, the administrative center of the Menteşe Principality, there are about 20 historical buildings in partially intact condition. Beçin, which was included in the World Heritage Tentative List by UNESCO in 2012, is among the very few cities in Anatolia that were founded by the Turks and survived until today.

Prof.Dr. Kadir PEKTAŞ also led excavations in **Fethiye Castle**, which is located in Fethiye District of Muğla, with the collaboration of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism, General Directorate of Cultural Heritage and Museums and Istanbul Medeniyet University. In the castle, cleaning works and rescue excavations are carried out for the recording and protection of cultural heritage. PEKTAŞ said that besides scientific excavation and research of Fethiye Castle, which is located in the district center, it is aimed to open the artifact to tourism. PEKTAŞ stated that the works for the cleaning of the interior spaces, forward-looking landscaping and restoration projects are continuing, and added that with the project to be prepared after the works, the castle will be a more perceptible and navigable place.



Fethiye Castle Excavations
Led by Prof.Dr.Kadir PEKTAŞ

As Istanbul Medeniyet University, we not only lead the society by carrying out activities to achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at the institutional level and but also guide how the SDGs are applied at local, national, and international levels as a community through our collaboration efforts and support solving of problems through our research projects.

IMU collaborated with Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure and Türksat A.Ş. within the scope of supporting the **"Smart Transportation Index"** project led by Prof.Dr. Lütfi SUNAR, our faculty member at the Department of Sociology. In this project, the transportation indices of 23 metropolitan cities in Turkey were evaluated comparatively across 30 indicators on 9 different axes. In the project, smart transportation systems in these cities and their reflections on urban life were measured through statistical data.



Beçin Castle Excavations Led by Prof.Dr.Kadir PEKTAŞ

Collaborations on Sustainable Cities, Communities and Arts

In addition to our collaborations with local schools for public access, we have also signed protocols with the following institutions for social and cultural collaboration: **Istanbul Provincial Directorate for National Education** and local schools including **Haydarpaşa Vocational and Technical Anatolian High School**, **Kadıköy Ahmet Sani Gezici Anatolian Imam Hatip High School for Girls**, **Kadıköy Anatolian Imam Hatip High School for Girls**, **Kandilli High School for Girls**, **Ümraniye Nevzat Ayaz Anatolian High School** and **Sultanbeyli Nilüfer Hatun Anatolian Imam Hatip High School for Girls**.

“**6,885+**
STUDENTS

from local schools were supported with cultural and social education and activities”

IMU signed a sponsorship agreement with **Ziraat Bank** to build a university library that can house one million volumes to be used by all researchers. Our central library will serve 7/24 and can house 3000 simultaneous users.



IMU Ziraat Bank Library

IMU has signed collaboration protocols with the **Gifted and Genius Children Education Foundation of Turkey** (TÜZDEV), **the Happy Family Happy Child Association**, **Istanbul Family Foundation**, and **Istanbul Volunteer Educators Association** (İGEDER) on carrying out cultural and social educational activities, events, symposia, projects, and internship programs and applications.

Istanbul Anatolian Chief Public Prosecutor's Office Probation Directorate signed a collaboration protocol with IMU in fields such as education, research, consultancy and project design and also concerning the performance of various activities including organizing educational, social, cultural, and sports activities aiming to increase the motivation and productivity among the institution's staff and to ensure that the convicts can make the best use of their time in the institution by acquiring the knowledge and skills required for their social rehabilitation.

The Youth and Volunteering Cooperation Protocol was signed between Istanbul Medeniyet University and the **Ministry of Youth and Sports of Turkey** and as part of the protocol, a **Youth Office** was created in 2020 to carry out social, cultural, artistic, sports, and educational activities in our university campuses. Through IMU Youth Office located in our Göztepe North Campus, our students and student clubs can receive consulting about their volunteering projects from the representatives of the Ministry of Youth and Sports and the projects that are deemed eligible are given funding. In IMU Youth Office, our students and clubs can also organize and carry out events and activities and are provided with project training, free cultural trips, workshops, and other artistic, cultural and sports activities.

In 2022, our Youth Office also delivered numerous projects such as **paper marbling workshops** and **Sira Night** events, to record and preserve intangible Turkish cultural heritage included in UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage List of Humanity and teach Turkish culture and its heritage to our students.



Sira Night Event

IMU signed collaboration protocol in arts with **Gaziosmanpaşa Municipality**. Within the scope of the protocols, our University will contribute to artistic and academic studies, which will facilitate the social and cultural development of the people living in these districts of Istanbul. In addition, our university will organize preparatory exams for those students who would like to take aptitude tests in order to attend college.



Collaboration Protocol
in Arts with Gaziosmanpaşa Municipality

IMU cooperated with the **IMM Fire Department** to reduce disaster risks within the campus area. Thanks to this cooperation, our University's fire teams were given theoretical and practical training by the Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality Fire Department. During the training, theoretical information and statistical data about fire were presented to the participants. Fire classes and extinguishing methods of these fires were mentioned. The importance of personnel training and drills on disaster risk reduction was emphasized. After the theoretical training, the participants were shown practically how to intervene in a fire.



Fire Teams Training

Kartal Provincial Directorate of National Education signed a collaboration protocol with IMU concerning education, research, and development among academic staff, administrators, teachers, and students. In 2022, within the scope of this protocol, our Department of Nursing member Assoc.Prof.Dr. Rujnan TUNA carried out a project titled **"Raising Disaster Knowledge and Awareness against Crises through Theater"** with the aim of determining the level of knowledge and awareness of school-age children about disasters that cause crises and increasing the level of disaster knowledge and awareness for disaster risk reduction with the training program to be carried out through theater. The importance of what to do and what not to do during disasters such as earthquakes, fires and floods, providing general information about disasters and things to be considered in other disaster situations were among the themes of the program.



Raising Disaster Knowledge and Awareness
Against Crises through Theater

IMU partnered with different organizations from England, Slovenia, Netherlands, Romania and Turkey for the **"Journeys-Empowerment through Exploration of Cultural Heritage"** Erasmus+ project which aims to develop the knowledge and skills of educators and managers of youth-related organizations about the diaspora (immigrants and refugees) living in Europe as a part of Europe's cultural heritage. Assoc.Prof.Dr. Semra AKTAŞ POLAT, Dr. Eren SEZGEN, Dr. Bahar TÜRKAY and Res.Asst. Gamze YORULMAZER, our Tourism faculty members, attended the meetings and training held in Amsterdam. A city tour was made in the different regions where the meeting was held, and museums, creative art studios, exhibitions, restaurants and cultural heritage items were visited.

IMU cooperated with **TCDD** for the project titled "Towards a Multi-Sensory and Inclusive Museum for Individuals with Sensory Disabilities (ToMiMEU)" project, which is also supported by the EU, to discuss the activities aiming to create inclusive museums that serve people from all social strata and to identify potential contribution of universities to this goal. This project aimed to ensure that individuals with special needs have access to local art and cultural heritage through museums. With the project, inclusive museum designs were made that individuals with special needs can easily access and experience. Also a conference was held on March 26, 2022 in Göztepe South Campus Aşık Paşa Conference Hall to share the results of the project with the participation of project partners from Hungary, Romania, Serbia and Greece. At the conference, as the project coordinator of our university, Asst.Prof.Dr. Emine AYYILDIZ talked about the purpose of the ToMiMEUs project, the activities carried out with partner countries, and the project outputs, while Asst.Prof.Dr. Işık KAMARAJ of Marmara University Atatürk Education Faculty delivered a speech titled "Museums as Learning Environments" accompanied by a hands-on activity to assess museums' contribution to local art and heritage. During the project, integrative learning activities were organized by our university department members for visually impaired and disabled children between the ages of 6-12.

ERİŞİLEBİLİR VE KAPSAYICI MÜZELERE DOĞRU KONFERANSI

26 Mart 2022, Cumartesi
09:30
İMU, Göztepe Güney Kampüsü
Aşık Paşa Konferans Salonu

Towards Accessible and Inclusive Museums Conference

In addition to our operational efforts, we, as a university, also see our students as leaders of the future. Therefore, we aim for each and every one of our students to become leaders in the society in implementing sustainable development goals through their research and social responsibility projects and thus, support them in their efforts to make cities more inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable.

Istanbul Medeniyet University Art History Club has become a **Club for UNESCO** after successfully completing the process, which they started with the initiative of Res.Asst. Yasin SAYGILI, the club's advisor from the Art History Department. The organizations with which UNESCO, an important international organization in the protection of World Cultural Heritage, cooperates at local level and carries out joint activities and projects are known as Clubs for UNESCO. In this context, a goal of the club is to organize events on issues such as environmental protection and preservation of cultural heritage.

İMÜ Sanat Topluluğu UNESCO Kulübü Oldu

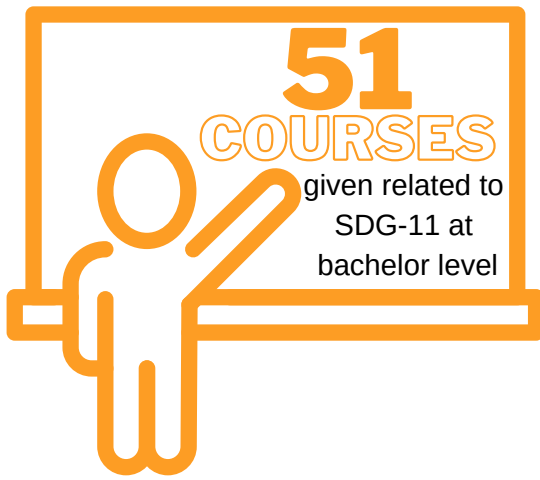
İstanbul Medeniyet Üniversitesi Sanat Tarihi Topluluğu üyeleri, Akademisyenleri Arş. Gör. Yasin Saygılı'nın girişimiyle başlattıkları kulübü olma sürecini başarıyla tamamlayarak, UNESCO kulübü olmaya hak kazanmışlardır.

Türkiye'deki 50'den fazla üniversitede bulunan Sanat Tarihi Kulüpleri ile Toplulukları arasında bu unvanı almaya hak kazanan ilk ve tek topluluk olmuşlardır.

İMÜ Art History Club for UNESCO

"Traditional Archery Training" was held by Traditional Archery Club of our university. Beginner and basic archery training was given at the event. After the preliminary information about the bow and arrow, the participant students were given practical arrow shooting training and the first shots were made. Thanks to the training, the students had the chance to learn about Traditional Archery and also do some physical activity outdoors for a healthy lifestyle. The event also contributed to promotion of traditional Turkish archery, which was added to UNESCO representative list of the intangible cultural heritage of humanity in 2019.

Learning processes are key in achieving SDGs. Thus, universities play a critical role both by training professionals who will prioritize SDGs in their future practices and by increasing local, national, and global capacity to successfully achieve SDGs. As Istanbul Medeniyet University, we are aware of our critical role and therefore, we primarily inform our students, the leaders and decision-makers of the future, about the Sustainable Development Goals through course contents, co-curricular activities and student club activities and strengthen their awareness. For this purpose, each of our faculties and departments prepares SDG-related course contents, including courses that address the Sustainable Development Goals holistically, as well as specific contributions that can be made by the expertise of the relevant professional field in which they provide training. In 2022, 51 bachelor degree courses related to SDG-11 were given at IMU. Some of these are listed below.



Faculty	Course
Art, Design and Architecture	TUR105 - History of Turkish Music
Arts and Humanities	SDG 437 - Discussions on Urbanization in Turkey
	BBY316 - Conservation and Restoration
Education Sciences	SNE004 - Disasters and Disaster Management
Engineering and Natural Sciences	IMU060 - Disaster Management
Political Sciences	SBK214 - Urbanization and Environmental Management
Medicine	TFS213 - Public Health and Urban Design-I
Tourism	TİŞ115 - Anatolian Civilizations

The 27th seminar of the “**Istanbul Urban Studies**” seminar series organized by the Department of Urban and Regional Planning of Istanbul Medeniyet University moderated by Res.Asst. Ayça ÇELİKBİLEK was held online on Wednesday, 23 February 2022. Prof.Dr. Fuat ARAS from the Department of Civil Engineering of our university presented his study named “**İkinci Derece Tarihi Önele Sahip Tarihi Yapıların Mevcut Durumlarının Sürdürülebilirlik Çerçevesinde Değerlendirilmesi**” (Evaluation of 2. Degree Historical Buildings Within the Framework of Sustainability). ARAS started his presentation with the explanations of cultural and natural property, registered property and registration process. Talking about the second group of historical structures which are the examples of civil architecture and organic parts of cities, he explained the results of 200 interviews carried by building owners. Evaluating the structures in terms of conservation-usage conditions, architectural renovations and their finance, he pointed that only 10% of historical buildings were conserved properly. Arguing historical conservation through the three components of sustainability, ARAS emphasized that historical buildings should be conserved by renovation, restoration and modification techniques instead of demolishing and rebuilding to provide environmental sustainability. He further claimed that renovations done with materials like concrete and iron which are not harmonious with historical buildings and hard to produce are environmentally hazardous and not sustainable for waste disposal. ARAS mentioned that if it is aimed to provide a comprehensive sustainability approach for conservation, historical buildings should be conserved as a whole with their surroundings.



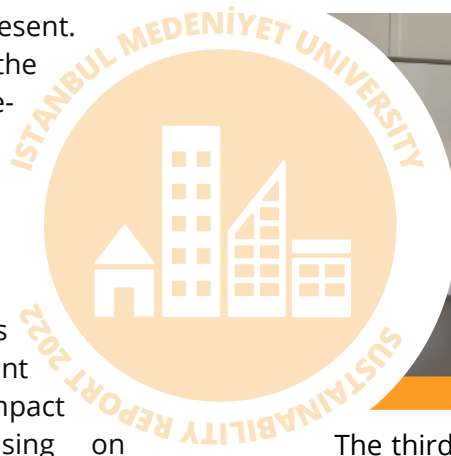
The first face-to-face event of the **“Dekanlık Söyleşileri (Dean’s Talks)”** series organized by the Dean’s Office of the Faculty of Art, Design and Architecture of our university took place on March 17, 2022. At this event, Res.Asst. Özge GÜRSOY from the Department of Architecture gave a presentation on her book, **“An Investigation on Kadıköy Hasanpaşa Kurbağalıdere Urban Site,”** which was published by Istanbul Medeniyet University Publications and co-authored with Prof.Dr. Nazlı Ferah AKINCI from Yıldız Technical University Department of Architecture. In her presentation, GÜRSOY discussed the development processes of the research, the physical condition of the Hasanpaşa Kurbağalıdere Urban Site, the perspective of the urban site’s inhabitants, and proposals for improvement in the area. The presentation highlighted the physical changes of the Hasanpaşa Kurbağalıdere urban site and its surroundings, one of city’s key architectural and cultural heritage regions, from 1930 to the present. She proposed ideas on how to use the unoccupied land created by the re-development of Kurbağalıdere, which is now part of the urban protected area. GÜRSOY underlined that the usage of this site, which is still a parking lot, as a recreational area has an impact on the region’s people’s quality of life and attachment to the region. She investigated the impact of physical condition and housing on psychological well-being in addition to the social environment through interviews with residents. Architectural interventions that can be done to maintain the architectural character and history of the area were conveyed in the presentation. The existing state of the buildings on the urban site, as well as proposals for improvement are investigated. The implications of improvements that can be made to the facades of the area’s houses were discussed.



17 March 2022

“An Investigation on Kadıköy Hasanpaşa Kurbağalıdere Urban Site” Seminar

The second face-to-face event of the **“Dekanlık Söyleşileri (Dean’s Talks)”** series organized by the Faculty of Art, Design and Architecture of our university took place on April 28, 2022. In this event of the series, Research Assistant Furkan ERUÇAR shared with us his presentation titled **“Fire Safety in Steel Structures”**. In his presentation, ERUÇAR gave basic information about fire, a disaster that can be encountered in all areas of life, and shared statistical data explaining the causes of fires in the world. On the other hand, he talked about passive and active fire safety measures that should be taken in urban areas against fire risks. Then, he talked about the development of steel material and its advantages and disadvantages and explained with examples the methods that can be applied to protect the structure in case of fires that may occur in steel structures. ERUÇAR also touched upon how some of the applied protection methods can benefit sustainable buildings.



28 April 2022

“Fire Safety in Steel Structures” Seminar

The third face-to-face event of the **“Dekanlık Söyleşileri (Dean’s Talks)”** series took place on May 12, 2022 with Res.Asst. H. Aysun ÖZKAN YAZAR from Urban and Regional Planning Department. In her presentation titled **“Management and Actor Relations in Gated Housing Projects”**, ÖZKAN YAZAR stated that gated communities are not anymore just for sheltering. Instead, they are some exquisite examples of the concept of governance. She said that this type of housing gathers many actors both public and private under the same roof of management and pointed out that variables like management tools, processes and management capacity are also critically important to manage those communities. She evaluated the semi-structured interviews she conducted on selected housing projects with their actors and emphasized that it is important to develop a consistent and comprehensive legal basis to provide sustainable, efficient, and good management for gated communities.

The Department of Art History of our University organized an event titled **'Art Historians at the Museum'** on May 23, 2022 at Istanbul Medeniyet University Ziraat Bank Library Lecture Hall. In the event, art historians talked about their experiences and works on digital art, galleries, museology and the art market. The first speaker of the event was Melike BAYIK, curator from Yeditepe University. In her speech, BAYIK talked about curatorship and collection management in contemporary art and shared with the audience the role of curators in the management and protection of museums and galleries for the preservation and conservation of cultural heritage and the importance of curators in interpreting and managing the collections they are responsible for. The second speaker of the seminar was art consultant Özhan KAKIŞ, who explained the place of digital art as a new genre in the world and the role of NFT in this field in recent years. The last speaker of the event was gallery manager/ art critic Gizem GEDİK, who discussed gallery management and art criticism in contemporary art talked about the importance of galleries in bringing artworks and cultural heritage to the public and gave information about what can be done to protect this heritage. He then explained the connection between art-artist-art consumer and talked about the artistic production in Turkey in comparison to Europe and the role of galleries and the academy in this context. Finally, he discussed the issue of the response for and support of artistic production in the academy.

SANAT TARİHÇİLERİ MÜZEDE

Istanbul Medeniyet Üniversitesi
Ziraat Bankası Kütüphanesi Amfisi

13:00 - 13:30
MELİKE BAYIK
Küratör, Yazar, Sanat Danışmanı
Yeditepe Üniversitesi Öğretim Görevlisi
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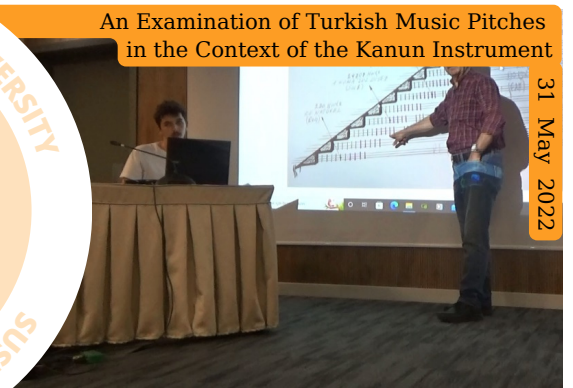
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ÖZHAN KAKIŞ
Proje/Platform Yöneticisi ve Sanat Danışmanı
"Dijital Sanat ve NFT"

14:30 - 15:00
GİZEM GEDİK
Galeri Yöneticisi ve Sanat Eleştirmeni
"Çağdaş Sanatta Galeri Yöneticiliği ve Sanat Eleştirmenliği"

23 May 2022

"Art Historians at the Museum" Event

"Istanbul School" workshops was organized by our University Department of Library and Documentation to support the self-improvement of our students. The training, which was held face to face at our university Ziraat Bank Library Hasan Polatkan Conference Hall started on March 15, 2022 and continued for 10 weeks. Nearly 50 people attended the training given by Zafer SÖĞÜT, free of charge and open to outside participation, every week. In the first nine weeks of the training, presentations were made to the participants introducing Istanbul and the civilizations that existed in Istanbul. With these presentations, important information was given about the historical center of Istanbul, the Sultanahmet Urban Archeology Area, which is on the UNESCO World Heritage list, the Istanbul Land Walls Protection Area, and the cultural heritage in these areas. In the last week of the training, Istanbul events were organized.



The event titled **"An Examination of Turkish Music Pitches in the Context of the Kanun Instrument; An Alternative System Approach"** prepared by Kanuni Sait DURGUN, and Yiğithan ENGİN, one of the students of the Turkish Music Department of IMU Faculty of Art, Design and Architecture, was held on May 31, 2022 at 18:00 at Göztepe North Campus Ziraat Library Bankkart Hall. In this interview moderated by Lect. Semih ÖZDEMİR, detailed information about the kanun instrument, which is a part of the cultural heritage with its role in Anatolian and Middle Eastern musical traditions, was conveyed to our Turkish Music department professors and students. In the event, the morphological features of the kanun instrument, which is one of the main instruments of Turkish Music, were evaluated in terms of its advantages and disadvantages. The sound systems used in Turkish Music were discussed and an alternative sound system that could be performed by Turkish Music instruments was presented.

The first session of the seminar series titled **"Philosophy and the City Talks,"** organized by our university's Philosophy Department, took place on December 14, 2022, at Ziraat Bank Conference Hall, featuring Assoc.Prof.Dr. Alim ARLI from Istanbul Technical University with his presentation titled **"Rethinking Urban Theory in the Era of High Complexity."** In his speech, ARLI approached the concept of the city in its historical development and from a contemporary perspective, critically analyzing the temporal and spatial perceptions of various disciplines. He emphasized how the ways in which space and time are perceived can both enable and hinder the act of contemplating the city. Particularly, he offered a critical perspective on human-wildlife conflict that increased at the beginning of the 20th century, highlighting the need to consider the city as an integrated extension of nature and the significance of the emergence of sustainable cities in urban development. As a result, he underscored that due to the complex, multi-layered, and multidisciplinary nature of the city, it is a subject that cannot be comprehensively addressed through a single viewpoint.

Dr. Firat BAŞBUĞ, faculty member of the Department of Linguistics, delivered a speech titled on December 21, 2022, as part of a seminar organized by the Department of Linguistics and the Linguistics Club. In the seminar, Dr. BAŞBUĞ drew attention to the fact that with the loss of a language, intangible cultural heritage and valuable cultural elements such as wisdom, mythology, folklore, traditions, and customs expressed in that language would also disappear. He highlighted that this situation not only signifies the extinction of a language but also poses a threat to the roots, history, and identity of the language-speaking community. The seminar emphasized the critical role of language documentation studies in the preservation of languages and cultural heritage. It was stated that these studies aim to systematically document languages that are at risk of extinction and transmit them to future generations. Dr. BAŞBUĞ underscored the need for collaboration between linguists, communities, and local governments in language documentation efforts and emphasized the importance of preserving languages for sustainable communities.

Sociology Club of our university organized a workshop on 07 December 2022, named **"Şirket-i Hayriye- Istanbul's Urbanization Story"**. The workshop was started with the thought that the urbanization process is one of the most important reasons for the historical changes and transformations that Istanbul has undergone. In the workshop, the effects of historical ferries on the urbanization of Istanbul as a metropolis were discussed. Various group activities were included in the workshop and participants were actively involved in the event. With the workshop, which offers a historical journey, the members of the club shared important information about the urban development process of Istanbul. Afterwards, information was given about the contribution of the ferries to the urbanization process of Istanbul and how Istanbul grew. At the event, the historical process, social effects, function, and importance of Şirket-i Hayriye, which is an important part of history, were discussed.



07 December 2022

"Şirket-i Hayriye- Istanbul's Urbanization Story" Workshop

Sociology Club organized another workshop called **"Uniting Roads (Railroads from the Ottoman Empire to the Republic)"** on 14 December 2022, within the scope of the workshop series where the urbanization process of Istanbul and the effects of railways on this process was discussed. Various discussion groups were formed in the workshop and the participants actively participated in the event. In the group work, the members of the club touched on the importance of railways in the urbanization process of Istanbul as a metropolis and discussed the historical background of this process. Later, it was stated that the railway constructions, one of the most important turning points in the history of Istanbul, not only facilitated intercity transportation, but also had a great impact on the urbanization process. Finally, it was discussed that thanks to the railways, people from the towns and villages around Istanbul could reach the city more easily and this situation caused the population of Istanbul to increase rapidly.

The academic staff members of our university carry out research on providing safe and accessible housing; establishing accessible and sustainable transport systems; ensuring inclusive and sustainable urbanization; protecting cultural and natural heritage; reducing the negative impacts of natural disasters; reducing the environmental impact of cities; ensuring access to safe and inclusive green spaces and public spaces; ensuring strong national and regional development planning; implementing policies for inclusiveness, resource efficiency and disaster risk reduction; and supporting least developed countries for sustainable and resilient buildings, publish the results of their research and share them with other researchers, decisionmakers, stakeholders, and the public as a foundation for policies toward achieving SDGs.

Assoc.Prof.Dr. Yıldız AKSOY presented her paper on the relationship between public health and sustainable cities and titled **"An Urban Perspective on the Relationship of Public Health and Planning"** in the International Online Conference on City Planning and Urban Design CPUD'22 organized virtually by DAKAM (Eastern Mediterranean Academic Research Center) on April 1, 2022. AKSOY presented a brief historical and urban perspective on the relationship between public health and urban planning. She stated that the unhealthy living conditions and cholera epidemics created by the industrial revolution accelerated the establishment of health-oriented modern urbanism, and these developments led to the rebirth of urbanism and the restructuring of the public health problems of the city. AKSOY stated that the COVID-19 pandemic, which is experienced all over the world, once again reveals the importance of public health. She also mentioned that city planning shapes the physical environment that affects urban health and is an important discipline that will strengthen the infrastructure that will form the basis of public health. AKSOY emphasized that a comprehensive planning is needed for healthier cities and that the physical environment should be developed according to the specified standards by determining basic standards for healthy urban living conditions and healthy housing and urban planning process should include them at every stage.

IMU Urban and Regional Planning faculty member Dr. Ayşegül CAN completed her research for the **housing and rent crisis project** in Berlin, for which she was granted three months of funding for research by the Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung Foundation and the Leibniz Institute for Spatial Social Research. CAN studied how the housing and rent crisis affected Berlin, Germany, after the fall of the Berlin Wall after 1990 while she was there from May 15 to August 15, 2022. Within the scope of the research, she examined how urban non-governmental organizations, shelters and organizations for the right to the city developed after the housing crisis. The results showed that local governments took an active role in the protection of the right to the city, with decentralization policies being superior.

Lecturer Dr. Ayşegül CAN's article **"Housing and Urbanization Policies of Istanbul, Turkey from Central to the Local"** was published by Urban Research & Practice. In her study, CAN mentioned the effects of the global economic restructuring that started in the 1970s and the state withdrawal from the production of public services, on the decrease in the production of affordable housing stock, and then focused on the housing policies of Turkey and Istanbul. Examining the impact of central and local government on housing production in terms of legal and political aspects, CAN examined plans and strategy documents through content and policy analysis. In the study, it has been determined that current policies tend to maximize land values and rent in Istanbul.

The **Barrier-Free City Kocaeli Project**, which lasted 14 months in 2021 and 2022, was carried out under the leadership of ŞURA Urban Policies and Research Center established within Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality, in cooperation with Kocaeli Governorship, universities, chambers of industry and commerce, Eastern Marmara Development Agency and Kocaeli City Council. One of the faculty members of our university, Prof.Dr. Hamza ATEŞ also took part in the execution of the project. In the project, a comprehensive inventory was created by compiling the efforts made in Turkey and the world to rehabilitate disabled people and make cities barrier-free. Finally, the "Barrier-Free City Council" was organized, bringing together all effective institutions and stakeholders in the province regarding the barrier-free city issue.



"Sustainable Agriculture City Kocaeli Project", a social R&D project lasting 11 months in 2021 and 2022, was carried out under the leadership of ŞURA Urban Policies and Research Center established within Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality, in cooperation with Kocaeli Governorship, universities, chambers of industry and commerce, Eastern Marmara Development Agency and Kocaeli City Council. Prof.Dr. Hamza ATEŞ, a faculty member of IMU Department of Political Science and Public Administration, took part in the execution of the project and contributed to academic research. The project aimed to promote sustainable urban agriculture and contribute to food security by ensuring the development of agriculture with modern techniques and methods in Kocaeli. First, a data inventory study was conducted to determine the current situation and the strengths and weaknesses of Kocaeli province for sustainable agriculture and a quantitative academic research was conducted by taking 1506 producers. Finally, an Agricultural Council and Workshop was held with the participation of all stakeholders of the agricultural sector throughout the province.

The project titled **"Sultanbeyli Social Fabric Research"** led by Prof.Dr. Lütfi SUNAR, a faculty member of our Department of Sociology, has been granted support by Sultanbeyli Municipality. The project aims to obtain comprehensive information about the social, economic, cultural, and demographic structure of Sultanbeyli, as well as its issues. Drawing on existing experiences and practices, the project also aims to develop a new data collection and analysis model for Sultanbeyli Municipality. Within the scope of the project, research is being conducted in 4,000 households in Sultanbeyli to gather data. With the completion of the project in 2023, the analysis, understanding, and promotion of the district's potential and opportunities will be achieved. A study showcasing the socio-economic structure of Sultanbeyli, including key indicators, will be generated by utilizing national data, administrative records, and research findings. This study will be updated annually and will contribute to the goal of sustainable urban and living areas, providing support for Sultanbeyli's development.

The project titled **"Earthquake and Women: Identification, Examination and Solution Recommendations for Disaster Risk Reduction and Preparedness Planning that are Sensitive to Social Vulnerabilities in Istanbul"**, where Kadir Has University faculty member Prof.Dr. Lerna K. YANIK is the coordinator and Res.Asst.Dr. Sercan PEKEL from the Department of International Relations of our university is the researcher, was implemented within the scope of TÜBİTAK's 1001 project support. PEKEL will contribute to the project as the researcher responsible for the analysis of global best-practices on this subject. The aim of the project is determined to provide knowledge accumulation to ensure that the institutional capacities of public institutions related to decision-making processes are improved in a way that is sensitive to social vulnerabilities based on gender disparities in disaster risk reduction preparation works for the possible "major" Istanbul earthquake. It was stated that this knowledge can create conditions that will minimize the effects of a possible earthquake, especially on women, and increase disaster resilience, contributing to the acceleration of the transition to normal life.

