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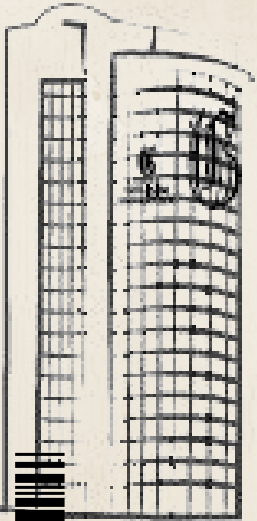
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It is necessary to overcome pride in successes and to resist despair in disasters.

Mustafa Kemal ATATÜRK

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WE HAVE NOT  
FORGOTTEN



6 FEBRUARY 2023



# JULY

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1 July : Cabotage and Maritime Day



15 July : Democracy and National Unity Day



17 July : World Emoji Day



24 July : Journalists and Press Day



28 July: World Hepatitis Day



30 July : World Friendship Day



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# 9,903 IGU students threw their graduation caps!

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Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU), which continues its studies with the vision of "Research University", prepared its 15th term graduates for the future with the ceremonies held in Yahya Kemal Beyatl Performing Arts Center on July 24-25, 2024. 9,903 students who graduated from undergraduate, graduate and associate degree programs shared their excitement and happiness with their families.



# IGU 2023–2024 Graduation: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Places from the Faculty of Health Sciences!



The 2023-2024 graduation ceremony of Istanbul Gelişim University was celebrated with great enthusiasm on July 24, 2024, at the Yahya Kemal Beyatlı Performance Center. All our graduates, their esteemed families, and our valued academics attended the event. The highlight of this memorable day was that the top three graduates of the 2023-2024 academic year were students from the Faculty of Health Sciences. To share this pride, we handed the microphone to our students.



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**How was your undergraduate education, and what did you do during this period?**

My undergraduate education was quite challenging. Nursing is not an easy profession, and studying it was equally difficult. There were times when I felt like giving up, but with the support of my esteemed professors, friends, and family, I successfully completed my undergraduate education and graduated. During my studies, we participated in various productive internships under the guidance of our respected professors. The training and practical opportunities we had in our courses helped me further develop. During this time, I discovered my research and inquisitive nature, which ultimately led to my success.

**What factors contributed to and supported you in becoming the top student of the University and Faculty?**

First and foremost, it was thanks to my family, my uncle Celal who always provided financial and moral support, my friends, and of course, my esteemed professors. The supportive and understanding attitudes of Mahruk RASHIDI, Neşe KISKAÇ, Deniz KAYA MERAL, Sultan ÇAKMAK TANRIVER, Meltem ASLAN, and other department professors gave me great confidence.



**Akgül UYGUN**



**What are your goals and plans after graduation?**

My biggest goal is to push myself further and advance in my field. I aim to pursue a master's and a doctorate and become an academician in the field of nursing, lighting the way for future generations, just like my professors did.

**Do you have any advice for your friends, our university, and our faculty?**

Yes, I do. Istanbul Gelişim University is one of the leading universities in Türkiye with its academic and administrative staff. Being here and receiving an education is a privilege. It is almost impossible to graduate from Istanbul Gelişim University and remain unemployed. Job offers can come even before graduation. I recommend not missing out on this opportunity.

**What did you do to make the most of your time outside of classes during your undergraduate education?**

I read a lot of books and participated in various activities.

**Lastly, how did it feel to receive an award from our Rector and the Chairman of the Board of Trustees at the graduation ceremony?**

It was a feeling so beautiful and proud that words cannot describe it. I was so excited that I could hardly contain myself. I hope everyone who desires it gets to experience it.



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Ruth Oluwaseun OLAYINKA

2023-2024



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**Tuğba SALTAN**

**How was your undergraduate education and what did you do during this time?**

My undergraduate education was a period of intense learning and personal growth. With the knowledge imparted by our esteemed professors and the resources provided by our university, I strived to achieve the necessary competency levels for my profession. I continuously worked on improving my communication and social skills, which are crucial in every profession.

**What are your goals and plans after graduation?**

My goal has always been to reach the highest level in my field. After graduation, I will continue to work towards this goal. I aim to guide other colleagues with the professional experience and knowledge I have gained.

**Do you have any advice for your friends, our university, and our faculty?**

My most important advice to my friends is to take pride in their profession and represent it in the best possible way. Our faculty and university should support our friends in this regard and stand behind them.

**How did you spend your time outside of classes during your undergraduate education?**

Throughout my undergraduate life, I focused not only on academics but also on how to develop my personality and become a well-rounded individual. I thought about how I could share what I had learned with others and made efforts in that direction.

**Lastly, how did it feel to receive an award from our Rector and Chairman of the Board of Trustees at the graduation ceremony?**

One of the most beautiful things in life is to see your efforts recognized. Being awarded by our school for my efforts made me very happy.

# IGU PREFERENCE AND PROMOTION DAYS HAVE STARTED!

Istanbul Gelisim University Preference and Promotion Days started as of July 16. University candidate students who visit IGU will be able to learn about the departments and make their university preferences together with experts in their preference processes.

With the announcement of the YKS (Council of Higher Education Exam) results, university candidate students started to research the universities and departments they would prefer. While Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) offers scholarship opportunities to students who participate in the Preference and Promotion days starting as of July 16, students will be able to come to IGU and get information from expert advisors and academicians about the departments they dream of and find answers to all their questions.

“We offer world-class training and application opportunities”

Stating that Istanbul Gelisim University is the 1st in Türkiye with its 45 TQF (Turkish Qualifications Framework) logo graduation certificate and 65 accredited programs that facilitate education, internship and employment in the international arena, IGU Rector Prof. Dr. Bahri Şahin said, "We offer our students world-class education and application opportunities so that they can realize their dreams without drawing boundaries. Our graduates stand out in their international job applications thanks to accredited programs and diplomas with the TQF logo. With the importance we attach to science and innovation, we support the projects of our students, who are the architects of our future. We see our achievements in international rankings as an indication of the steps we have taken for sustainable and qualified education and we always strive to achieve more for continuous development."



# Erasmus+ Mobility Project application results has been announced!

The results of the Erasmus+ KA131 application for the year 2024, in which the grant amounts of higher education program learning mobility were determined, were announced. Istanbul Gelisim University has taken its place among the universities with the highest budget with 280.980 Euro within the scope of Erasmus+ Mobility Project.



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In the Erasmus+ KA131 application results for 2024, Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) achieved a growth of close to 60% by significantly increasing its budget in the distribution of the 45,591,650 Euro allocated for this year.

"1st in Türkiye among foundation universities"

Istanbul Gelisim University increased its budget from 179,250 euros in 2019 to 280,980 euros in 2024. IGU ranks 50th in the overall ranking in the distribution of grants among 262 institutions, while it ranks 7th among foundation universities. Especially in terms of staff mobility grant budget, IGU ranked 1st in Türkiye among foundation universities and 7th in the overall ranking.

Learning Mobility  
Grant Ranking:  
53

Among Foundation  
Universities:  
1

Internship Mobility  
Grant Ranking:  
33

# 2024 Project Year Erasmus+ KA-131 IGU Grant Rankings



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Staff Mobility  
Training  
Ranking:  
4

Staff Mobility  
Lecturing Ranking:  
22

Total Staff Mobility  
Grant Ranking:  
7

Total Grant Ranking:  
50



## **IGU DREW ATTENTION WITH THE NUMBER OF DIPLOMAS WITH TQF LOGO THAT PROVIDES THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK ABROAD**

In the statement made by the Council of Higher Education (YÖK), it was stated that the programs with the Turkish Qualifications Framework (TQF) logo will be included in the Higher Education Programs and Quotas Guide for the first time this year. Istanbul Gelisim University ranked first with its graduation certificate with 45 TQF logos.

The Council of Higher Education has granted the right to use the TQF logo in graduation certificates for programs that meet certain conditions as of 23 December 2021 within the scope of European Higher Education Area (EHEA) adaptation studies. Advancing with the vision of 'World University', Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) ranked 1st in the list as a university with 45 TQF logo graduation certificates that provide international employment opportunities.

This year, programs with the TQF logo will be included for the first time in the Higher Education Programs and Quotas Guide. 894 undergraduate and 4 associate degree programs of 109 universities across Türkiye will use the TQF logo in the 2024 Year Guide. In order to be included in the guide, the relevant departments of the universities must be accredited by the Higher Education Quality Board (YÖKAK) or recognized accreditation bodies, the suitability of the qualification form and the Vocational Qualifications Authority (VQA) must be included in the Turkish Qualifications Database.

When the TQF Logo is included in the graduation certificates, it provides an advantage to students in the international arena. The diplomas of students who graduate from these programs are recognized faster abroad and employment opportunities increase. In addition, the TQF Logo contributes to student mobility by facilitating the recognition of higher education internship qualifications and study periods abroad.

**THE RELATIONSHIP  
BETWEEN WINNERS AND  
LOSERS IN PYRAMID  
SCHEMES FROM PAST TO  
PRESENT**



**Nursel BEYAZTAŞ**

Department of Gerontology and Perfusion

**Inflation and Supply-Demand Balance in Modern Turkey**

In modern Turkey, rising inflation and a growing population are increasingly disrupting the supply-demand balance. This imbalance negatively impacts both the system and individuals. As a result, the deteriorating system affects individuals, and deteriorating individuals further worsen the system, creating a continuous cycle. The roles of prey and predator are evident across all sectors of society, regardless of education or wealth. Particularly, systems that promise effortless wealth, like cryptocurrencies, attract many people. Many fall into this trap, thinking they know how to manage money or that they are stock market experts. This situation is akin to having a large flock of sheep with only one shepherd and one sheepdog.

**Who is the Winner?**

So, who is the real winner here? Is it the majority, who are given just a taste of honey, or those who convert real money into virtual assets and control the money flow? Here, the concept of hope peddling becomes significant. The prey will not see the predator as harmful and will not recognize the damage until the toy is taken from their hands. Therefore, owners of virtual currency systems can be seen as hope peddlers. However, the majority may perceive this differently.





### **Language Programs: A New Field of Hope Peddling?**

We can reach similar conclusions through another example: this time, hope peddling involves selling the hope of language acquisition. English, German, and other world languages... Programs like X ENGLISH and other language courses are products that people buy, believing they will bring significant changes to their lives. These programs, seen as the saviors of the 21st century, often fall short of meeting expectations. People are drawn to these programs, seeking quick results and forgetting that language learning requires effort, dedication, and time.

With rising inflation, those looking for opportunities abroad want to expedite their language learning efforts. However, history reminds us that learning a language is not an instantaneous process. Virtual language programs cater to this desire for quick solutions, creating a new field of hope peddling.

### **Conclusion: Changing Technology, Unchanging Human Nature**

Considering the high purchase rates of language programs, a significant portion of the country should be speaking English fluently by now. However, the results indicate that people are only making financial investments, neglecting the fact that language learning requires effort, dedication, and time. The allure of better conditions without effort has always been attractive. Just as people sold plots in heaven centuries ago, they now sell language programs with the same mindset. While technology changes, the results remain the same.

Human nature, in this process, remains the same...





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## ISTANBUL GELISIM UNIVERSITY GRADUATE TRACKING SYSTEM

The Alumni Tracking System (METSİS) was created in order to monitor the employment and postgraduate education status of our graduates and to generate statistical data.

Istanbul Gelisim University launched METSİS in order to strengthen its relations with alumni and contribute to the employment of graduates. Members of METSİS can sign up for free after graduating. Our graduates can become a member of METSİS free of charge. Our graduates who are members of METSİS can update their personal profiles and follow our job postings.

### What Are the Steps to Join METSİS?

1. Use the web interface at [metsis.gelisim.edu.tr](https://metsis.gelisim.edu.tr) to log in
2. You can follow the postings in the open positions box.
3. To apply for the positions, you can establish an account from the "new candidate" box.
4. You can view job posts after making an account on the top page and apply for positions that interest you.



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[igu\\_mezunlarkoordinatorlugu](https://www.instagram.com/igu_mezunlarkoordinatorlugu)



LinkedIn -  
IGU ALUMNI AND  
MEMBERS COORDINATOR

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MEZUN CARD

Dear IGU Alumni,  
Alumni who want to benefit from the opportunities of our university and the discount rates we provide from the companies we have contracted with will be sufficient to fill out the form. When your card is ready, you can pick it up from the Alumni and Membership Coordinator's Office on the 3rd floor of Block K.



# DEVELOPMENTAL READINGS

## Book Review: What is Gender History?

Res. Asst. Aslihan Kübra SAKARYA

What is Gender History? Sonya O. Rose [Author] Ferit Burak Aydar  
[Translator] Can Sanat Yayınları [Publisher]  
2018 1st Edition, 200 Pages, E-Book ISBN: 978-975-07-5715-0

"...And God created humankind in the divine image, creating it in the image of God - creating them male and female. God blessed them and God said to them, "Be fertile and increase, fill the earth..." Genesis 1:27-28 (Old Testament)

"O men! Fear your Lord Who created you from a single being and out of it created its mate; and out of the two spread many men and women."  
Surah An-Nisa 1 (Qur'an)

From a creationist perspective, the history of humanity begins with the creation of mankind, both men and women. According to the holy scriptures, God created mankind in two distinct genders, male and female, and enabled them to reproduce in number. This creationist view aligns with the natural/biological approach, which was prevalent before the spread of the concept of 'gender', thought to have emerged alongside the sociological changes of the Industrial Revolution and the influence of feminism. The natural/biological approach emphasizes the biological differences between the two sexes and suggests that men and women's social positioning is based on these biological differences. However, is a biological approach sufficient to understand gender-based sociological issues in contemporary society? Is the topic limited to the creation of two different sexes for the continuation of the human species? Of course, in today's world, the answer is no.



## DEVELOPMENTAL READINGS

Human existence, as a social being, transcends biological existence, shaped by the internal and external influences of one's culture, civilization, personal id, ego, and superego. The distinction between the concept of "sex" addressed by the biological approach and the concept of "gender," which emerged alongside the social changes of the Industrial Revolution and the feminist movement, is rooted in the fact that humans are social beings whose identities cannot be isolated from their cultural, temporal, and sociological contexts. Understanding this distinction is crucial for readers interested in building knowledge in this field or understanding current social issues from a gender perspective.

In the social sciences, the field of gender history emerged as a subset of women's history. The scientific study of women's history, which itself developed relatively recently, paved the way for the concept of gender, which views sex as a cultural construct. The subsequent field of gender history, focusing on this concept, arose even more recently. If women's history can be likened to that of a child, gender history is still an infant. The book "What is Gender History?" centers on this newly emerging field, offering a close examination of the historiography surrounding the concept of gender, making it an appealing read for contemporary audiences.

Authored by Sonya O. Rose and translated into Turkish by Ferit Burak Aydar, the book comprises sections such as "Preface and Acknowledgements," "Why Gender History?," "Bodies and Sexuality in Gender History," "Men and Masculinity," "Gender and Historical Knowledge," "Assessing 'Returns' and New Directions," "Additional Reading Suggestions," "Turkish Additional Reading Suggestions," and an "Index." The preface clearly outlines the book's aims and how they align with its content. The book's language is highly academic, with a dense information load, frequently citing various authors to explain topics. While this may reduce the book's flow by limiting interpretative content, it also broadens the reader's horizons by referencing numerous studies in the field. This book's inclusion of English and Turkish reading lists makes it an ideal starting point for those interested in further reading in the field.

# DEVELOPMENTAL READINGS

In seeking to answer the question, "What is gender historiography?" The author discusses both the historical context of gender and its significance. The book begins by addressing the concept of history, questioning whether "history is not the past; the past is the reconstruction by historians. The political, cultural, social, and economic climate in which historians live and work also shapes them. This perspective sets the stage for explaining the emergence of women's and gender history, highlighting the sociological changes of the late 19th and early 20th centuries, the Industrial Revolution, and the role of second-wave feminism in popularizing the concept of gender. The book also explores the historical and geographical positioning of the relationship between bodies and gender, uncovering intriguing connections that aid in understanding contemporary body image issues and gender-differentiated rates of eating disorders.

This book is not only for those studying gender history but also for readers from various professional disciplines where awareness of gender issues is essential. It serves as an excellent introductory text for understanding the concept of gender, familiarizing oneself with different authors in the field, and developing a foundational understanding of gender-related topics.

# ACADEMIC STUDIES

## Article

Faculty of Health Sciences, Department of Nutrition and Dietetics members Asst. Prof. H. Merve BAYRAM and Prof. S. Arda ÖZTÜRKCAN's article "Determination of Nutrient Density in Dormitory Menus: Samples of State, Private, and Semi-Private Dormitories" was published in "Acıbadem University Journal of Health Sciences" indexed in TR index. You can access the article from the link <https://doi.org/10.31067/acusaglik.1410300>.



The paper titled "AN OVERVIEW OF THE PROBLEMS RELATED TO HEALTH TOURISM IN TURKEY" by Asst. Prof. Aslı KAYA, a faculty member of the Department of Health Management at the Faculty of Health Sciences, Near East University, and Dr. Cemile ŞEKER and Dr. Salim AKYÜREK was presented at the INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON GLOBAL PRACTICE OF MULTIDISCIPLINARY held in Cyprus.



The book chapters "Psychological Attitude" and "Psychological Performance" prepared by Asst. Prof. Aslı KAYA, a faculty member of the Department of Health Management at the Faculty of Health Sciences, and Dr. Cemile ŞEKER from Near East University have been published in the book "Modern Psychological Approaches in Organizational Behavior (Scales, Antecedents, Consequences)" edited by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ergün KARA.

## Book Section

## Paper Presentation

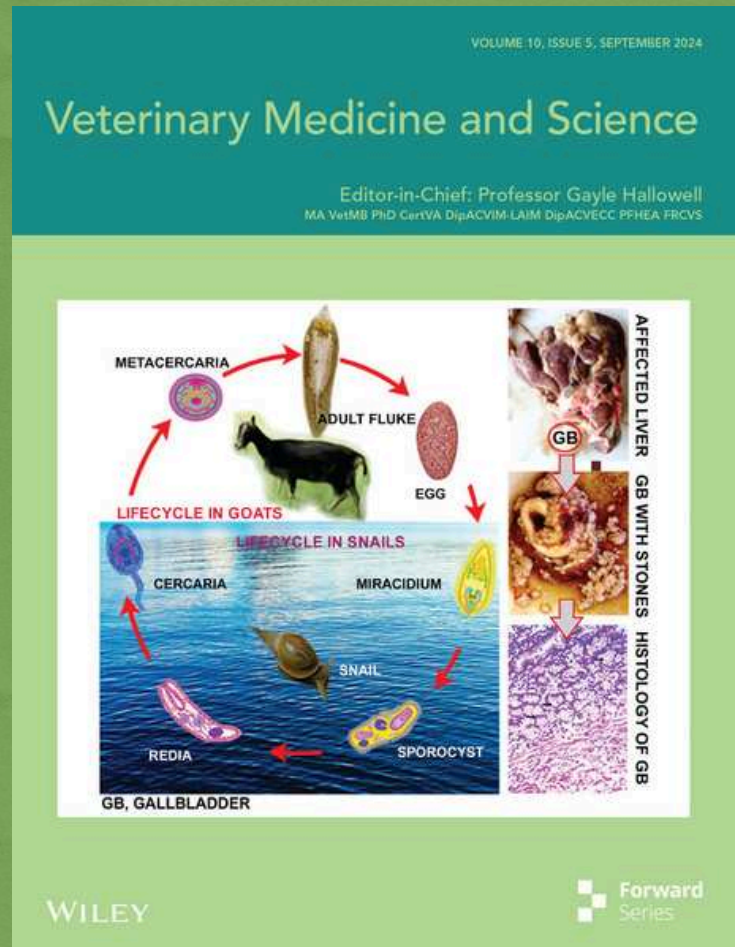
# SCOPUS Q1 ARTICLE PUBLICATION

Dr. Mehmet KARTAL, Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Health Sciences, Department of Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation at Istanbul Gelişim University, has published a paper titled "Prediction of Carcass Weight Using Morphometry of Ankle Bones in Hair Goats" in the Scopus Q1-ranked journal "Veterinary Medicine and Science."

A paper titled "Prediction of Carcass Weight Using Morphometry of Ankle Bones in Hair Goats," authored by Dr. Mehmet KARTAL, Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Health Sciences, Department of Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation at Istanbul Gelişim University, and Lecturer Yasemin ÜSTÜNDAG from the Department of Basic Sciences at Dokuz Eylül University's Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, has been published in the journal Veterinary Medicine and Science and ranked in the Q1 category of Scopus, marking a significant achievement.

This research aims to estimate the carcass weight of hair goats using morphometric measurements of ankle bones. The findings indicate that this method can predict carcass weight with high accuracy. This study provides a valuable contribution to enhancing economic efficiency and accurate assessments in livestock farming.

You can access the article [here](#).



# SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENT FROM THE SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT



The article on Post-Disaster Social Policies and Disaster Capitalism by the faculty of the Social Work Department has been published in the Q1 category journal "Capitalism Nature Socialism."



Asst. Prof. Emrah TÜNCER, Asst. Prof. Derya KAVGAOĞLU, Research Assistant Onur Zeki ANILGAN from the Social Work Department at Istanbul Gelişim University, and Dr. Aylin AKINLAR from the Public Relations and Advertising Department at Bandırma Onyedi Eylül University co-authored the article "Disaster Capitalism and Social Policy: Social Work After Natural Disasters." This paper achieved the rare feat of being published without any peer review corrections in the prestigious "Capitalism Nature Socialism" journal, categorized as Q1 in Scopus.

The study deeply explores how neoliberal policies and disaster capitalism use the fear and anxiety caused by natural disasters to gain public consent for practices contrary to their interests. It examines the situations that social work professionals need to address at micro, mezzo, and macro levels, and the importance and processes of developing alternative elements to fight against disaster capitalism.

You can access the article [here](#).



# Congress Participation

The "1st International Friendship Bridge Social Sciences Congress" was held in Komrat, Moldova, from June 7-9, 2024, hosted by Komrat University in Moldova, Rumeli University, and the UBSDER association. Asst. Prof. Aslı KAYA, a faculty member from the Faculty of Health Sciences at IGU, was the host for the awards and gift presentations between the universities during the congress. As part of the IGU family, Kaya presented towels as gifts to the rector of Komrat University and ten students.



Dr. Aslı KAYA, a faculty member from the Faculty of Health Sciences, presented the abstract of the paper titled "THE ROLE OF EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE IN THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CREATIVITY AND ORGANIZATIONAL PERFORMANCE IN TOURISM BUSINESSES," which she co-authored with Lecturer Dr. Cemile ŞEKER from Near East University and Lecturer Damla KARADAYI, at the "1st International Friendship Bridge Social Sciences Congress."



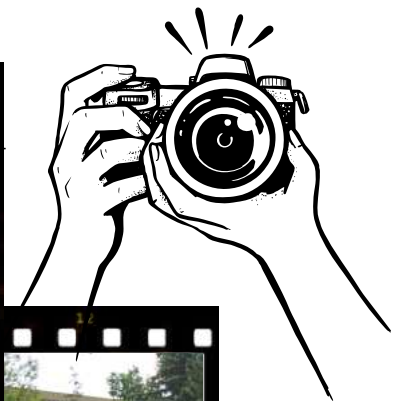


# Congress Participation



Ambassador Uygar Mustafa SERTEL in Chişinău, Moldova, and TİKA Chişinău Coordinator Tarık METE were visited. Discussions were held on the ethnic structure, geography, and culture of Chişinău and Comrat. Gifts were presented to the Ambassador and TİKA, followed by a tour of Chişinău.

Chişinău, the capital and largest city of the Republic of Moldova. The Republic of Moldova was formed as a result of the dissolution of the former Soviet Union. Additionally, the Gagauz Turks live here. The Turks living here have adopted Christianity. Chişinău is situated on the banks of the Bic River, a tributary of the Dniester River. Chişinău is a city famous for its wine cellars. Grapes are grown here, and consequently, wine production is carried out using these grapes and vine leaves. In the center of Chişinău, Eugen Doğa Street Park is one of the greenest parks in the city. It was built by TİKA (Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency). Further ahead, the Nativity Cathedral belonging to the Russian and Orthodox communities is located. Stefan Cel Mare Park and Monument are also situated here. He was the Prince of Moldavia and the highest representative of the Muşat Dynasty from 1457 to 1504. Sultan Mehmed II's Moldavian campaigns left deep marks.



# Congress Participation

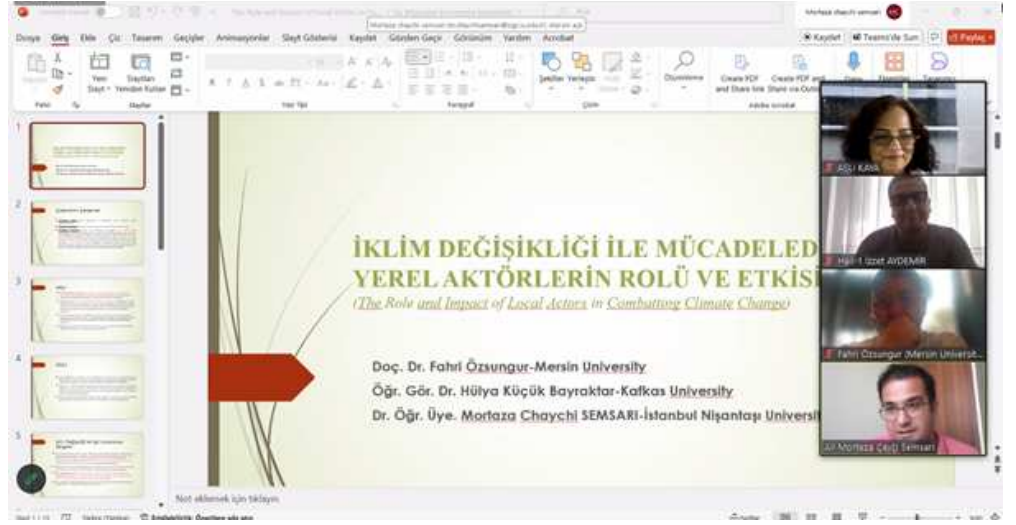
Comrat is the capital of Gagauzia, an autonomous republic within Moldova. The Gagauz people are a Turkish ethnic group understood to be of Nogay descent. Following the congress in Comrat, a gala dinner was organized, and as a meeting of two cultures, a traditional henna night was held in both cultural traditions. Such an event was organized by the participating academics to ensure that the Gagauz Turks living there do not forget their culture. Traditional games were played together, and the nearly forgotten tradition of the henna night was revived. As part of the congress's social program, a trip was organized to Başalma, a village in Gagauzia, to visit the Gagauz culture museum. A visit was made to the monument dedicated to those who defended Comrat. The house of a Gagauz Turkish family, arranged as a museum, was toured. Since it was summer and the month of June, plums, sour cherries, and mulberries grown there were offered. Moldova, famous for its grape wines, has wine cellars where you can taste and purchase wines. The people speak Turkish, making communication easy. Sourdough bread, a common cultural element, was also offered.



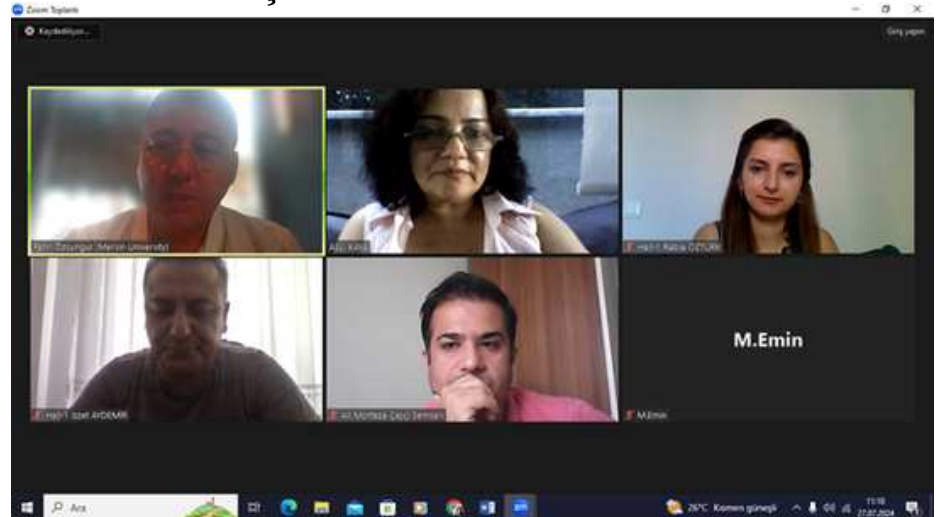
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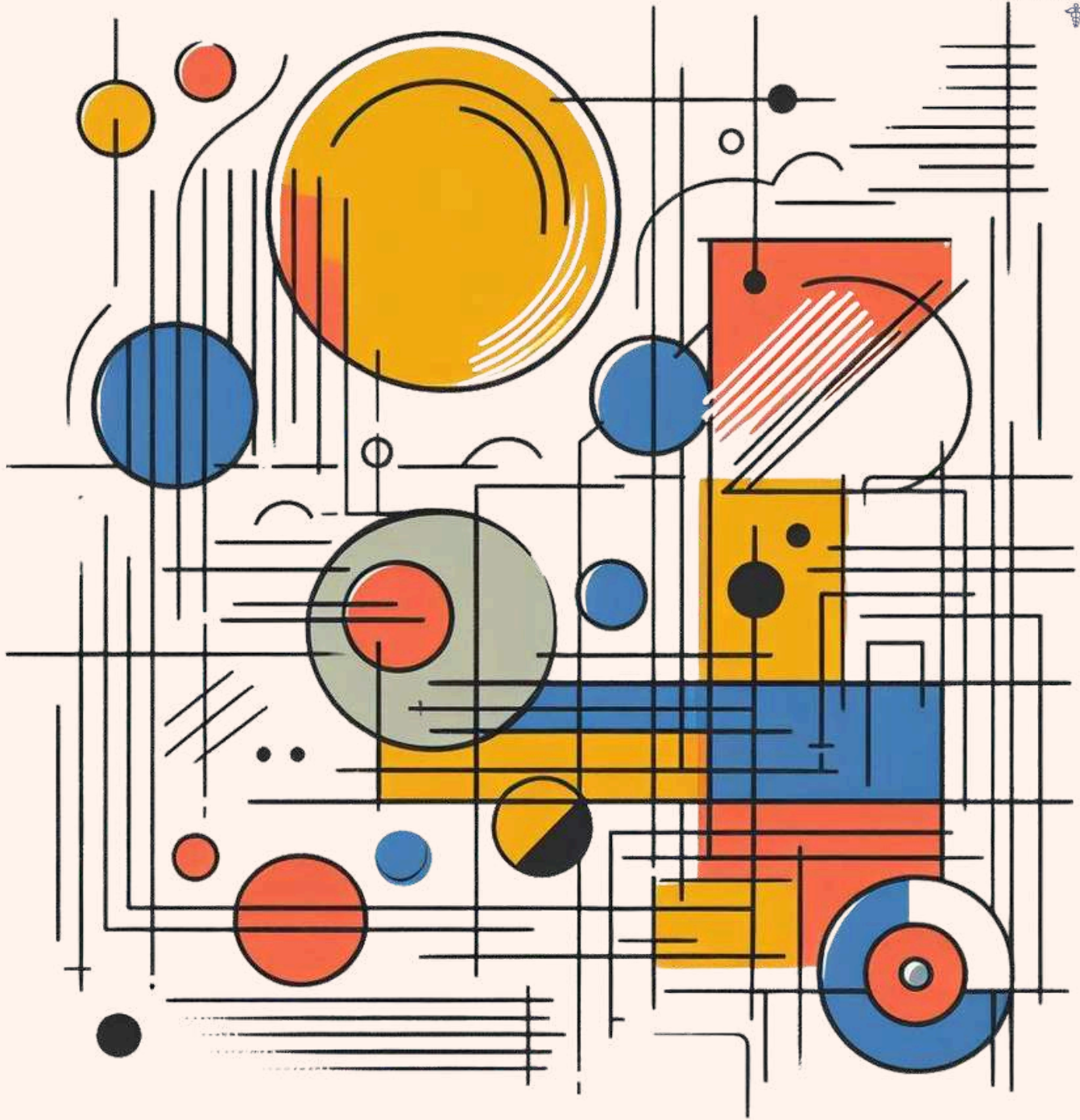


Department of Health Management faculty member Asst. Prof. Aslı KAYA served as the 'conference chair' at the 7th International Social Sciences Congress organized online by UBSDER in Paris on July 27-28, 2024. Asst.Prof. Aslı Kaya presented the paper titled 'The Role of Transformational Leadership in Employee Sustainable Performance and Resistance to Change,' which she prepared with Dr. Nadire Kantarcıoğlu and Asst.Prof. Cemile Şeker, and the oral presentation 'The Impact of Academic Organizational Gossip on Workplace Emotional Well-being,' which she prepared with Dr. Cemile Şeker.





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**LITERATURE**

**WHO IS  
WHO**

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# A Name, Two Cats and Some Sweet Strange Events

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***“Cats are mysterious; they have more on their mind than we  
could never imagine.”***

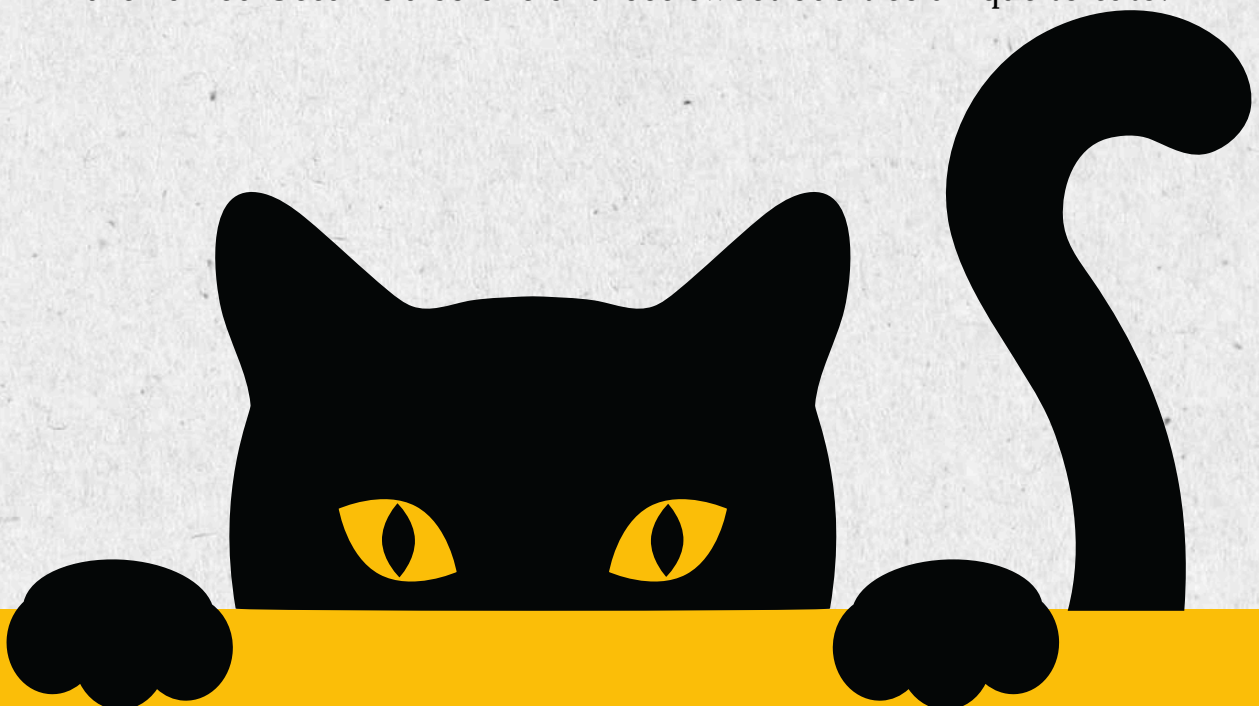
**-Walter Scott**

There's something about cats that fascinates us, isn't there? Their magical paws, wet noses, soft fur, bright eyes, those indescribable soothing purrs.

And of course those sweet strange stories...

In this article, we will introduce you to two mysterious cats.

Do you think that the fact that these two cats, who have taken their place in history, are named Oscar is also one of those sweet oddities unique to cats?



# A Cat in World War II

## Alias

# "Unsinkable Sam"

(also known as Oscar or Oscar)



*It is said that cats have nine lives. Although its reality is scientifically debated, Oscar's story confirms this rumor. This kitty defied death not once, not twice, but three times during the Second World War...*

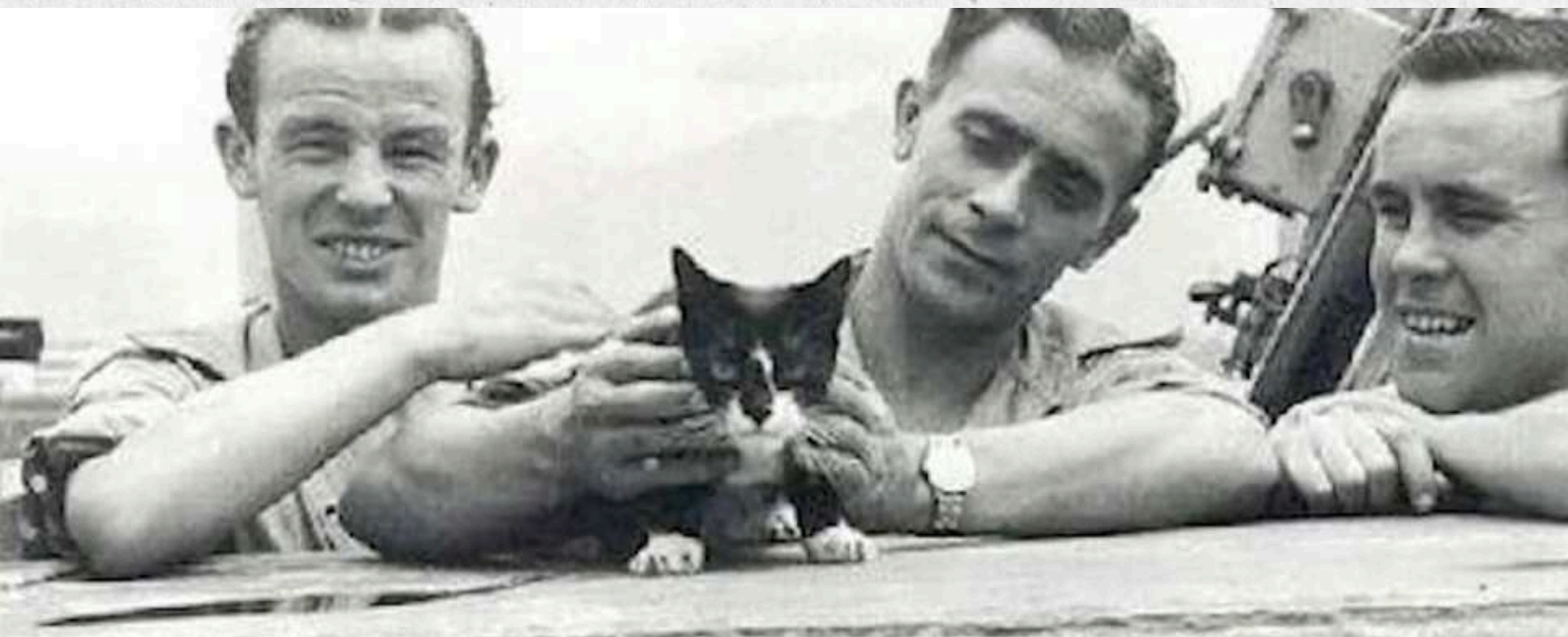
During World War II, many cats served on ships, and the title of ship cat became an officially recognized position by many navies. The main purpose of having cats on the ship was to combat rodents, as rats were causing problems for the crew. Of course, this wasn't the cats' only role on the ship; they befriended the crew and brought good luck to both the sailors and the ship...

Oscar was one of these cats. So, what made Oscar earn the nickname "Unsinkable Sam" and become more famous than his colleagues?

Oscar, probably a German cat, was born around 1940. The story that made him write his name in history as "Unsinkable Sam" was when he started his military career on the German battleship Bismarck on May 18, 1941. Oscar had short black and white fur and lively eyes.

The battleship Bismarck, on which he began his military career, was one of the largest warships Germany ever built. However, the fame of Bismarck, the pride of the German navy, was short-lived. The ship, which started service in 1940, sank on May 27, 1941, when Oscar was only a 9-day worker. Of the more than 2,200 sailors who boarded the ship on May 27, only 115 survived.

**115 men and one cat.**



Yes, one of the survivors was Oscar. Oscar was rescued from the water hours later, on boards, among the wreckage, by the crew of the British destroyer HMS Cossack. The ship crew who saved him named him "**Oscar**". So Oscar switched sides from the Nazis to the British.

This was Oscar's first trip to sea and his first sinking.

Oscar, now famous as "Unsinkable Sam," soon found himself a new job as chief mouse catcher on the HMS Ark Royal, an aircraft battleship. However, Oscar's luck would not be good here either. Ark Royal was attacked on 14 November and the aircraft carrier capsized. All but one member of the crew were rescued, and of course Oscar was one of them. The team that rescued Oscar described him as "unharmd but quite angry."

Oscar, aka "**Unsinkable Sam**", had survived the wrecks of 3 warships in less than a year!

These rescues brought Oscar great fame. He appeared in newspapers around the world, posed for portrait artists, and even appeared in children's books.

Of course, Oscar was unaware of what was happening and was enjoying her well-deserved retirement in Northern Ireland after an adventurous life.

He lived until the age of 16 and died of natural causes in 1955.

If Oscar could talk, he would probably say in interviews to newspapers, "*These strange people traumatized me by keeping me working on different ships, one after the other.*" Or something like that...

# A Cat in a Nursing Home

## Alias

*"The Feathered Harbinger of Death"*  
(Also known as Oscar the therapy cat)



Therapy cats are certified pets that can help people cope with anxiety, illness and disease. While this may sound a little strange to those who don't have a cat friend, anyone who spends part of their day with a cat on their lap knows the peaceful benefits of having a purring furball around.

Oscar was one of six cats hired as a therapy cat by a care center in the United States. And he would show his difference from his other 5 colleagues in a chilling way... Oscar's existence would be associated with a deep and mysterious ability: to predict impending death.

Oscar was born in 2005. He was a tabby with long, soft brown and white fur and a wise look. He was only 6 months old when he started working at the care center. His place of duty was the dementia unit and his name was given by the residents of the unit where he worked. In his first days on the job, he was a little scared and didn't seem very visible to the nursing home staff. It was observed that he was not a very friendly cat and sometimes hissed at people when he wanted to be left alone. It was very rare for him to enter a patient's room and get close to him.

As time passed, it was realized that Oscar, who was wandering around the quiet corridors of the nursing home with his tiny paws, might have a mysterious talent. Oscar, who was not usually very close to people, occasionally showed interest in some patients, visiting them in their rooms and even curling up next to them in bed and sleeping. The strange thing was that the patients Oscar cared for died within a few hours.





Oscar would wake up, and after that adorable cat stretch, wander the corridors of the nursing home, observing the rooms, sniffing the patients, and entering a patient's room after many patients to whom he had remained indifferent. If the door was closed, he waited in front of the door until it opened. He had important business there...

The nursing home staff did not care about this situation at first, but when the situation repeated 20 times, with one death, two deaths, three deaths, they began to believe that Oscar knew that the patients were approaching death. So much so that when Oscar curled up next to a patient, the nursing home staff began calling the patient's family to the nursing home in anticipation of death.

Oscar rose to fame in 2007. Dr. David Dosa narrated Oscar's day and wrote an article to understand how he knew so accurately that death was approaching. Dr. Dosa's guess was, "When the cells begin to break down, they emit certain smells, and Oscar is likely to react to these smells." But of course, it was not possible to know the exact answer.

Oscar successfully predicted the deaths of nearly 100 patients until he passed away in 2022. He somehow felt the impending death and gave the comfort he could provide to those 100 patients who were nearing death, even if only by being with them in their last moments. Sometimes he made sure their loved ones came to them on time, and sometimes he became a friend to their loneliness.

Throughout his years, Oscar wandered the corridors of the care home where he worked, slept, woke up, sometimes hummed with love, sometimes hissed with anger, befriended the people he worked with, and was loved by everyone in the care home where he worked. This wasn't due to his special ability. He was loved because he was a "cat".

Finally, as Charles Dickens once said: *"What gift could be greater than the love of a cat?"*



# OUR GUEST OF THIS MONTH

**Asst. Prof. Hande Nur ONUR ÖZTÜRK**



It is said that the French writer Marcel Proust chatted with the characters he created and asked them some questions.

It is stated that he wrote these questions, also known as the "Proust Questionnaire", at the age of 13 and answered them himself when he was 20.

Using these questions prepared by him, we ask these questions to the lecturer or staff for each subject.

**1-Let's say you decided to start a new society and you discovered a beautiful island. What would be the first rule you put in place?**

**Respect**

**2-Which of the inventions would you like to be the inventor of?**

**Wireless Connection**

**3-If you could witness any event in the past or future, which event would you choose?**

**Life in space**

**4-If you were to write a book, what would it be named?**

**Spend Time if You Can Change It**

**5-If they made a movie about your life, which actor/actress would you like to play you?**

**Demet EVGAR**

**6-What are the 5 words that best describe you?**

**Calm, positive thinker, sportive, organized, listener**

**7-What kind of talent would you like to have?**

**Stopping time**

**8-Who is your hero?**

**Mustafa Kemal ATATÜRK**

**9-Who is your favorite author?**

**Dan BROWN**

**10-What word would be the summary of the years you lived?**

**To catch**

## CULTURE AND ART



The album "Yolgeçen," with lyrics by Assoc. Prof. Aydın ARSLAN, music by Hüseyin BALKANCI, and composition by Bekir ÜNLÜATAER, has been released and is now available to music enthusiasts.





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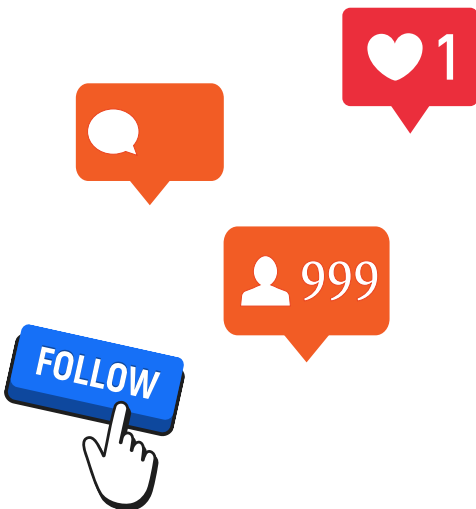
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