

## **MİMAR SİNAN'S LEGACY IS ON ITS WAY TO UNESCO: THE SIGNIFICANT PROJECT RECEIVED SUPPORT FROM TUBITAK!**

The project prepared by Res. Asst. Hazal Türkmen Yazgaç, research assistant at IGU Architecture Department, under the consultancy of Prof. Demet Ulusoy Binan, was deemed worthy of support within the scope of TUBITAK's "1002-A Rapid Support Module". The project, which was prepared under the consultancy of Demet Ulusoy Binan, was found worthy of support within the scope of TUBITAK's "1002-A Rapid Support Module". The project titled "A Study on the Outstanding Universal Value and World Heritage Potential of the Menzil Islamic-Ottoman Social Complexes of the Mimar Sinan Period" took an important step by successfully completing the scientific evaluation process.

IGU Architecture Department Research Assistant Hazal Türkmen Yazgaç's project focuses on the Menzil complexes built by Mimar Sinan, one of the groundbreaking names in the architectural history of the Ottoman Empire, on the Ottoman road network. These complexes, built by Mimar Sinan in a wide geography to meet the basic needs of passengers, have the potential to be included in the UNESCO World Heritage List as a serial heritage.

The research offers a critical perspective towards increasing Türkiye's representation on the UNESCO World Heritage List. At the same time, it aims to make Mimar Sinan's Menzil complexes more visible in the international arena. The project re-evaluates the cultural, economic and social dynamics of the past by examining the Ottoman road network and the complexes on this network.

The findings are expected to contribute to today's heritage management and conservation approaches. This important work stands out as a critical step towards promoting Mimar Sinan's legacy at the international level.

## **ISTANBUL GELİSİM UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE EVALUATION SYSTEM HAS BEEN UPDATED!**

Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) has updated the Academic Performance Evaluation System (APSiS) Implementation Procedures and Principles for 2024. The new regulations aim to evaluate the performance of academic staff more comprehensively and objectively.

Updating the Implementation Procedures and Principles, the APSiS groups academic activities under six main headings: Publications and Citations, Project, Patent, Works of Art and Design, Achievements and Recognition, Scientific and Professional Activities, Educational Activities, Administrative and Contribution Activities to the Institution. The evaluation will be made over approximately 3,000 different criteria and the score values of each activity will be calculated over the determined tables.

The system was prepared to measure the academic performance of units and departments as well as IGU faculty members, to determine the types of activities to be considered in scoring this performance, and to clarify the principles regarding the functioning of the process.

The APSiS evaluation announced in the application calendar will be active on the system on the specified dates. Academic staff are required to submit their performance applications through THE APSiS platform.

This update stands out as an important step aimed at encouraging the achievements of IGU's academic staff and contributing to institutional development.

**PLANE CRASHES ARE ON THE AGENDA: DOES THE SEAT CHOICE AFFECT THE SURVIVAL CHANCE?**

The successive plane crashes in the last days of the year have caused public concern. While discussions on the reliability of the airline and the causes of increasing accidents continue, Asst. Prof. Haluk Kul from the Aircraft Maintenance and Repair Department made evaluations on the subject.

**“AIRLINE IS STILL THE SAFEST WAY TO TRAVEL”**

Istanbul Gelisim University Faculty of Applied Sciences Department of Aircraft Maintenance and Repair lecturer Asst. Prof. Haluk Kul stated that although the recent increase in accidents has caused public uneasiness, the airline is still the safest method of transportation:

“Air transport is statistically much safer than other types of transport. For instance, an average of 40-50 million flights take place every year in the world. Compared to this number, there are only 3-5 accidents per year. On the other hand, hundreds of accidents occur on highways every day, but this situation does not become an issue in the same way.”

Drawing attention to the low risk rates of aviation, Kul emphasized that the level of risk is quite low, such as 3-4 per million, thanks to the strict measures taken.

However, Asst. Prof. Kul also pointed out the reasons for the increasing accidents:

“ Each event has its own dynamics. For example, the incident in Azerbaijan was not a emergency issue, but a safety issue. It was a tragedy that a civilian aircraft was perceived and shot down as a military target in the war zone, which was difficult to prevent.”

**"TECHNICAL FAILURES CANNOT BE COMMENTED ON WITHOUT EXAMINING THEM IN THE COCKPIT"**

Stating that there is no clear information about the plane crash in Korea yet, Asst. Prof. Kul said that the technical details should not be evaluated before the cockpit examinations are completed.

“In order to understand the cause of the accident, it is necessary to know what happened during the landing. The speed at which the aircraft lands on the runway, the state of the braking mechanisms and the physical conditions of the runway are important factors.

Asst. Prof. Kul emphasized that aviation rules are shaped by the lessons learned from accidents:

“The rules in aviation are written as a result of accidents in the past. Strict enforcement of these rules ensures flight safety. That's why we have to keep believing the planes are safe.”

#### WHICH SEATS ARE SAFER ON THE PLANE?

There is a widespread belief that the possibility of surviving plane crashes is linked to seat placement. Asst. Prof. Kul shared the following information on this subject:

“The back of the plane is relatively safer. If the probability of survival is around 25 percent on the front side, this rate increases to 44-45 percent on the back side. In the middle part, it is around 35 percent. However, the survival rate does not reach as high as 90 percent in any region.”

#### “CROSSWALKS ARE MORE DANGEROUS”

Asst. Prof. Kul pointed out a striking point, stating that trust in airline transportation should continue:

“In Türkiye, people should be more afraid at the crosswalk instead of being afraid of the plane. Unfortunately, drivers do not pay attention to pedestrian crossings, speed limits are not followed. This makes road accidents more dangerous.”

While these statements about the safety of air transport alleviate some of the post-accident concerns, experts stress that it is vital to strictly enforce the rules and minimize the risks.

### **KOSGEB PRESIDENT VISITED IGU TEKMER!**

KOSGEB (Small and Medium Industry Development Organization) President Ahmet Serdar İbrahimcioğlu and KOSGEB İkitelli Manager Selim Serkan Ercan visited Istanbul Gelisim University TEKMER and examined the projects carried out in the center. President İbrahimioğlu, who met with entrepreneurs operating in the fields of biotechnology, health, electronics and software, listened to innovative projects and closely followed the studies.

Appreciating the solution-oriented approaches of entrepreneurs, İbrahimcioğlu emphasized that the advanced laboratory facilities offered by TEKMER play a critical role in the realization of innovative ideas. In addition, he gave important information to companies about KOSGEB's investment opportunities and support programs.

Within the scope of the visit, President İbrahimioğlu met with Istanbul Gelisim University Board of Trustees Chairman Abdulkadir Gayretli and IGU Rector Prof. Bahri Şahin and made evaluations on university-industry cooperation.

Noting that TEKMER's support for entrepreneurs contributes greatly to our country's innovation ecosystem, the President emphasized the importance of the center as the meeting point of the business world and academia.

## **DOUBLE AWARD AT 5TH ESENLER FILM FESTIVAL TO IGU ACADEMICIAN KEREM YÜKSELOĞLU!**

Lecturer from Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) Faculty of Fine Arts, Department of Radio, Television and Cinema, Kerem Yükseloğlu's short film project Tonight is Different from the Others, achieved great success at the 5th Esenler Film Festival. The project won the "Short Film Production Award" and the "Flod Color Award".

Tonight is Different from the Others, which is among the finalist projects, was presented to the jury within the scope of the festival. The jury included script doctor and academician Öktem Başol, TRT Cinema Festival Coordinator Esra Demirkıran and producer-director Mehmet Bahadır Er. As a result of the evaluation of the jury, Yükseloğlu's project stood out with its originality and cinematographic approach and was deemed worthy of two prestigious awards.

While this success made both Istanbul Gelisim University and the Department of Radio, Television and Cinema proud, it also underlined the importance given to promising projects in the short film world. Kerem Yükseloğlu, who draws attention with his project Tonight is Different from Others, continues to take significant steps in the field of short films.

## **IGU CLOSED 2024 BY COMPLETING THE QUALITY EVALUATION PROCESSES!**

Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) continues to take important steps in international accreditation processes. IGU, the university with the most internationally accredited programs in Türkiye, hosted the evaluation and renewal visits of many prestigious accreditation organizations between November and December 2024. These processes once again demonstrated the university's commitment to the quality of education at international standards.

## YÖKAK VISIT: A SIGNIFICANT STEP IN THE INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITATION PROCESS

The Higher Education Quality Board (YÖKAK) visited Istanbul Gelisim University within the scope of the "Institutional Accreditation Program" (KAP). This evaluation was carried out with the aim of strengthening the university's institutional quality assurance system and its quality in education. The visit was successfully completed as an indication of IGU's quality-oriented work.

## ABET EVALUATION IN THE FIELD OF ENGINEERING

The "Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology" (ABET) Committee, an independent non-governmental organization based in the USA, visited the IGU Faculty of Engineering. In this process, comprehensive evaluations were made to renew the international accreditations of academic programs within the faculty. ABET's evaluations once again proved that IGU meets world standards in engineering education.

## FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES AHPGS ACCREDITATION

The German Accreditation Agency in Health and Social Sciences (AHPGS), which carries out accreditation studies in the field of Health and Social Sciences, made examinations at IGU Faculty of Health Sciences. In this process, the compliance of the academic programs of the faculty with international standards was successfully evaluated and suggestions were made to further improve the quality of education.

## AQAS ASSESSMENTS AT THE FACULTY OF ECONOMICS, ADMINISTRATIVE AND SOCIAL SCIENCES AND THE FACULTY OF FINE ARTS

The officials of the International Independent Accreditation Agency for Quality Assurance (AQAS), a member of the European Quality Assurance Association (ENQA), visited the Faculty of Economics, Administrative and Social Sciences and the Faculty of Fine Arts to evaluate the departments and renew the international accreditation processes.

## INTERNATIONAL EXCELLENCE ADDRESS IN EDUCATION

Istanbul Gelisim University has once again registered the quality of education at both national and international levels with the quality evaluation process it has completed. The successful completion of the accreditation processes strengthened the international validity of the education and training opportunities offered by IGU to its students and increased the recognition of the university at the global level.

With its innovative research activities, qualified academic staff and world-class education approach, IGU continues its path as one of Türkiye's leading institutions in higher education. This achievement once again demonstrates the university's determination to be an exemplary model on the international platform.

## **NEW ERA IN DOCTORAL PROGRAMS: ACCREDITATION REQUIREMENT HAS NOW BEEN REQUIRED!**

Council of Higher Education (YÖK) President Prof. Erol Özvar announced that the conditions for opening a doctoral program in universities are subject to accreditation requirement. This regulation, which aims to increase the quality in the higher education system in Türkiye, is seen as an important milestone for doctoral



education. In this context, Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU), which is a leader in accreditation in Türkiye, is at the forefront in this field with its 56 accredited undergraduate programs and offers a great opportunity to students who want to pursue an academic career with its 100% scholarship/free doctoral programs.

Prof. Özvar emphasized YÖK's quality-oriented approach with the following words:

"All the issues that constitute our corporate vision are the result of the quality-oriented approach we are implementing. We care that the same understanding prevails in our universities. In this context, we expect our universities that want to open a doctoral program to have accredited programs. In addition, we are introducing accreditation requirements in the establishment of academic units such as faculties, colleges, institutes and research centers in the coming period. We aim for all of our universities to complete the YÖKAK Institutional Accreditation process by 2027."

This regulation aims to make quality standards mandatory in order to ensure that universities can compete not only on a national but also on an international scale.

## ISTANBUL GELİSİM UNIVERSITY IS TÜRKİYE LEADER IN ACCREDITATION

Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU), which is a leader in accreditation in Türkiye, stands out in this field with 56 internationally accredited undergraduate programs. Adopting international quality standards with its departments accredited by world-renowned accreditation organizations such as ABET, Faculty of Economics, Administrative and Social Sciences in the Faculty of Engineering and Architecture, AQAS in the Faculty of Fine Arts, and AHPGS in the Faculty of Health Sciences, IGU also attracts attention in its doctoral programs. Moreover, the fact that all doctoral programs of the university are 100% scholarship/free of charge offers a great opportunity for students aiming for an academic career.



IGU Rector Prof. Bahri Şahin stated that they support the quality-oriented vision of YÖK and said:

"Istanbul Gelisim University has made it a fundamental principle to apply national and international standards at the highest level by acting with a quality-oriented approach in higher education. The fact that we are the university with the most accredited undergraduate programs in Türkiye is a concrete indication of the importance we attach to quality. We continue to support those who want to pursue an academic career by offering 100% scholarship education in our doctoral programs. This new regulation brought by the Council of Higher Education fully coincides with the quality-oriented vision of our university. We support YÖK President Prof. Erol Özvar's quality-oriented approach, our university is also based on academic excellence in all its processes."