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*"The first language a person should learn
is the language of kindness."*

Barış Manço

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SUSTAINABLE QUALITY CERTIFIED: IGU RENEWS TS-ISO 10002 MANAGEMENT SYSTEM CERTIFICATE

Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) successfully completed the audit process conducted by the Turkish Standards Institute (TSE) between July 28–30, 2025, and earned the renewal of its ISO 10002 Student and Stakeholder Satisfaction Management System Certificate. Lecturer Enes KALYONCU, Vice Dean of the IGU Student Dean's Office, emphasized that this development reflects the university's transparent, systematic, and continuously improving approach to satisfaction management.

"Every Piece of Feedback Is an Opportunity for Improvement for Us"

The TS ISO 10002 standard aims to help institutions enhance service quality by effectively handling suggestions, complaints, and feedback. Highlighting that IGU has successfully implemented this standard for a long time, Lecturer Kalyoncu stated, "This certificate is not only an indicator of quality; it is also a tangible reflection of the importance we place on student and stakeholder satisfaction. Every piece of feedback is an opportunity for improvement for us. Continuity and transparency in quality management are among our core principles. This is how we maintain a strong trust bond with our students and all stakeholders."





Feedback Mechanisms Support Institutional Development

At Istanbul Gelisim University, satisfaction-oriented processes are managed through IGUMER (Communication Center) and COZUMER (Solution Center) under the Student Dean's Office. Regarding the operation of these two centers, Lecturer Kalyoncu shared the following:

"IGUMER and COZUMER systematically collect not only complaints but also suggestions, appreciations, and general feedback, and direct them to the relevant departments. In this way, our students' voices are directly reflected in the decision-making processes. Our feedback mechanism is not only aimed at solving problems but also at enhancing our institutional culture."

Kalyoncu emphasized that this system plays an active role in the university's strategic decision-making processes and stated that a data-driven approach supports institutional development.

"We Have a System That Prioritizes Quality in All Areas"

"The renewal of the TS ISO 10002 certificate once again documents Istanbul Gelisim University's student-centered management approach and its commitment to service quality," said Lect. Kalyoncu, underlining the university's student-oriented perspective. He continued: "We have a system that prioritizes quality in every area – from education to digital services, from campus life to administrative processes. This certificate is a reflection of all these efforts."

"As IGU, We Are Advancing With a Vision of Excellence in Education"

Stating that this significant development once again proves that Istanbul Gelisim University sustainably implements a quality-focused management approach and advances with a vision of excellence in education, Lecturer Kalyoncu concluded:

"We view student and stakeholder feedback not merely as a monitoring tool, but as a means of transformation that will move our university forward. This perspective increases our competitiveness both nationally and internationally, and at the same time strengthens our goal of providing students with a high-quality education aligned with the demands of the modern age."





Sayın

Özbekistan ve Türkiye arasındaki edebiyat, sanat bağlarını güçlendirmek ve yazarların-jurilerin ve bilim insanlarının birbirlerini tanımaları için Baygenç Yayıncılık olarak düzenlediğimiz (**Bilim Eğitim ve Kalkınma Yolunda Uluslararası İşbirliği**) adlı kitabın tanıtımı ve kültür etkinliğine davet eder, saygılar sunarız.

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Uzbekistan-Turkey Cultural and Cooperation Meeting

The launch of the book “International Cooperation on the Path of Science, Education, and Development” and a cultural event took place on August 28, 2025, at Holiday Inn Istanbul City. The gathering, held with the support of Baygenç Publishing and the Uzbekistan Cultural Solidarity and Cooperation Association, hosted international participants. The event, which strengthened the ties between the two brotherly countries sharing a common memory, literature, and culture, conveyed the message that intercultural dialogue will open new doors.

Dr. Emrah TÜNCER, Assistant Professor at the Department of Social Work, Istanbul Gelisim University, attended as an invited speaker. In his speech, Tüncer brought together leading figures of the Sufi tradition – Ahmet Yesevi, Hacı Bektaş Veli, Yunus Emre, and Kaygusuz Abdal – around the metaphor of the “path.” For instance, he noted that the tradition of wisdom initiated by Yesevi in the steppes of Central Asia could still be traced in the humorous yet profound works of Kaygusuz Abdal. According to Tüncer, although these great figures lived in different geographies, the paths they opened all led to the same truth. Continuing his speech, he recalled Hacı Bektaş Veli’s saying, “The path is above all,” emphasizing that even those who stumble eventually become part of the path itself, and that cultures continue to progress by following these traces.





At İstanbul Gelişim University, a “Disaster and Awareness Training” was organized

In line with the official directive sent by the Istanbul Governorship and the Provincial Disaster and Emergency Directorate, the Disaster and Emergency Coordination Office of Istanbul Gelişim University (IGU) organized a “Disaster and Awareness Training for Employees and Students.” The training provided information on the “Drop-Cover-Hold On” practice and building evacuation procedures within the framework of workplace emergency plans. The event was planned to promote the adoption of appropriate behavioral responses during potential disasters and emergencies. With the training conducted prior to the drill, the aim was to raise the awareness levels of both students and staff. The event, held at the Firnas Auditorium in Block K, was attended not only by academics, administrative staff, and students but also by Dr. Rıza Evren KILCI, Deputy Technical Director of Avcılar Municipality, and Selin KARMAN, Training Officer of the Disaster Affairs Department at Avcılar Municipality. Participants contributed to the training process by sharing their knowledge and experiences gained in the field.

Practical Training for Students and Staff

As part of the training, the “Drop-Cover-Hold On” maneuver was demonstrated in practice, and key points to be considered during building evacuation procedures were shared. Participants experienced the importance of acting swiftly and safely without panic during a disaster.

IGU’s Emphasis on a Safe Campus

Through these training sessions, Istanbul Gelişim University emphasized not only its commitment to academic achievement but also its dedication to maintaining a safe campus environment. The university administration stated that disaster awareness education and drills will continue, highlighting their approach of prioritizing the safety of all stakeholders—from students to staff.



2025-2026 ACADEMIC YEAR Orientation Program

Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) has launched its orientation program to welcome new students for the 2025–2026 academic year. Aimed at facilitating the transition into university life, the program is designed to help students get to know their faculties, academic advisors, social opportunities, and campus life more closely. The orientation program will take place from September 15–18, 2025, at the Mehmet Akif Ersoy Conference Hall, located in IGU J Block (Tower) Campus.

Message from Our Rector *Congratulations to New Students*



On the first day of the orientation, IGU Rector Prof. Dr. Bahri SAHIN attended the orientation program of the Faculty of Health Sciences, congratulated all new students, and wished them success. Prof. Dr. SAHIN emphasized that, in line with IGU's student-centered vision, the university will continue to support students in all aspects of their academic and personal development.

Student Clubs *Set Up Information Stands*



Throughout the orientation period, various student clubs operating within IGU are also meeting new students through their information stands. These clubs aim to enrich students' social lives by providing details about their activities and projects that cater to a wide range of interests.

IGU SBF HEALTH MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT 2025-2026 FALL SEMESTER ORIENTATION TRAINING HELD

Our orientation event, where we introduced our department and shared our experiences with new students in the Health Management Department of Istanbul Gelişim University's Faculty of Health Sciences, took place on September 24, 2025, at 12:00 PM in Classroom 24. as part of the event, Asst. Prof. Aslı KAYA, Department Head of the Health Management Department, gave a presentation on the awareness Istanbul Gelişim University provides students, important information about the Health Management Department, and general information about the profession. Following the presentation, students' questions were answered.

Mr. Abdulkadir GAYRETLİ, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Health Management Department, spoke to the students about the university's opportunities and expressed his support for them at every stage of their career journeys. Asst. Prof. Turgay KARALINÇ, drawing on his own experiences in the healthcare sector, expressed his pride and happiness at receiving healthcare services and seeing our students working in healthcare institutions and representing our university. Asst. Prof. Bumin Çağatay AKSU emphasized the importance of individual career development in academic, social, and cultural areas. The Health Management Department orientation program concluded with a commemorative photo taken with the participation of first-year, second-year, third-year, and fourth-year students.



Orientation Meeting Held in the Perfusion Department

On September 24, 2025, an orientation meeting was held for the students of the Perfusion Department at Istanbul Gelisim University. The meeting, conducted by the Head of the Perfusion Department, Prof. Dr. Kivanç Derya PEKER, along with the departmental academic staff, provided comprehensive information regarding the academic structure of the department, course contents, educational processes, and the academic regulations that students are required to comply with. Additionally, recommendations aimed at facilitating students' adaptation to university life were presented. Students' questions were addressed, and detailed information concerning academic processes was shared. During the meeting, students were provided with detailed guidance on the use of digital platforms such as the OBIS and LMS, which are utilized for managing academic and administrative processes. The importance of using these systems correctly and consistently was emphasized to enable students to effectively access course materials, monitor assignments and exams, follow announcements, and carry out other academic procedures.

Furthermore, students were advised that the official channel for communication is the university email system, and all academic notifications and announcements would be communicated through these platforms and via email. It was stressed that active engagement with these systems and regular monitoring of email accounts are crucial to prevent disruptions in academic processes. Prof. Dr. Kivanç Derya PEKER also highlighted the opportunities offered by Istanbul Gelisim University, emphasizing that the university adheres to an education approach aligned with international standards, provides a strong academic staff, and offers a modern campus environment that supports multifaceted development. He underscored that internationally accredited programs, student exchange agreements, practical training facilities, technologically equipped laboratories, and a wide range of social and cultural activities significantly contribute to both the academic and personal development of students. The orientation meeting enabled students to gain an in-depth understanding of the academic structure of the Perfusion Department while also familiarizing themselves with the opportunities offered by Istanbul Gelisim University. As a result, students were able to commence the new academic year in a more prepared, informed, and motivated manner.

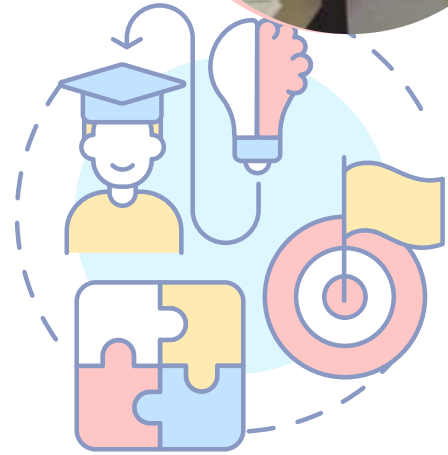


Speech & Language Therapy Department Orientation Meeting Held

Within the scope of the 2025–2026 academic year, the Department of Speech and Language Therapy at Istanbul Gelisim University, Faculty of Health Sciences, organized an orientation meeting for students.

During the meeting, the department's academic staff and administrative procedures were introduced. Information was provided about the university's mission and vision, the education program, curriculum, practical/lab courses, and internship opportunities. In addition, students received detailed briefings on OBIS (Student Information System), relevant regulations, double-major and Erasmus+ opportunities, student clubs, and many other topics.

The orientation meeting was held to facilitate our students' adaptation to the university, support them in planning their academic lives in an informed way, and help them make a strong start to the profession of Speech and Language Therapy.



OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY DEPARTMENT 2025–2026 ACADEMIC YEAR ORIENTATION MEETING

Our University's Occupational Therapy Department held an orientation presentation and information meeting for first-year students for the 2025–2026 academic year. The meeting was organized to clarify the department's academic procedures and answer questions students had. The program began with an opening speech by Prof. Dr. Arif ÖNDER, Head of the Occupational Therapy Department. Prof. Dr. ÖNDER welcomed the students to the department and provided general information about the education process, internship opportunities, and the department's vision. Then, Department Vice Chair Asisst. Prof. Beyza Aslı BİLSEL shared detailed information about the undergraduate program's operation, internship practices, double major and minor opportunities, regulations, and department rules.

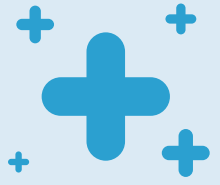
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During the meeting, while students' questions were being answered, the Occupational Therapy and Social Rehabilitation Club, advised by Assistant Professor Beyza Aslı BİLSEL, was also introduced. Club President Senanur Kıvanç and Club Vice President Remzi AYTI, who is also a member of the Occupational Therapy Association, provided students with information about the club's mission, activities, and membership process.

The event concluded as a productive gathering where students gained direct information about the department and social activities, emphasizing the importance of making a dynamic and conscious start to the 2025–2026 academic year. The Occupational Therapy Department wished all students a successful and productive academic year.





NURSING DEPARTMENT ORIENTATION MEETING FOR THE 2025–2026 ACADEMIC YEAR HELD SUCCESSFULLY

The orientation meeting organized for first-year students of the Nursing Department was successfully held. The event was conducted by Head of Nursing Department Assoc. Prof. Mahruk GÜNEYLİ.

During the meeting, students were provided with information about the general structure of the department, as well as the academic and practical course processes. Expectations regarding clinical and theoretical education were shared, and students' questions were carefully answered.

The meeting was not only informative but also served as an important opportunity to meet and establish initial communication with students. Held in a warm and friendly atmosphere, the event included guidance to help students take their first steps into university life with confidence.

This orientation contributed to strengthening the students' sense of belonging to the department and served as a positive start to the new academic year, encouraging motivation and enthusiasm.



Social Work Department Held Its 2025-2026 Academic Year Orientation Program

Istanbul Gelisim University, Faculty of Health Sciences, Department of Social Work organized an orientation program for students newly enrolled in the 2025-2026 academic year. With the participation of Social Work students, the program addressed the structure of the department, academic processes, and topics designed to facilitate students' adaptation to university life.

Social Work Department Welcomed Its New Students

The program began with a presentation by the Head of the Department of Social Work, Prof. Dr. İsmet Galip YOLCUOĞLU. In his presentation, Prof. Dr. Yolcuoğlu shared the vision and mission of the university and the department, the academic structure, and the key points students should pay attention to during their university journey.

Following this, Research Assistant Fatma Trkan ZIRMAK informed students about academic procedures, regulations, the advisory system, course processes, examinations and evaluation methods, university digital platforms, student clubs, internships, and practical courses. Research Assistant Onur Zeki ANILGAN provided further information on the current fundamental rules applicable to undergraduate students.

Erasmus Opportunities Introduced

The Department's Erasmus Coordinator, Research Assistant Aslıhan Kbra SAKARYA, introduced the Erasmus+ exchange program, explaining application procedures, study abroad, and internship opportunities. Students also had the chance to ask questions regarding international experience opportunities.

Program Concluded with Survey and Group Photo

At the end of the program, students asked their questions regarding the orientation process and completed the satisfaction survey. The event concluded with a group photo taken together with all participants, marking a memorable start to the new academic year.



ACADEMIC STUDIES

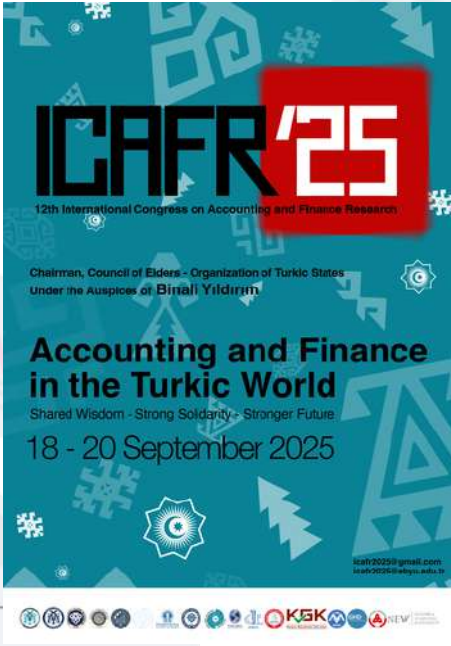


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PRESENTATION



Asst. Prof. Aslı KAYA, one of the faculty members of the Health Management Department of our faculty, presented her paper titled 'AN EXAMINATION ON BEHAVIORAL ACCOUNTING' and 'AN EXAMINATION OF NEW GENERATION ACCOUNTING PROGRAMS IN DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION' which she prepared together with Independent Researcher Dr. Aslı ERCAN ÖNBIÇAK, as an oral presentation at the 12th International Accounting and Finance Research Congress.

PRESENTATION



Empowering Learners: Adaptive Learning
Environments and the Role of AI in Education

26-29 AUGUST 2025
Cunda, Ayvalık, Türkiye

Assistant Professor Aylin AKINLAR and Assistant Professor Derya KAVGAOĞLU Presented a Paper at the 5th International Conference on Educational Technology and Online Learning. Asst. Prof. Aylin AKINLAR, Assistant Professor at the Department of Public Relations and Advertising, Faculty of Communication, Bandırma Onyedi Eylül University, and Asst. Prof. Derya KAVGAOĞLU, Assistant Professor at the Department of Social Work, Faculty of Health Sciences, Istanbul Gelişim University, participated in the 5th International Conference on Educational Technology and Online Learning (ICETOL 2025) held in Ayvalık/Cunda, Türkiye, between 26-29 August 2025. During the conference, the scholars presented their paper entitled "A Bibliometric Analysis of Research on Bloom's Taxonomy and Its Revised Version (1980-2025): Trends, Themes, and Scholarly Impact."

PRESENTATION



Asst. Prof. Yonca Güneş YÜCEL from our faculty's Department of Social Work presented her paper titled "Family, Marriage, and Migrant Women's Labor in Adım Magazine: A Rose in the Bush of Seven Thorns?" at the 18th National Social Sciences Congress held at the METU Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences.

ARTICLE



The article titled "Risk Awareness, Protective Behaviors, and Attitudes Related to Infectious Diseases Among Faculty of Health Sciences Students: A Descriptive Cross-Sectional Study," jointly prepared by our Faculty of Language and Speech Department faculty member Lecturer Seda KETEN and Specialist Dr. Gülşen YÖRÜK from the Health Sciences University Istanbul Training and Research Hospital, has been published in the journal Türkiye Klinikleri.

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ARTICLE

Asst. Prof. Mehmet KARTAL, a faculty member from our faculty's Department of Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation, Prof. Dr. Rifat MUTUŞ, a faculty member from the Department of Audiology, and Asst. Prof. Şamil SEFERGİL from Muğla Sıtkı Koçman University, have published their article, "The role of skull anatomy in sensory perception in brachycephalic dog breeds," in the Journal of Istanbul Veterinary Sciences. [Click here to access the article.](#)

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The role of skull anatomy in sensory perception in brachycephalic dog breeds

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ABSTRACT

The study aims to investigate the influence of brachycephalic skull morphology on sensory perception in selected dog breeds. Brachycephalic breeds, known for their distinct cranial structure, often exhibit unique sensory capabilities, which this study seeks to understand in relation to anatomical features. English, French Bulldogs and Pugs breeds were chosen due to their distinctive brachycephalic features and their popularity in this study. Sensory perception was assessed using a series of standardized tests targeting olfactory, visual, and auditory capabilities. These assessments were correlated with detailed cranial measurements obtained through 3D imaging and MRI scans. Statistical analysis was performed to determine the relationship between specific cranial features and sensory function. Preliminary findings suggest a significant correlation between certain aspects of brachycephalic skull morphology and altered sensory perception. Notably, reduced olfactory function was observed in breeds with more pronounced cranial shortening. Visual and auditory perceptions were also found to be affected by specific anatomical traits, with variability noted across different breeds. The study concludes that brachycephalic skull morphology plays a crucial role in shaping sensory perception in these dog breeds. The findings have implications for understanding the sensory limitations and welfare concerns associated with brachycephalic breeds, guiding future breeding and care practices.

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Research Article

Man's Tongue, Woman's Poison: Deadloch, A Feminist Crime Comedy in the Genre of Police Crime Drama

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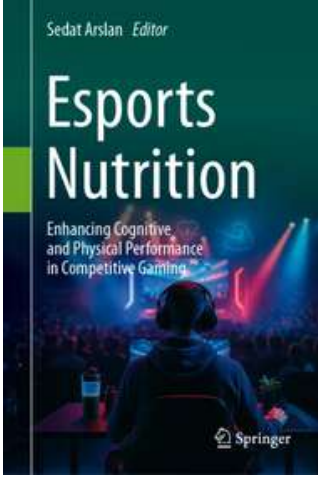
Abstract: We argue that *Deadloch* transforms the conventions of the police crime drama into a feminist dark comedy that employs queer humor and "soft" methods of violence to expose and critique patriarchal, colonial, and heteronormative power structures. This study aims to analyze *Deadloch*, a feminist dark comedy, through multiple concepts such as discourse, gender identity, colonial criticism, and justice. Analysis becomes possible at the intersection of these concepts. In the story set on the island, attempts are made to solve the serial murders and find the killer. In choosing the "island" spatially, its function as a closed microcosm in which social norms and power relations are reproduced is also foregrounded as a metaphor. The victims whose tongues are cut out in the murders are men. In the series where the displacement and reduction of gender identities are realized with humor, the main issue is to overcome binary oppositions such as public/private, female/male, emotion/reason, rational/irrational, love/hate, and pleasure/pain. These binary oppositions are tried to be overcome in a place where emotions are questioned. Emotions blur the fixity of identities, the performativity of masculinities, and the spatial traces of the colonial past in the series' characters, opening to the past and present. The series uses the cross-gender transitivity and captures this through humor to realize the feminist fantasy of justice. The conflict experienced in the tension between the body and the reason/mind also shows the cultural embeddedness of hegemonic masculinity practices. The study asks, first, how humor functions in the subtextualization of crime and violence. Secondly, it asks how narrative structures that disrupt gender stereotypes invite the audience into a new ethics-political space and have social positions such as race, class, culture, and colonial memory intersect in this narrative where crime is coded with femininity. In the study, the method of feminist close readings used in accordance with the concept of intersectionality, and multiple concepts (gender, identity, class, culture, colonial memory) are analyzed along with the utopian comedy under scrutiny. The conflict between conservatives and liberals begins when two female detectives, Dalce and Jedlife, take on

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Asst. Prof. Selda Tunç SUBAŞI, faculty member of the Department of Radio, Television and Cinema at the Faculty of Economics, Administrative and Social Sciences, and Asst. Prof. Yonca Güneş Yücel ATALAY, faculty member of the Department of Social Work at the Faculty of Health Sciences, have published their article titled "Man's Tongue, Woman's Poison: Deadloch, A Feminist Crime Comedy in the Genre of Police Crime Drama" in the Gender Special Issue of the journal *Fiscaoconomia* (FSECON). [Click here to access the article.](#)

BOOK CHAPTER



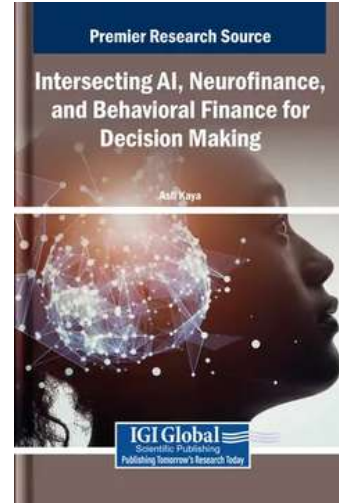
The book chapter titled “Dietary Supplements for Performance Enhancement in Esports” has been published in the book titled Esports Nutrition: Enhancing Cognitive and Physical Performance in Competitive Gaming, edited by Assoc. Prof. Dr. H. Merve BAYRAM, a faculty member of our faculty's Department of Nutrition and Dietetics, and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sedat ARSLAN, a faculty member of Bandırma Onyedi Eylül University.

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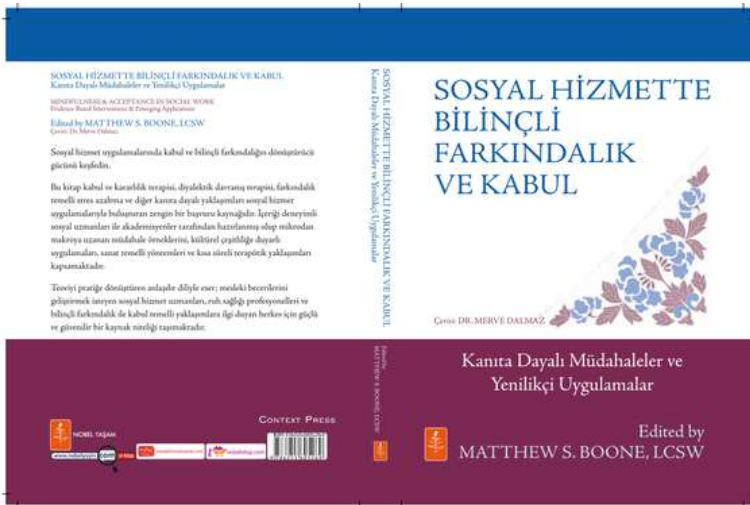
BOOK

The book "Intersecting AI, Neurofinance, and Behavioral Finance for Decision Making," edited by Asst. Prof. Aslı KAYA, a faculty member in our faculty's Department of Health Management, has been published as a digital book by IGI GLOBAL as part of the BKCI program.

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BOOK TRANSLATION



The translation book titled Conscious Awareness and Acceptance in Social Work by Asst.Prof. Merve DALMAZ from our Faculty's Department of Social Work has been published by Nobel Publications.

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PRESENTATION

OUR DEPARTMENT TOOK THE STAGE AT ICN2025!

Our department took part in the International Congress of Nutrition (IUNS-ICN 2025), held in Paris between 24–29 August 2025, with three oral presentations on the international stage.

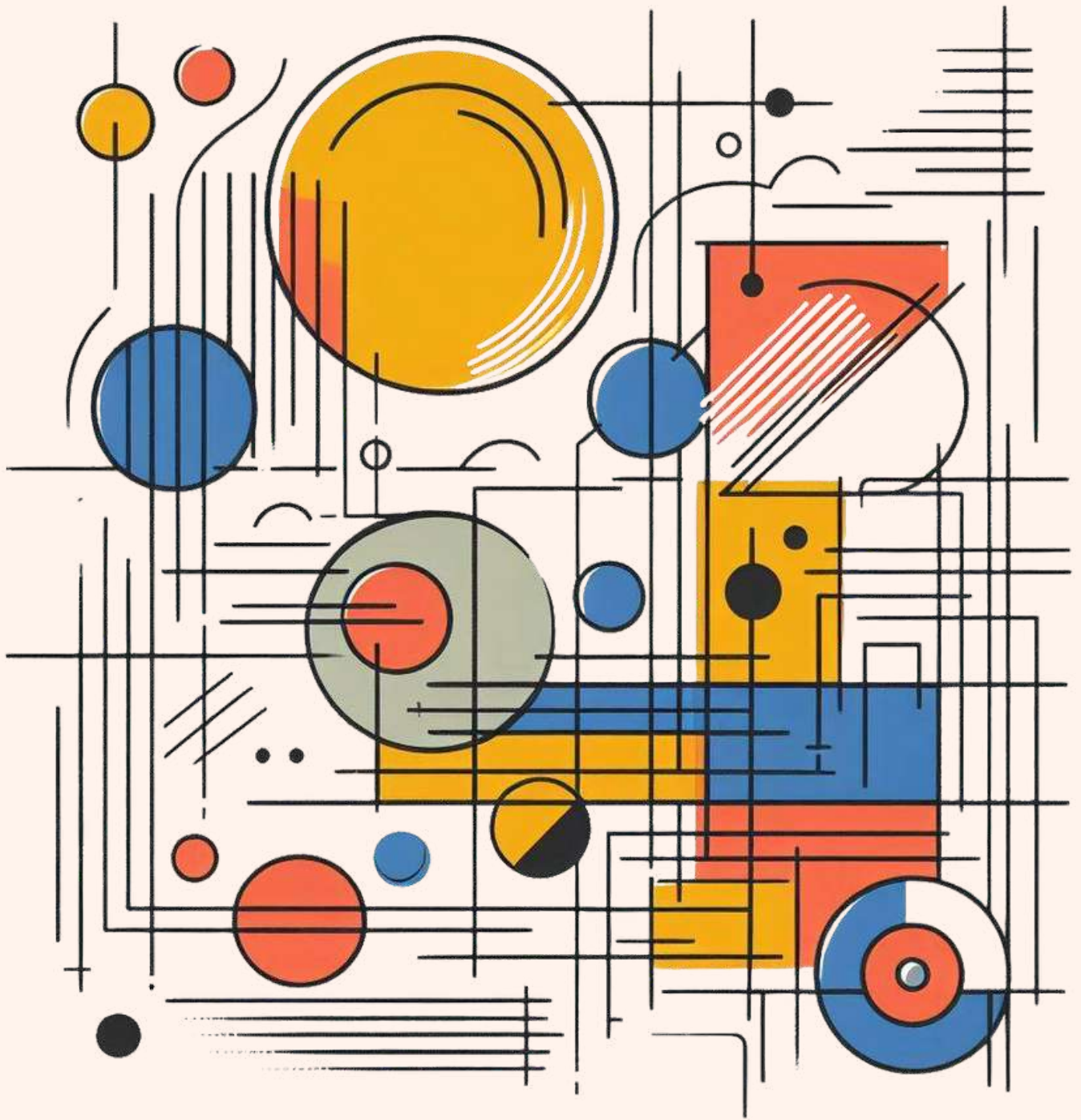
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hatice Merve BAYRAM: “Exploring the Association between the Mediterranean Diet, Sustainable Eating, and Eco-Anxiety: A Cross-Sectional Study on Food Choices”

Res. Asst. Dr. Gizem UZLU DOLANBAY: “The Impact of Negative Footprint Illusion and Food Form Perception on Sustainable Eating Behaviors”

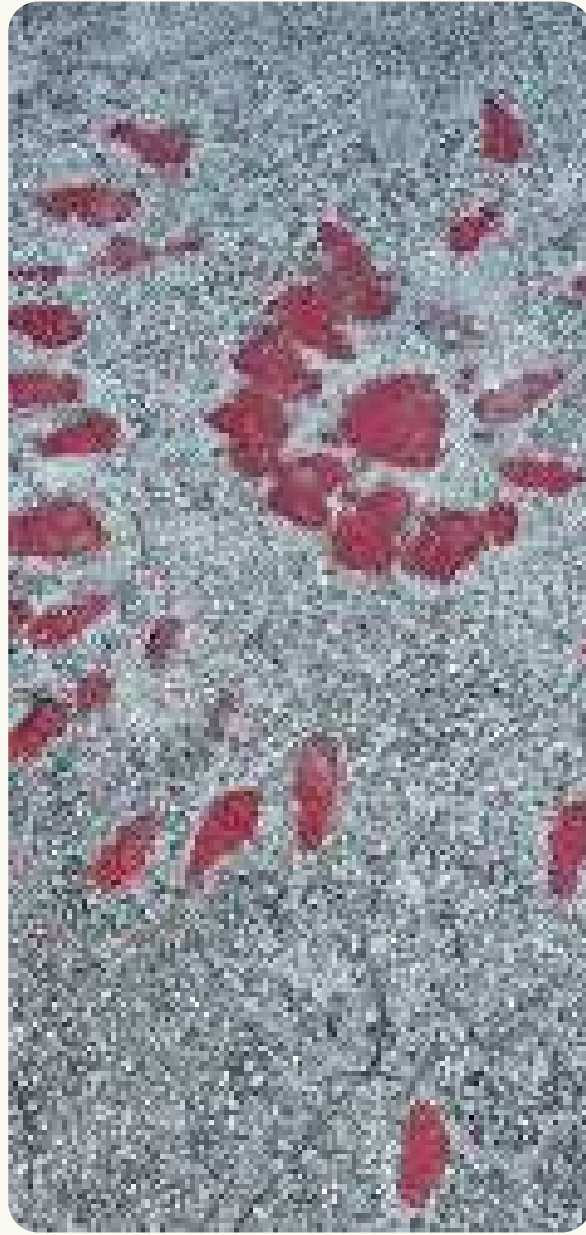
Res. Asst. Tuğba TÜRKCAN: “Self-Weighing and Disordered Eating Among Women: Exploring the Moderating Role of Psychological Resilience and Self-Compassion”

This prestigious congress, which brought together thousands of researchers and health professionals from across the globe, was held under the theme “Sustainable Nutrition for Global Health.” It provided a platform for presenting the latest scientific findings in nutrition, fostering interdisciplinary exchange, and shaping future research agendas.

We sincerely congratulate our faculty members for their valuable contributions to advancing knowledge at the international level and proudly share this achievement as a testament to our department’s academic productivity and global visibility.



CULTURE ART
LITERATURE



On the Roses of Sarajevo and the Futility of War

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Are you sleeping well, Major? If I entrust you with the responsibility of my eleven men, in addition to your two thousand, what will you lose? Are you able to sleep, Major? At night with two thousand ghosts? Forget sleep, can you live, can you live even a single minute without screaming?

These words poured from the pen of Wolfgang Borchert in 1947. He was only 26 years old; his life was cut short like a broken branch. He left behind only one play: *Outside the Door*. He told the story of a soldier who returned home, only to find himself a stranger in his own country. Because what remains after war is not only shattered buildings, but also the ghosts placed upon the shoulders of the living. Ghosts are not only the burden of the dead, but also of those condemned to survive. And those ghosts, a few decades later, would descend upon Bosnia; they would wander the streets of Sarajevo, the bridge of Mostar, the forests of Srebrenica.

The Bosnian War (1992–1995), only a few years after the fall of the Berlin Wall, was a bitter lesson in how genocide—the very atrocity humanity had once said “never again” to—could become possible once more, in the heart of Europe. Sarajevo was besieged for 1,425 days; the longest siege in modern history. People carried bread and medicine through tunnels dug under the city. Children tried to go to school under the gaze of snipers. Those waiting in line for water in backstreets were shot.

And yet, before the war, Bosnia was the very name of hope. In Sarajevo, the call to prayer and the church bells rose together to the same sky. The Mostar Bridge united not only the two banks of the Neretva, but also a civilization where diverse cultures could live together. During holidays, neighbors brought sweets to each other; at weddings, Bosniak songs and Serbian melodies echoed around the same table. People did not feel themselves merely Bosniak or Serb, but Yugoslav, for identities did not divide, but brought together. That is why Bosnia's mosaic was not only a social order, but also a hope for humanity.



And one morning, that hope crumbled. Neighborhoods turned into frontlines, friendships into silence, songs into laments. This is why Palikuca's astonished words in his book *Do Not Forget Mostar* still echo:

War, Pedja! How could such a thing be? Could people who had treated each other as brothers for fifty years now face each other in war? Would decades of shared life shatter and vanish into thin air within just a few months?

Today, when you walk the streets of Sarajevo, the answer to that haunting question—"How could it be?"—is etched into the body of the city like a silenced confession. That answer lies in the bullet-ridden walls of its buildings, and in the Roses of Sarajevo, the craters left by mortar shells, sealed with red resin, each transformed into a new shadow added to Borchert's ghosts.

And then, the darkest moment of war: Srebrenica, the summer of 1995. 8,372 Bosniak men and boys, systematically slaughtered in just a few days, before the eyes of the world. In a place the UN had declared a safe zone. Since that day, every July 11th, dozens of newly identified remains are laid to rest. Mothers still wait for the bones of their sons. One mother, donating her son's shirt to the Genocide Museum, wrote:

Soon I will be eighty years old. If I die before I recover all my son's bones, at least let his scent remain here. Where bodies are destroyed, one takes refuge in scents. Humanity is forced to preserve even the smell of its children.

This is why Mustafa Kemal Atatürk's words, Peace at home, peace in the world, still resound among Bosnia's ruins. They are not merely a political principle; they are the simplest truth, echoing in a mother's tear, in the shadow falling across a child's empty desk. For no cause can justify a mother losing her child; no ideology can explain turning a city into a graveyard.

In sum: war is futile. It transforms neighborliness into hostility, a city into a cemetery, music into lament. It is futile because it leaves behind nothing but ghosts. And today, those ghosts wandering Bosnia's streets whisper Borchert's voice back to us:

Can you live even a single minute without screaming?







The Psychology of Loneliness

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Loneliness is a deeply distressing experience that almost everyone experiences at some point in their lives. For this reason, philosophers, writers, artists, and scientists have been writing about loneliness for many years. However, in our country, studies examining loneliness from a psychological perspective are quite scarce. This book is the product of an effort to fill this gap in the understanding of loneliness. By presenting the results of current research in the field of mental health, the insights of prominent theorists on loneliness, and what the author has learned from his clients during his years of psychotherapy work, the book is hoped to be helpful to readers interested in the subject.



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Where should I visit in Istanbul?

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KAMONDO STAIRS, KARAKOY

Popularly known as the "Lovers' Ladder", the staircase was built by the Kamondo family for their grandchildren. Realizing that his grandchildren had to take a longer route to go to school, Abraham Kamondo built these stairs for his grandchildren as a shorter and more comfortable transportation route.



GALATA TOWER

Galata Tower is located in Beyoğlu district of Istanbul. Built as a watchtower on the Galata Walls, the tower is now used as an exhibition space and a museum. It is one of the symbolic structures of both Beyoğlu and Istanbul.



TAKSIM SQUARE

"İstiklal Caddesi", named "Cadde-i Kebir" in Ottoman and "Grande Rue de Pera" in French, is a street belonging to the district of Beyoğlu, located between Tünel Square and Taksim Square. It has been among the most popular streets in Turkey since the late 1800s.





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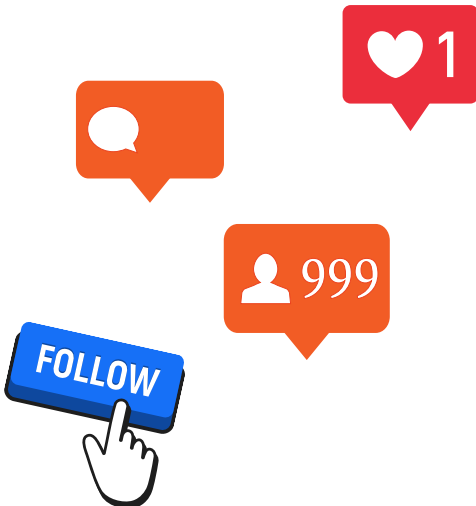
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