



**Eastern Mediterranean University
Urban Research and Development Center
(EMU URDC)**

2024-2025 Academic Year

September 2024-August 2025

Activity Report

(18 August 2025)

	 URBAN RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT CENTER KENTSEL ARASTIRMA VE GELISTIRME MERKEZİ	Eastern Mediterranean University Urban Research and Development Center (EMU URDC) 2024-2025 Academic Year Activity Report September 2024-August 2025
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Introduction

This report is prepared to present the activities of EMU URDC for the Academic Year 2024-2025, covering the Fall and Spring Semesters.

Within this period, 2 Executive Board Meetings were completed, each at the beginning of the semester, to plan the semester. Besides, online consultations and brainstorming have been conducted whenever needed on urgent or time-critical issues.

Academic Year	Semester	# Meetings	# Decisions
2024-2025	Fall & Spring	2 + Whatsup consultations	10

The Executive Board has carried out all administrative duties with the support of a Research Assistant.

The web page of the Center is regularly updated (www.urdc.emu.edu.tr). All activities, including posters, photographs, and video recordings, are published on the web page. The Center's Facebook page (@EMUKENTAG) is being kept active. Besides, the Center has established its YouTube account (https://www.youtube.com/@EMU_URDC) and Instagram (@emuurdc) and LinkedIn (EMU Urban Research and Development Centre .) accounts by August 2025.

The Report is organised under 4 headings, as has always been done for semester/year activity reports:

- A. Research Projects & Research-Based Urban Design / Planning Projects**
- B. Publications**
- C. Scholarly Activities**
- D. Competitions**

A. Research – Research Projects & Research-Based Urban Design / Planning Projects

The Center receives research-based urban design and/or planning projects from central and/or local authorities at different times. Besides, the Center also advises similar institutions.

1. Nicosia Cumhuriyet Park – RRD Memorial and Museum Landscape Project

Project Team:

Assoc Prof.Dr. Nevter Zafer Cömert

The already submitted project has been put out to tender, and its implementation has started. Our executive board member, Assoc. Prof.Dr. Nevter Zafer Cömert, on behalf of URDC, is acting as the advisor and site manager for the project implementation through a new protocol. (Döner Sermaye Projesi) The project work is still ongoing and has moved to its second stage.

2. Funded Research Projects

No funded projects this year.

B. Publications

The Center regularly publishes newspaper articles related to urban issues within the country. Also, the Center has started its academic journal – the ***Journal of Urban Research and Development (JURD)***, based on the decision of its Executive Board and with the approval of the EMU Press Executive Board and the University Executive Board.

1. Newspaper Articles

2024

7 Ekim Dünya Habitat Günü ve Dünya Mimarlık Gününde Genç Nesil, Katılımcılık ve Kentsel Tasarım Vurgusu

Prof.Dr. Şebnem Hoşkara

<https://ozgurgazetekibris.com/kibris/153694-dunya-habitat-ve-dunya-mimarlik-gunu.html>

Özgür Gazete, 7 Ekim 2024

2025

A Sunday Read: 26 Years of URDC in the Context of University and Society

Prof.Dr. Şebnem Hoşkara

13 April 2025

You can access our Sunday article (in Turkish), in which we evaluate research centers in general and the 26-year work of our Eastern Mediterranean University Urban Research and Development Center in particular, in the context of university-society relations, from the link below.

https://www.yeniduzen.com/universite-toplum-iliskisi-baglaminda-arastirma-merkezleri-ve-daude-yirmialti-yillik-23575yy.htm?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAR7_zHnjP9IS6p0AfZ2AindHI5jH4H9MF5LlnDgEwGfXesSBmMalmZsmiwGiFA_aem_wlkaXuOce-GyOSErxHbSfA

2. Scientific Journal – Journal of Urban Research and Development (JURD)

The Journal's fourth issue (Vol 4 Issue 1) was published in September 2023. Unfortunately, the fifth issue could not be published in 2024 due to a lack of timing and a missing OJS assistant. Vice directors recently got the responsibility to complete this issue and the one coming in 2025.

3. URDC E-Newsletter

The URDC has launched an **E-Newsletter** to be published at the end of each semester in August and March. The newsletter will feature all activities from the past semester and include some writings from the Members. The first issue will be released in September 2025 and will be available on the Center's website. The Newsletter has been designed by our Research Assistant, **Amirhossain Karimizadeh**.

4. Visual Press / Social Media Campaigns

Several special days have been showcased on social media platforms to create awareness. For these awareness posts, the Center collaborated with the EMU SDGs Club and the Department of Architecture. Here is the list with captions for some general social media campaigns (Special Days' ones are presented in the next section of the report):

Social media campaign for SDGs



To strengthen awareness and support for the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) within our university, the **Eastern Mediterranean University** (EMU) Urban Research and Development Center (URDC), in collaboration with the EMU SDGs Student Club, has launched an exciting new social media campaign! This initiative seeks to enhance sustainability throughout our campus and raise awareness of the SDGs. We invite you to follow our social media accounts. Please remember to like,

share, and comment to help spread the word. We will share posts every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Together, let's be a voice for a more sustainable future! 🌍💙

Link to [EMU SDG CLUB](https://www.instagram.com/sdg_emu/) social media accounts:

https://www.instagram.com/sdg_emu/

[#SDGs](#) [#UNSDGs](#) [#sustainabledevelopment](#) [#sustainabledevelopmentgoals2030](#)

[#people](#) [#prosperity](#) [#planet](#) [#peace](#) [#partnership](#)

[EMU SDG CLUB](#) [Eastern Mediterranean University](#) [Doğu Akdeniz Üniversitesi](#) [Halkla İlişkiler ve Medya Müdürlüğü](#)

Social media campaign to End Violence against Women

Eastern Mediterranean University and the EMU SDG Club support the United Nations 16 Days of Activism campaign to End Violence against Women under the slogan "No Excuse". You can follow and participate in our digital awareness campaign through the EMU Sustainable Development Goals Club's social media account: https://www.instagram.com/sdg_emu/.

<div><h3>DID YOU KNOW?</h3><p>GLOBALLY, AN ESTIMATED 736 MILLION WOMEN HAVE EXPERIENCED PHYSICAL AND/OR SEXUAL VIOLENCE. GIRLS ARE AT PARTICULAR RISK OF VIOLENCE—1 IN 4 ADOLESCENT GIRLS IS ABUSED BY THEIR PARTNERS.</p><p>https://www.un.org/en/development/desa/indicators/indicators.aspx?indicator=sdg16 https://twitter.com/SDG16/governance/badana-yinellik-piddetne-sona-eritilmesini-igün-ecil-eyilme-pagim-pagim</p></div>	<div><h3>BİLİYOR MUSUNUZ?</h3><p>KÜRESEL ÖLÇEKTE TAHMİNİ OLARAK 736 MİLYON KADIN FİZİKSEL VE/VEYA CİNSEL ŞİDDET YAŞAMIŞTIR. KIZ ÇOCUKLARI ÖZELLİKLE ŞİDDET RİSKİ ALTINDADIR—ERGENLİK ÇAĞINDAKİ HER 4 KIZ ÇOCUĞUNDAN 1'İ PARTNERLERİ TARAFINDAN İSTİSMARA UĞRAMAKTADIR.</p><p>https://www.un.org/en/development/desa/indicators/indicators.aspx?indicator=sdg16 https://twitter.com/SDG16/governance/badana-yinellik-piddetne-sona-eritilmesini-igün-ecil-eyilme-pagim-pagim</p></div>
<div><h3>DID YOU KNOW?</h3><p>16% TO 58% OF WOMEN GLOBALLY EXPERIENCE TECHNOLOGY-FACILITATED GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE. GENERATION Z AND MILLENNIALS ARE THE MOST AFFECTED.</p><p>https://www.un.org/en/development/desa/indicators/indicators.aspx?indicator=sdg16 https://twitter.com/SDG16/governance/badana-yinellik-piddetne-sona-eritilmesini-igün-ecil-eyilme-pagim-pagim</p></div>	<div><h3>BİLİYOR MUSUNUZ?</h3><p>DÜNYA GENELİNDE KADINLARIN %16 İLE %58'İ TEKNOLOJİ YOLUYLA KOLAYLAŞTIRILAN CİNSİYETE DAYALI ŞİDDETE MARUZ KALMAKTADIR. EN ÇOK ETKİLENEN GRUPLAR İSE Z KUŞAĞI VE Y KUŞAĞIDIR (MILLENNIALS).</p><p>https://www.un.org/en/development/desa/indicators/indicators.aspx?indicator=sdg16 https://twitter.com/SDG16/governance/badana-yinellik-piddetne-sona-eritilmesini-igün-ecil-eyilme-pagim-pagim</p></div>

DID YOU KNOW?



70% OF WOMEN IN CONFLICT, WAR, AND HUMANITARIAN CRISIS, EXPERIENCE GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE.

<https://www.un.org/en/observances/ending-violence-against-women-day>
<https://twitter.com/16Days>
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BİLİYOR MUSUNUZ?



SAVAŞ, ÇATIŞMA VE İNSANİ KRİZ ORTAMLARINDAKİ KADINLARIN %70'İ CİNSİYETE DAYALI ŞİDDETE MARUZ KALMAKTADIR.

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JOIN OUR 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM!



THE INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN WILL MARK THE LAUNCH OF THE UNITE CAMPAIGN (NOV 25- DEC 10) — AN INITIATIVE OF 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM CONCLUDING ON THE DAY COMMEMORATING INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY (10 DECEMBER).

THIS 2024 CAMPAIGN EVERY 10 MINUTES, A WOMAN IS KILLED. #NOEXCUSE.

UNITE TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN WILL DRAW ATTENTION TO THE ALARMING ESCALATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN TO REVITALISE COMMITMENTS, CALL FOR ACCOUNTABILITY AND ACTION FROM DECISION-MAKERS.

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16 GÜNLÜK AKTİVİZM KAMPANYAMIZA KATILIN!



KADINA YÖNELİK ŞİDDETİN ORTADAN KALDIRILMASI ULUSLARARASI GÜNÜ OLAN 25 KASIM, UNITE KAMPANYASININ BAŞLANGICIDIR VE 10 ARALIK İNSAN HAKLARI GÜNÜ İLE SONA ERER.

BU YILKI KAMPANYA, "HER 10 DAKİKADA BİR KADIN ÖLDÜRÜLÜYOR. #NOEXCUSE", KADINA YÖNELİK ŞİDDETİN ÜRKÜTÜCÜ ARTIŞINA DİKKAT ÇEKİYOR.

KAMPANYA, LİDERLERDEN VE KARAR ALICILARDAN YENİLENMİŞ TAHHÜTLER, HESAP VEREBİLİRLİK VE SOMUT EYLEMLER TALEP EDEREK BU KÜRESEL SORUNU SONA ERDİRMEYİ HEDEFLİYOR.

<https://www.un.org/en/observances/ending-violence-against-women-day>
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SİZ DE KATILIN!



HER 10 DAKİKADA BİR, BİR KADIN ÖLDÜRÜLÜYOR. #BUNUN HİÇBİR MAZERETİ YOK. #NOEXCUSE

KADINA YÖNELİK ŞİDDETİ SONLANDIRMAK İÇİN UNITE HAREKETİNE KATILIN.

<https://www.un.org/en/observances/ending-violence-against-women-day>
<https://twitter.com/16Days>
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Social media awareness post to promote PUBLIC SPACES FOR A HEALTHIER AND MORE EQUITABLE SOCIETY



Physical activity:

Public spaces, such as parks, trails, and recreation centers, can provide opportunities for physical activity. This can help promote physical health and well-being and reduce the risk of chronic diseases.



Social interaction:

Public spaces, such as community centers, libraries, and other gathering spaces, can provide a platform for social interaction, which is essential for mental health and well-being.



Access to health services:

Public spaces can be used for health services such as vaccination clinics, health fairs, and screenings. This can help to increase access to healthcare and promote preventive health behaviors.



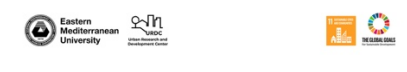
Mental health support:

Public spaces can enhance mental health and well-being by providing mindfulness programs, meditation areas, and support groups. This can help reduce stress and foster mental well-being.



Healthy food options:

Public spaces can provide healthy food options, such as farmers' markets and community gardens, promoting healthy eating habits and reducing the risk of chronic diseases.



25 July Social Media Post after the Fires in Türkiye and Cyprus

Wildfires that are becoming more frequent, larger, and harder to control across the world are not just natural disasters; they are devastating consequences of climate change. Each fire threatens not only trees but also biodiversity, ecosystem services, and human life.

In recent weeks, wildfires in İzmir and its surroundings inflicted severe ecological and social damage on the region.



Thousands of hectares of forested land were destroyed.



Wildlife suffered greatly; many animals lost their habitats.



Some settlements were evacuated, and agricultural lands were damaged.



Firefighting efforts lasted for days, with hundreds of personnel and dozens of air and ground vehicles mobilized.

Afterwards, a wildfire in Eskişehir spread rapidly with strong winds, turning a vast area into ashes.

🔥 Approximately 1,500 hectares were damaged.

🏠 Some homes, barns, and farmlands were completely burned; many livestock perished.

❤️ Lives were lost.

And finally, the largest fire disaster in Cyprus's history reduced the Limassol mountains to ashes.

🌲 12,000 hectares — equivalent to about 16,800 football fields — of forested land were destroyed.

❤️ Two people lost their lives, 26 were injured, two of them critically.

But what was lost was not only the trees:

🌿 Pines, olives, carobs, and maquis burned down.

🦊 Wild animals perished in the flames.

🌱 Endemic plant species disappeared.

🐦 Migratory birds lost their routes.

All these disasters once again reveal the destructive effects of climate change, drought, and human negligence on nature. Experts warn that the ecological damage will last for 120 years, perhaps even longer.

As our forests burn, we are losing not only trees but also our future. The time has come — and is running out — to take collective and determined action for nature. Beyond intervention, preventive and sustainable policies are essential.

🔥 Without fighting the climate crisis, we cannot stop forest fires.

🌍 To protect nature is to protect the future.

Stay strong, Türkiye!

Stay strong, Cyprus!

#ClimateCrisis #ForestFires #NatureIsDisappearing #SustainableFuture #ActOnClimate
#GreenFuture

The original post was in Turkish as below:

Dünya genelinde sıklaşan, büyüyen ve kontrolü zorlaşan orman yangınları, sadece doğal felaketler değil; iklim değişikliğinin yıkıcı sonuçlarıdır. Her yangın, sadece ağaçları değil; biyoçeşitliliği, ekosistem hizmetlerini ve insan yaşamını tehdit etmektedir.

Geçtiğimiz haftalarda İzmir ve çevresinde çıkan orman yangınları bölgeye ağır bir ekolojik ve toplumsal zarar verdi.

🌲 Binlerce hektarlık ormanlık alan yok oldu.

🐾 Doğal yaşam büyük darbe aldı; yaban hayvanları yaşam alanlarını kaybetti.

🏠 Bazı yerleşim yerleri boşaltıldı, tarım alanları zarar gördü.

🚒 Yangınlara müdahale günlerce sürdü; yüzlerce personel, onlarca hava ve kara aracı seferber edildi.

🔥 Ardından, Eskişehir'de çıkan orman yangını, şiddetli rüzgarın etkisiyle hızla yayılarak büyük bir alanı küle çevirdi.

🔪 Yangın sonucu yaklaşık 1.500 hektar alan zarar gördü.

🏠 Bazı evler, ahırlar ve tarım alanları tamamen yandı; çok sayıda büyükbaş ve küçükbaş hayvan telef oldu.

👤 İnsanlarımız öldü.

Ve son olarak, Kıbrıs tarihinin en büyük yangın felaketi Limasol dağlarını küle çevirdi.

🏠 12 bin hektar — yani yaklaşık 16.800 futbol sahası büyüklüğünde ormanlık alan yok oldu.

👤 Yangında iki insan yaşamını yitirdi, 26 kişi yaralandı, ikisi ağır.

Ancak kaybedilen yalnızca ağaçlar değildi:

🔥 Çamlar, zeytinler, harnuplar ve makilerle birlikte,

🐾 Doğadaki hayvanlar yanarak can verdi,

🌿 Endemik bitki türleri yok oldu,

🕊 Göçmen kuşlar yönlerini kaybetti.

Tüm bu felaketler, bir kez daha iklim değişikliği, kuraklık ve insan kaynaklı ihmallerin doğa üzerindeki yıkıcı etkilerini gözler önüne seriyor. Uzmanlara göre, tüm bu büyük ekolojik yıkımların etkileri 120 yıl, belki de daha uzun sürecek.

Ormanlarımız yanarken sadece ağaçları değil, geleceğimizi de kaybediyoruz. Doğa için ortak ve kararlı adımlar atma zamanı geldi, geçiyor. Yangınlara karşı sadece müdahale değil, önleyici ve sürdürülebilir politikalar şart.

👉 İklim krizi ile mücadele etmeden orman yangınlarını durduramayız.

👉 Doğayı korumak, geleceği korumaktır.

Geçmiş olsun Türkiye!

Geçmiş olsun Kıbrıs!

[#İklimKrizi](#) [#OrmanYangınları](#) [#DoğaYokOluyor](#) [#SürdürülebilirGelecek](#) [#ClimateCrisis](#)
[#ForestFires](#) [#ActOnClimate](#) [#YeşilGelecek](#)



C. Scholarly Activities and/or Celebrations of Special Days

Following is a list of activities that URDC has organized or been part of between September 2024 and August 2025. Some of these events are organized in collaboration with other centers, NGOs, etc. Some are invited, some are our contribution. Most of them are part of celebrations of special days.

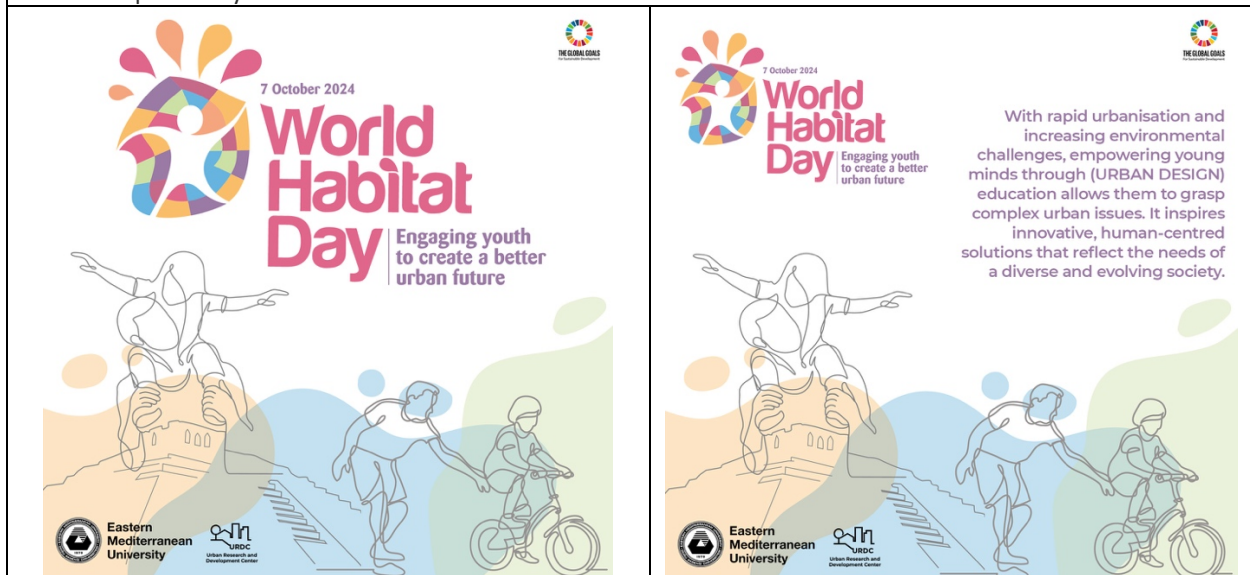
2024

7 October 2024

World Habitat Day 2024 and World Architecture Day 2024

Every October, UN-Habitat (UN-HABITAT) and its partners organize a month of events and discussions on urban sustainability. The events, which start with World Habitat (Human Settlements) Day on the first Monday of October every year, and end with World Cities Day on October 31, are called Urban October. Urban October is an opportunity for everyone to be part of the conversation about the challenges and opportunities created by rapid change in our cities and towns. Every October, under the Urban October, anyone interested in sustainable urbanization, from national and local governments to universities, NGOs, and communities, are encouraged to organize or participate in virtual and/or physical events and discussions. World Habitat Day, established by the United Nations General Assembly in 1985 with Resolution 40/202 and was first celebrated in 1986, also corresponds with World Architecture Day. Its purpose is to reflect on the state of our cities and the fundamental right of everyone to adequate shelter. At the same time, World Habitat Day aims to remind the world that we have the power and responsibility to shape the future of our cities and towns and which is celebrated on the first Monday of October every year.

This year, in 2024, World Habitat Day (WHD 2024) and World Architecture Day 2024, we prepared informative awareness posters for social media in English. Also, Director of URDC had a press message on a local newspaper for these special days.





By equipping youth with the knowledge, tools, and passion to reshape their cities, we are investing in a future where urban spaces are created not only to serve current generations but also to be adaptable, inclusive, and sustainable for the generations to come.



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World Architecture Day

*"Empowering the Next
Generation in Participatory
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World Architecture Day

07 October 2024

*"Empowering the Next
Generation in Participatory
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A Call for Young Architects!

You have an essential role in urban planning and development. The planet needs youth-led projects to transform communities and improve urban living conditions!

So, actively participate in building cities that prioritise the well-being of residents and the planet, ensuring a sustainable future for future generations.



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4th November

URDC Contribution to “Environment and Ecology Festival” of GMTMK in collaboration with EMU SDGs Club

EMU Sustainable Development Goals Club and URDC (KENT-AG) Contributed to the “Environment and Ecology Festival”!

Organized by the Famagusta Cultural Association with the financial support of the European Union, the closing event of the *Green Bracelet: Environmental Literacy for Sustainable Development Project* was held as the “Environment and Ecology Festival” on Monday, 4 November 2024, at Desdemona Park in Famagusta Walled City.

As part of the festival, the EMU SDGs Club (Sustainable Development Goals Club) set up a booth introducing the United Nations Global Goals, bringing university students together with festival participants. At the same booth, the EMU Urban Research and Development Center (URDC/KENT-AG) and the SDGs Club organized an educational workshop for middle school students.

The workshop was led by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Müge Rıza and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nevter Zafer Cömert, members of the URDC Executive Board, together with Özge Selen Koç, the president of the SDGs Club.



ÜRÜN SATIŞ STANTLARI

KARPAZ ADAMOR - Lavanta ürünleri
CESUR KIRPI - İleri dönüşüm ürünler
PURA VIDA - Doğal kozmetik ürünler
YENA'S FLUTE - El yapımı flütler
SIRADIŞI SANATÇILAR DERNEĞİ - İleri dönüşüm ürünleri
ECE ÇELİK - Takı ve Lefkara işleri
ESRA İNAN - Amigurumi bebekler
DOĞADAN SANAT - Doğal takılar
ARTY HAND ART - İğne oyları
MUSTAFA ZAMAN - Ytong taşından el emeği ürünler
MAĞUSA KÜLTÜR DERNEĞİ - Geleneksel ve kültürel el işleri
İRFAN NADİR 18 YAŞ ÜSTÜ ENGELLİ REHABİLİTASYON MERKEZİ - El işleri



YİYECEK - İÇECEK STANTLARI

SUNAY OYLUM - Bahçesinden doğal tatlar ve doğal içecekler
IRMAK AYTAÇOĞLU - Sağlıklı Atıştırmalıklar
ANIL ÖZGÜRÜN - Doğal yiyecekler
MÜNÜRE AKTAÇ - Yerel tatlılar, yerel tatlar
MERAL SERTSOY - Hellimli, zeytinli ve daha fazlası
DUDU'DAN SİHİRLİ LEZETLER - Citta Slow' özgü yiyecekler
SALİH SEVEN - Krep, çubukta patates ve bardakta mısır
SEV-AL - Doğal Bal
OZA Kahve



DJ SESSION (LIVE)

Molly



BİLGİ ve TANITIM STANTLARI

- Yeşil Barış Hareketi
- Green Kitchen Culinary Arts
- Taşkent Doğa Parkı
- Green Hub
- Candela Robotic School
- Yazar İMREN AYTAÇOĞLU- 'Eylül'ün Zeytin Ağacı' İnteraktif Kitap Tanıtımı
- Yazar ASUMAN KORUKOĞLU - 'Aysevin ve Rıdvan Sulak Alanda' Kitap Tanıtımı
- Kıbrıs Sulak Alan Topluluğu: Bir Damla Su
- Sevgi ve Umud Derneği
- DAÜ Kentsel Araştırma ve Geliştirme Merkezi ve DAÜ Sürdürülebilir Kalkınma Amaçları Kulübü
- DAÜ Tıp Fakültesi - Dr. ÖZGE EKER ve İklim Değişikliğinin İnsan Sağlığına Etkileri Farkındalık Grubu
- YDÜ Mimarlık Bölümü - 'Yeşil Binalar ve Kentler'
- Mağusa Kültür Derneği: FİKRİ ARCAN ile Ahşap Oyma Sanatı
- Geleneksel Ahşap İşleri: KANDEMİR ARSLANSES ile Sele ve Sandalye



ATÖLYELER

10:30-12:30 İLKOKUL ÖĞRENCİLERİNE YÖNELİK ATÖLYELER:

- Geri Dönüşüm Materyalleri ile Robotik Kodlama - MUSTAFA KEMAL AMBAR
- Tohum Bombası - FERİDE PEKİRİ
- 'Bil Bakalım Ben Hangi Ağacım' - ANIL ÖZGÜRÜN
- Kağıdın İleri Dönüşümü - BİLGİ FEVZİOĞLU
- 'Toprağı İyileştir' - MAHMUT KUNTER
- 'Topraktan Evimize' Seramik - EMİNE ŞAKİR SORUN
- Kağıt Hamuru ve Kağıt Yapımı - ALASYA İLKOKULU ÖĞRENCİLERİ

14:00 - 15:30 ORTA OKUL VE LİSE ÖĞRENCİLERİNE YÖNELİK ATÖLYELER:

- Flüt ile Geleneklerin ve Seslerin İzinde - YENA HACİŞEVKİ
- Sıfır Atık Mutfak - GÜLSEN AKDOĞDU
- Sıfır Atık Yaratıcı Drama - HAFİZE HUZ
- DAÜ Kentsel Araştırma ve Geliştirme Merkezi ve Sürdürülebilir Kalkınma Amaçları Kulübü - MÜGE RİZA, NEVTER ZAFER CÖMERT, ÖZGE SELEN KOÇ
- YDÜ Mimarlık Bölümü 'Yeşil Binalar ve Kentler' - ÇİMEN ÖZBURAK



YEŞİL BİLEZİK

Tarih: 4 Kasım 2024, Pazartesi / Saat: 10:30-16:30
Yer: Desdemona Parkı, Sur içi (Othello Kalesi yanı) - MAĞUSA



8th November 2024

WORLD TOWN PLANNING DAY 2024

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Urban Research and Development Center (URDC) posted an awareness post (both in Turkish and English) on 8 November to celebrate World Town Planning Day 2024. On the 8th of November, every year, planners, urban designers, and communities worldwide celebrate how good planning improves people's lives and benefits society at large, creating places to live, work, and play together. This year's theme was 'Homes start with Planning'.

We also translated the **Global Planners Network – GPN 75th World Town Planning Day Statement** into Turkish with their approval and shared it.

World Town Planning Day Homes Start with Planning



Contemporary urban planning should promote mixed-use development, affordable housing policies, and public green spaces, creating neighbourhoods that encourage social integration and enhance the well-being of all residents.



Make cities inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable



Eastern Mediterranean University



Urban Research and Development Center



THE GLOBAL GOALS

Dünya Şehircilik Günü Evler (Yuva Kurmak) Planlama ile Başlar



Çağdaş kent planlama, karma kullanımlı gelişimi, uygun fiyatlı konut politikalarını ve kamusal yeşil alanları teşvik etmeli, sosyal entegrasyonu destekleyen ve tüm sakinlerin refahını artıran mahalleler yaratmalıdır.



Sürdürülebilir Şehirler ve Topluluklar



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75th World Town Planning Day Statement

PLANNING TOGETHER FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE AND SUFFICIENT HOMES FOR OUR COMMUNITIES

Today, November 8, the **Global Planners Network (GPN)**—the largest gathering of national and international planning associations—proudly recognizes the 75th anniversary of **World Town Planning Day (WTPD)**. As dedicated champions of the profession, we take this important occasion to celebrate the achievements of planning, while also acknowledging the present challenges that our world is facing.

This annual observance is a time for celebration and reflection on how good planning improves people's lives and benefits society at large—creating places to live, work, and play. Since 1949, WTPD has been commemorated in over 30 countries worldwide, with planners and the public participating in activities such as lectures, conferences, competitions, fundraising, charity events, planning awards, and street festivals.

The GPN believes that there can be no sustainable development without sustainable urbanisation and no sustainable urbanisation without effective planning. Together, we champion the role of planning in creating a sustainable future for all and in providing homes for our communities.

We also reaffirm that **Homes Start with Planning**, as decision-makers and professionals gather in Cairo, Egypt for the World Urban Forum and respond to this and other global challenges.

For while we recognize that many of our member nations are facing significant housing adequacy and affordability crises, we champion the role of planning and planners in delivering housing that meets diverse needs and in helping to create equitable, inclusive, and sustainable solutions for all.

We also acknowledge that while regulations have sometimes been perceived as barriers to this work, our profession is committed to promoting policies and practices that support the timely delivery of these much-needed homes in a sustainable and equitable manner.

We believe housing is a challenge that requires multi-level, collaborative, and holistic approaches: bringing together communities, private and public sector actors, and all levels of government. And we know that planners and planning professionals stand ready to play their part in harnessing transformative changes for a better, fairer, more sustainable future.

The GPN recognizes planners as proponents of innovation, collaboration, and participation. Planners are strategic thinkers who are committed to solving problems of all scales and across all aspects of society—from climate change and biodiversity loss to housing and healthy communities. Planners also play a critical role in advancing sustainable development and championing the principles of equity, diversity, and inclusion.

World Town Planning Day takes place every November 8th, bringing planners and communities together to celebrate how good planning improves the lives of people and benefits society at large, creating places to live, work and play. Argentinian professor Carlos María della Paolera started World Town Planning Day in Buenos Aires in 1949, and today, planners from over 30 countries celebrate the occasion with lectures, school competitions, fundraising, charity events, planning awards, and street festivals.

Küresel Planlılar Ağı (Global Planners Network – GPN) 75. Dünya Şehircilik Günü Bildirisi

TOPLULUKLARIMIZ İÇİN SÜRDÜRÜLEBİLİR BİR GELECEK VE YETERLİ KONUT İÇİN BİRLİKTE PLANLAMAK

Bugün, 8 Kasım, Küresel Planlamacılar Ağı (Global Planners Network – GPN) en büyük ulusal ve uluslararası planlama derneklerinin buluşma anıdır. Dünya Kent Planlama Günü / Dünya Şehircilik Günü'nün (World Town Planning Day - WTPD) 75'inci yıldönümünü kutluyor. Mesleğin kendini adanmış savunucuları olarak, bu önemli fırsatı, planlama alanındaki başarıları kutlamak ve dünyanın karpı karşıya olduğu mevcut zorlukları kabul etmek için değerlendiriyoruz.

Bu yılki anma, iyi planlamanın insanların yaşamalarını nasıl iyileştirdiği ve topluma genel olarak nasıl fayda sağladığı - yaşamak, çalışmak ve eğlenmek için alanlar yaratıldığı üzerine kutlama ve düşünme zamanıdır. 1949'dan beri, Dünya Şehircilik Günü, dünya çapında 30'dan fazla ülkede kutlanmaktadır; planlar ve halk, dersler, konferanslar, yarışmalar, bağış toplama etkinlikleri, yardım etkinlikleri, planlama ödülleri ve sokak festivalleri gibi etkinliklere katılmaktadır.

GPN, sürdürülebilir kalkınmanın sürdürülebilir kentleşme olmadan, sürdürülebilir kentleşmenin ise etkin planlama olmadan mümkün olamayacağına inanıyor. Birlikte, herkes için sürdürülebilir bir gelecek yaratmada ve topluluklarımız için konut sağlamada planlamanın rolünü savunuyoruz.

Ayrıca, Dünya Kent Forumu için Kahire, Mısır'da bir araya gelen karar vericiler ve profesyoneller olarak, "Konut Planlama ile Başlar" ilkesini yeniden teyit ediyoruz ve bununla beraber diğer küresel zorluklara yanıt sunuyoruz.

Üye ülkelerimizin birçokunun önemli konut yeterliliği ve uygun fiyat sorunlarıyla karşı karşıya olduğunu kabul ederken, planlama ve şehir planlamanın, çeşitli ihtiyaçları karşılayan konutlar sunmadaki ve herkes için adil, kapsayıcı ve sürdürülebilir çözümler oluşturmaya yardımcı olma rolünü savunuyoruz.

Ayrıca, yönetimlerimiz baskın bir şekilde engel olarak görülürken, mesleğimiz, bu çok ihtiyaç duyulan konutları, zamanında, sürdürülebilir ve adil bir şekilde sunulmasını destekleyen politika ve uygulamaları teşvik etmeye kendini adanmış olduğunu kabul ediyoruz.

Konutun, toplulukları, özel ve kamu sektörü paydaşlarını ve tüm hükümet kademelerini bir araya getiren çok düzeyli, işbirlikçi ve bütüncül yaklaşımlar gerektiren bir zorluk olduğuna inanıyoruz. Şehir planlamanın ve planlama profesyonellerinin, daha iyi, daha adil ve daha sürdürülebilir bir gelecek için dönüştürücü değişiklikleri hayata geçirmeye hazır olduklarını biliyoruz.

GPN, planları yenilik, işbirliği ve katılım savunucuları olarak kabul etmektedir. Planlar, iklim değişikliği ve biyolojik çeşitliliğin azalmasını konut ve sağlıklı topluluklara kadar toplumun tüm alanlarında ve her ölçekte sorunları çözmeye kendini adanmış stratejik düşünürlerdir. Planlar aynı zamanda sürdürülebilir kalkınmayı desteklemeye ve eşitlik, çeşitlilik ve kapsayıcılık ilkelerini savunmada kritik bir rol oynarlar.

Dünya Şehircilik Günü her yıl 8 Kasım'da kutlanmakta ve iyi planlamanın, yaşamak, çalışmak ve eğlenmek için alanlar yaratmak yoluyla, insanların yaşamalarını nasıl iyileştirdiğini ve topluma nasıl fayda sağladığını gösteren bir kutlama için planlılar ile toplulukları bir araya getirmektedir. Argentinli profesör Carlos María della Paolera, Dünya Şehircilik Günü'nü 1949'da Buenos Aires'te başlatmıştır ve bugün, 30'dan fazla ülkede planlar bu günü dersler, okul yarışmaları, bağış toplama etkinlikleri, yardım etkinlikleri, planlama ödülleri ve sokak festivalleriyle kutlanmaktadır.

3rd December 2024

International Day of Persons with Disabilities 2024

An awareness poster has been prepared and shared in social media.

📺 EMU Urban Research and Development Center's post for 3 December International Day of Persons with Disabilities: Amplifying the [#leadership](#) of persons with disabilities for an [#inclusive](#) and [#sustainable](#) future.



2025

18-22 February 2025

Kent Orman Yaşam Atölyesi: Multidisipliner Mekansal Planlama Eğitimi

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Urban Research and Development Center (KENT-AG) in collaboration with Ufuk Planning, Kyrenia Municipality (GB), the Turkish Cypriot Chamber of Engineers and Architects (KTMMOB), the Chamber of City Planners (KTMMOB-CP), and the Chamber of Architects (KTMMOB-A) have organized the "City Forest Life Workshop: Multidisciplinary Spatial Planning Training".

The event was held between February 18-22, 2025, at Kyrenia Municipality and aims to bring together students and academics from various disciplines to develop future urban planning solutions.

In this event, Prof. Dr. Şebnem Hoşkara, Head of DAÜ KENT-AG Center, Faculty Member of the Faculty of Architecture at EMU, and Coordinator of Campus Services at EMU, along with the Board of Directors of DAÜ KENT-AG Center and Faculty Members of the Faculty of Architecture at EMU, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nevter Zafer Cömert, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Müge Rıza, and Asst. Prof. Dr. Pınar Uluçay, were the speakers. Students and Expert Trainers met in the training; 16 students from the Department of Architecture at EMU, as well as selected students from the Departments of City and Regional Planning, Forestry Engineering, and Landscape Architecture at universities in Turkey, participated along with expert trainers.



KENT ORMAN YAŞAM ATÖLYESİ MULTİDİSİPLİNER MEKANSAL PLANLAMA EĞİTİMİ - KKTC OTURUMU

18 - 22 Şubat 2025
Girne



KENT ORMAN YAŞAM ATÖLYESİ MULTİDİSİPLİNER MEKANSAL PLANLAMA EĞİTİMİ - KKTC OTURUMU

18.02.2025 Salı 1. Gün (yarım gün)

13.30-14.15	Açılış konuşmaları Dr. Necla KILINÇ (Proje Koordinatörü/Kent Orman Yaşam Atölyesi Kurucusu) Prof. Dr. Şebnem HOŞKARA (DAÜ Kent-AG Merkez Başkanı) Onur Olguner, Mimarlar Odası Başkanı Berkan Ramiz, Şehir Plancıları Odası Başkanı Murat ŞENKUL (Girne Belediye Başkanı)
14.15-14.45	Öğrencilerle tanışma
15.00-18.00	Yaka çalışması yapılacak yerde arazi çalışması Alan hakkında tartışma, bireysel eskiz çizimi, grupların belirlenmesi



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19.02.2025 Çarşamba 2. Gün

9.00-10.00	Dr. Necla KILINÇ Dünyada ve Türkiye'de Mekansal Planlama tarihi (Dönüt, Bugünü, Yarını)
10.00-11.00	Prof.Dr. Şebnem Hoşkara Küresel Kentsel Sorunlar, KKTC Kent Planlaması, Mevzuat ve Mekansal Sorunlar
11.00-12.00	Ali Aremek Girne Bölgesi Planlama Çalışmaları- Enamameler ve İmar Planı
12.00-13.00	YEMEK
13.00-14.00	Anıl Çağdaş Girne'de Mimarlık: Sorunlar, Beklentiler
14.00-18.00	Stüdyo Çalışması I Dr. Necla KILINÇ, Prof. Dr. Şebnem HOŞKARA, Doç. Dr. Nevter Zafer CÖMERT, Prof.Dr. Halim PERÇİN, Kübra ERGÜL, Hakan MUTLU, Girne Bld. Temsilcileri Sorum Analizi, SWOT, Grup Senaryoları, Çalışma alanı hakkında deneyim paylaşımını, Mekansal değişime ilişkin salâhlar

(Bir saatlik ders saati olarak belirlenen süreler içerisinde ders bölünmü verilecek 10 dakika ara dahildir)



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20.02.2024 Perşembe 3. Gün

9.00-10.00	Dr. Necla KILINÇ, Planlamanın Sorunları, Yeni Yaklaşımlar Sürdürülebilir Ulaşım - Üretici & Berlin Örnekleri
10.00-11.00	Prof. Dr. Halim PERÇİN Kentlerde Yeşil Alan & Düzelenmesi
11.00-12.00	Doç. Dr. Nevter Zafer CÖMERT KKTC Yeşil Alan Varlığı ve Yeşil Alan Düzelenmesine İlişkin Mevzuat
12.00-13.00	YEMEK
13.00-14.00	Doç.Dr. Mığre Rıza - Yrd.Doç.Dr. Pinar Uluçay Kıbrıs'ta Mimari ve Kentsel Kimlik
14.00-15.00	Mazaffer Topak Kent Ormanlığı ve Kent Ağaçlandırmaları
15.00-18.00	Stüdyo Çalışması II Dr. Necla KILINÇ, Prof. Dr. Şebnem HOŞKARA, Doç. Dr. Nevter Zafer CÖMERT, Prof.Dr. Halim PERÇİN, Kübra ERGÜL, Hakan MUTLU, Dr. Bülent ASILSOY, Mazaffer TOPAK, Girne Bld. Temsilcileri,
18.00-19.00	Aydoğan KILINÇ Dikriyon, Topraklık Örnekte Konuşma, Etkili Sunum Becerisi, Etkili İletişimin İncelikleri-Jüri Hazırlığı



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21.02.2025 Cuma 4. Gün

9.00-10.00	Dr. Buket Asilsoy Kentsel Peyzaj Planlama ve Kentsel Tasarım
10.00-11.00	Kübra ERGÜL Kent Mimarisi ve Plan İlişkisi Mimaride Yeşil Arayışları, Çatı Bahçeleri ve Cephe Yeşillendirmesi
11.00-12.00	Dr. Necla KILINÇ Kent DNA'sı Mekânın Ruhü
12.00-13.00	YEMEK
13.00-14.00	Dr. Uğur Öztürk (Online) Aşırı Yağışların Afete Dönüştürümü-Yapılı Çevre ve Sel
14.00-19.00	Stüdyo Çalışması III Kritikler (Dr. Necla KILINÇ, Prof. Dr. Şebnem HOŞKARA, Doç. Dr. Nevter Zafer CÖMERT, Prof. Dr. Halim PERÇİN, Mazaffer TOPAK, Kübra ERGÜL, Hakan MUTLU, Dr. Fidan FIRAT, Girne Bld. Temsilcileri) Projelerin Son Düzeltmeleri



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22.02.2025 Cumartesi 5. Gün

9.00-11.00	Stüdyo Çalışması IV Çıktıların Alınması, Jüri ve Sergi Hazırlığı
10.30-11.00	Aydoğan KILINÇ Jüri ve topluluk önünde konuşma - son notlar
11.00-13.00	Sergi & Jüri & Genel Değerlendirme 4 Grup 10'ar dakika Jüri Üyeleri: Dr. Necla KILINÇ, Prof. Dr. Şebnem HOŞKARA, Doç. Dr. Nevter Zafer CÖMERT, Murat ŞENKUL, Prof. Dr. Halim PERÇİN, Dr. Fidan FIRAT, Kübra ERGÜL, Hakan MUTLU, Onur Olguner (KTMMOB Mimarlar Odası Başkanı, Berkan Ramiz (KTMMOB Şehir Plancıları Odası Başkanı)
13.00-14.30	Kokteyl & Ağ Oluşturma
14.30-15.00	Kapanış

16.30 Havalimanına hareket

19.45 Uçuş






NEW SEMINAR SERIES!

RE:THINK SDGS – FRESH PERSPECTIVES. BOLD SOLUTIONS.


The Eastern Mediterranean University Urban Research and Development Center (URDC) has decided to launch a new seminar series in support of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which is also believed to contribute to our University's (QS Sustainability and THE Impact) rankings. Conducted under the title *Re:Think SDGs – Fresh Perspectives. Bold Solutions*, the seminars are expected to attract the participation of both our students and the public, and will be held at different times either online and/or face-to-face.

Kickstarting our first session, we bring you an insightful LIVE Webinar on the European Green Deal and UN Sustainability Goals Overview & Framework! Join Prof. Dr. Hatice Camgöz Akdağ from Istanbul Technical University as we explore strategies for a more sustainable future.

 Date: Tuesday, 25th March 2025

 Time:  9:00 AM (Cyprus)

 10:00 AM (Turkey)

 8:00 AM (CET)

Seminar Series #1
Re:Think SDGs
Fresh Perspectives. Bold Solutions

LIVE WEBINAR

European Green Deal and UN Sustainability Goals Overview and Framework!



Prof. Dr. Hatice Camgöz Akdağ
Istanbul Technical University
Head of Management Engineering


9:00 am (Cyprus)
10:00 am (Turkey)
8:00 am (CET)


Tuesday, 25th March 2025

Join Through : 

 Eastern Mediterranean University  Urban Research and Development Center 

For our highly anticipated second session, we're bringing you an enriching LIVE Seminar on 'Architecture & Innovation!' Don't miss this opportunity to hear from Assoc. Prof. Dr. Almula Köksal Işıkkaya and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tuğçe Ercan from Yıldız Technical University as they explore cutting-edge trends shaping the future of architecture and innovation. Get ready for a stimulating and thought-provoking discussion that will expand your perspective!

 Date: Monday, 14th April 2025

 Time: 4:00 PM (Cyprus)

Seminar Series #2
Re:Think SDGs
Fresh Perspectives. Bold Solutions

Architecture & Innovation



Assoc. Prof. Dr. Almula Köksal Işıkkaya
Yıldız Technical University
Faculty of Architecture



Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tuğçe Ercan
Yıldız Technical University
Faculty of Architecture

04:00 pm  Monday, 14th April 2025  Faculty of Architecture
Colored Building
A01 Alpay Özdemir Amphi

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In addition to these events, at the beginning of the Spring semester 2025, the URDC Executive Board decided to celebrate the following special days through various events and activities.

INTERNATIONAL DAYS TO CELEBRATE IN 2025 SPRING			
Mar ch	08/03/2025	International Women's Day	DONE - EVENT
	22/03/2025	World Water Day	Save our glaciers https://www.un.org/en/observances/water-day DONE - POSTER
	23/03/2025	International Day of Forests	DONE - POSTER
Apri l	04/04/2025	World Stray Animal Day	NO
	07/04/2025	World Health Day	Healthy beginnings, hopeful futures https://www.who.int/news/item/21-02-2025-world-health-day-2025-to-spotlight-women-and-babies--survival--urging-solidarity-at-a-critical-moment-for-global-health#:~:text=The%20World%20Health%20Organization%20(WHO,of%20WHO's%20found,ing%20in%201948. NO
	15/04/2025	World Art Day	NO
	18/04/2025	International Day for Monuments and Sites	Disaster and Conflict Resilient Heritage https://www.icomos.org/en/89-english-categories/home/154299-disaster-and-conflict-resilient-heritage-preparedness#:~:text=The%20International%20Day%20for%20Monuments,of%20accelerating%20disasters%20and%20conflicts. DONE - SEMINAR
	22/04/2025	International Earth Day	OUR POWER, OUR PLANET, Let's unite in our collective global commitment to renewable energy, whether it's solar, wind, hydroelectric, geothermal or tidal – to generate clean electricity for everyone. https://www.earthday.org/
	30/04/2025	International Day of Zero Waste	Towards zero waste in fashion and textiles https://www.un.org/en/observances/zero-waste-day
May	15/05/2025	World Climate Change Day	Video for the social media
	18/05/2025	International Museum Day	The Future of Museums in Rapidly Changing Communities https://icom.museum/en/international-museum-day-2/
	22/05/2025	International Day for Biological Diversity	Be part of the Plan https://www.un.org/en/observances/biological-diversity-day
June	05/06/2025	World Environment Day	https://www.awarenessdays.com/awareness-days-calendar/world-environment-day-2025/

All events between March and July 2025 have been organised according to this plan. Some in the format of social media posts, some are in seminars. The details are presented below:

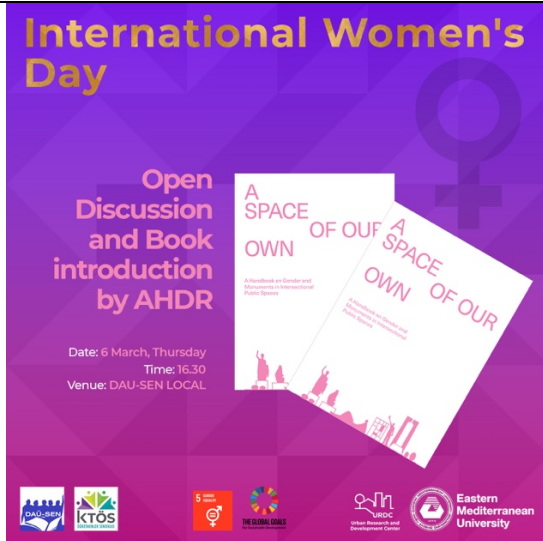
8th March 2025

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY (English)

International Women's Day Event from EMU Urban Research and Development Center

In collaboration with the Eastern Mediterranean University Academic Staff Union (DAÜ-SEN) and the Cyprus Turkish Teachers' Union (KTÖS), the EMU Urban Research and Development Center organized a talk and book launch event on Wednesday, March 6, at the DAÜ-SEN Local, as part of the March 8 International Women's Day.

At the interactive event, attended by EMU students and academic staff, Melis Güvensoy Okalpler and Agita Beržanskaitė from the Association for Historical Dialogue and Research (AHDR) introduced their book titled *A Space of Our Own: A Handbook on Gender and Monuments in Intersectional Public Spaces* and held a discussion on women and art in public space.



22nd March 2025

WORLD WATER DAY



23rd March 2025

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FORESTS



22nd April 2025

INTERNATIONAL EARTH DAY

An awareness video in English for the social media have been prepared and shared with the following caption.



22 April - World Mother Earth Day is a global call to raise awareness and drive action against environmental degradation and climate change.



It emphasizes the need to protect the planet's ecosystems, reduce emissions, and build climate resilience, which are at the core of [#sdg13climateaction](#).



Earth Day is also related to [#SDG15LifeOnLand](#), [#SDG14LifeBelowWater](#), [#SDG12ResponsibleConsumptionandProduction](#), [#SDG7AffordableAndCleanEnergy](#), and [#sdg6cleanwaterandsanitation](#).



Earth Day's 2025 theme is [#OurPowerOurPlanet](#), calling for everyone to unite around renewable energy so we can triple clean electricity by 2030.



Rami Akkawi, a Department of Mechatronics Engineering student at EMU, prepared the video for his university elective course "ARCH320 The UN Sustainable Development Goals: An Interdisciplinary Approach for the Future of Our Planet" at the EMU Department of Architecture.

[#EarthDay2025](#) [#EarthDay](#)

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18th April 2025

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR MONUMENTS AND SITES 2025

An awareness video in English for the social media have been prepared and shared with the following caption.



Safeguarding Heritage, Shaping the Future!

In celebration of International Day for Monuments and Sites (18 April), the Urban Research and Development Center of EMU is proud to present a PSA video produced by Muharrem Ezel, a student in the [EMU Department of Architecture](#).

This video, created within Şebnem Önal Hoşkara's elective course, "The UN Sustainable Development Goals: An Interdisciplinary Approach for the Future of Our Planet," reflects on the importance of cultural heritage in achieving SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

Our monuments and historic sites are symbols of the past and foundations for sustainable development, cultural identity, and resilience.



Watch this inspiring student voice and join us in rethinking how we protect and integrate heritage into our urban futures.

[#UrbanSustainability](#) [#EMUforSDGs](#) [#SDG11](#) [#CulturalHeritage](#) [#UrbanDevelopment](#)
[#EMUArchitecture](#) [#InternationalDayforMonumentsAndSites](#) [#Act4Heritage](#)
[#SustainableCommunities](#) [#EMUREsearchForChange](#)

We also organised a seminar to celebrate this day:

18 APRIL 2025 IDMS International Day for Monuments and Sites

Restoration and Re-use: Examples of Projects and Applications

Vaniköy Mosque and Library
Selimiye Bath / Exhibition & Cafe
House in Beyoğlu / Academia for Music

Ümit Erdim
Specialist Conservation Architect,
Erdim Mimarlık

Tuesday, 15th April 2025 11.30 am Faculty of Architecture Colored Building A01 Alpaz Özdural Hall

The event will be in Turkish

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15th May 2025

WORLD CLIMATE CHANGE DAY

An awareness video in English for the social media have been prepared and shared with the following caption.



World Climate Change Day | 15 May

The climate is changing — so must we.

Rising temperatures, extreme weather, and disappearing ecosystems are no longer future threats — they're today's reality.

But change is still possible. Through bold action, green innovation, and global solidarity, we can build a more resilient and just world.



Climate action starts with awareness — and leads to transformation.

[#WorldClimateChangeDay](#) [#ClimateAction](#) [#ActOnClimate](#) [#SustainableFuture](#) [#GlobalGoals](#)
[#UNSDGs](#) [#ClimateJustice](#) [#SDG13](#)

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18th May 2024

INTERNATIONAL MUSEUMS DAY

Joint Event by MAKEMÜD, EMU KENT-AG, GMTMK, and NKL

The Memory of a City: Youth Tell the Story of Famagusta

May 18 has been declared International Museums Day by the International Council of Museums (ICOM) to promote the preservation of world cultural heritage and the advancement of museology. Since 1977, May 18 has been celebrated as a global event highlighting the transformative role of museums in society. In 2025, International Museums Day will address the theme “**Museums in a Rapidly Changing Society**”, focusing on how museums can navigate a world undergoing profound social, technological, and environmental changes and how they can contribute to this transformation.

Museums are not only spaces of preservation but also institutions that actively shape sustainable and inclusive societies. This year’s theme aligns with three Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):

- **SDG 8:** By creating employment opportunities and offering educational programs that empower communities, museums support local economies.
- **SDG 9:** By fostering creativity and embracing technological developments, museums promote innovation and enhance accessibility.
- **SDG 11:** As cultural hubs that encourage inclusivity, resilience, and the preservation of cultural heritage, museums contribute to sustainable urban development.

On May 18, 2025, International Museums Day, we asked the youth!

The answers come from high school students of Famagusta...

Here is the video recording link:

<https://youtu.be/v5vugDsBDRY>



22nd May 2025

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY




International Day for Biological Diversity – May 22

Nature is not a resource — it's a partner in our survival. This year's theme, "Harmony with Nature and Sustainable Development," reminds us that true progress means living in balance with the ecosystems that sustain us.



Biodiversity is the heart of sustainable development — from food security and clean water to climate resilience and human health.



Here is a PSA video created by a Mechanical Engineering program student of the course 'Arch 320 The UN Sustainable Development Goals: An Interdisciplinary Approach for the Future of Our Planet' at the EMU Department of Architecture to raise awareness about the issue and support the SDGs initiatives on the EMU Campus. 



Let's work together to restore harmony and protect the web of life on Earth.



Every species matters. Every ecosystem counts. 

[#BiodiversityDay](#) [#harmonywithnature](#) [#SDGs](#) [#SDG15](#) [#LifeOnLand](#) [#sustainabledevelopment](#) [#ForNature](#)

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5th June 2023

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

This year we had a social media video and also organized a joint event.



This #WorldEnvironmentDay, we're raising our voices to say: it's time to #EndPlasticPollution!



Watch our student-led PSA video and join us in rethinking, reducing, and refusing plastic in our everyday lives. Every action counts—let's build a cleaner, greener future together.



Here is our PSA video created by a Civil Engineering program student of the course 'Arch 320 The UN Sustainable Development Goals: An Interdisciplinary Approach for the Future of Our Planet' at the EMU Department of Architecture - MWASIMBA SIMBA, to raise awareness about the issue and support the SDGs initiatives on the EMU Campus.



[#WorldEnvironmentDay2025](#) [#BeatPlasticPollution](#) [#SustainableFuture](#) [#EMUforSDGs](#)

EMU Organizes a Special Panel for World Environment Day, June 5 "Beat Plastic Pollution"

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Urban Research and Development Center (URDC/KENT-AG) and the Community Involvement Center are jointly organizing a special panel for World Environment Day, June 5.

World Environment Day has been celebrated annually on June 5 since the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment held in Stockholm, Sweden in 1972, with the aim of raising global awareness and taking action to protect the environment. Marked under the theme **"Beat Plastic Pollution"** for 2025, World Environment Day will be commemorated at EMU with a panel co-organized

by the EMU Urban Research and Development Center (KENT-AG) and the Community Involvement Center, in collaboration with two civil society organizations — Yeniboğaziçi Women's Association (YEKAD) and Famagusta Women's Center Association (MAKAMER). The event will take place at the Yeniboğaziçi Cultural Center.

Moderated by **Assist. Prof. Dr. Pinar Uluçay**, Member of the Executive Board of EMU KENT-AG, the panel will feature the following speakers:


- **Dr. Özge Cumaogulları Eker**, Faculty Member, EMU Faculty of Medicine
- **Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nevter Zafer Cömert**, Member of the Executive Board of EMU KENT-AG
- **Lawyer Nazenin Taşcıoğlu Şahali**, President, Yeniboğaziçi Women's Association (YEKAD)
- **Muhammed Ali Türkkal**, representing Inyle Plastic LTD.
- **Biologist Pelin Üretici**, Expert in Environmental Education and Management, Board Member of MAKAMER


The panel was held on **Thursday, 12 June 2025**, between **17:00–19:00** at the Yeniboğaziçi Cultural Center.




5th June 2023


END OF SEMESTER EVENT - *Students Map Stories Class Introduction and Educators' Seminar*


 URDC is excited to present: Students Map Stories Class Introduction and Educators' Seminar
Ever wondered about the untold stories behind the buildings and monuments in your neighborhood?

 As you walk down the street, you see the structures, but do you know the stories that breathe life into them?

Why should your class make Chat Maps? 

Chat Maps are tools designed to uncover and share the fascinating narratives behind a neighborhood, helping everyone understand the more profound significance these places hold for the local community.

Who uses Chat Maps? 

 Community support groups: Organize story tours for children and newcomers to highlight local values.

🏠 Entrepreneurs: Incorporate local stories into business plans and designs, ensuring relevance to the community.

🏛️ Political representatives: Use local stories to shape proposals that reflect the community's needs and values.

🏡 Neighbors: Document recurring needs, share personal stories, and advocate for change.

Join us in exploring how Chat Maps can create connections, advocate for change, and bring neighborhoods to life! ✨

For more details and registration, click here: <https://urdc.emu.edu.tr/en> or scan the QR code on the posters.

#UrbanDesign 🏙️ #CommunityEngagement 🗨️ #ChatMaps 🗺️ #NeighborhoodStories 🏡 #URDC 🏠
#SocialInnovation 💡 #Education 🎓 #SustainableDevelopment 🌱 #CommunityEmpowerment 💪
Eastern Mediterranean University EMU Jason Winn



Students Map Stories
Class Introduction and
Educators' Seminar

16:30 (EET) Cyprus & Turkey
13:30 (UTC)
10:30 (ADT) Atlantic
9:30 (EDT) Eastern
8:30 (CDT) Central
7:30 (MDT) Mountain

Tuesday
29th July 2025

Jason Winn
Director of
Narrative Infrastructure

Logos: Eastern Mediterranean University, URDC, NARRATIVE INFRASTRUCTURE, 4th Sustainable Development Goal, THE GLOBAL GOALS, 11th Sustainable Development Goal



FOR EDUCATORS
A seminar introducing the *Chat-Maps Workshop*
that guides students to:

1. CONDUCT INTERVIEWS
2. MAP THE RESULTS
3. CRITICALLY APPLY WHAT THEY LEARN
4. PERMANENTLY CONTRIBUTE TO THEIR COMMUNITY

The Power of Local Stories
Uncovering the Heart of Your Community
Workshop Introduction: Empowering Student Lore Mappers
Engaging Activities for Deeper Understanding of Context
Ready-to-Use Resources: Aligned with Your Curriculum
Resources Provided: Your Toolkit for Success
Amplifying Impact with Local Stakeholders

Seminar Outline:

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D. Competitions

The Center's Executive Board has decided to organize an international competition for the Best Research Dissertation on Urbanism. This task is to be implemented in collaboration with City Space Architecture, with whom we have an agreement. However, no actions have been taken yet.