

2023-2024

SDG REPORT



1. No Poverty



Scholarly Output:
15



International
Collaboration:
0



Field-weighted
Citation Impact:
2.13



Number of Current
Projects:
1



Number of Annual
Events:
4

1. Scholarship and Financial Support

Inclusion is one of Özü core values. We advocate that education is a pathway to employment and economic security and should therefore be accessible to students from all backgrounds and circumstances. Özü celebrates and welcomes diversity, and is committed to providing appropriate support to enable students to succeed in their studies and beyond. Of the 7,528 students enrolled in at least one semester of the 2022/23 academic year, 90% (6,760 students) have scholarships. In the 2023/24 academic year, 1,463 students received stipend scholarships, 1,509 students received free accommodation and, 222 students received transportation support.

2. Scholarship Program for Equality of Opportunities in Education

In recognition of its social responsibility, the University launched the Scholarship Program for Equality of Opportunities in Education (EFEB) in 2015. Through the program, the University offers an outstanding higher education opportunity to prospective students who succeeded in ranking among the top 1% in the Turkish national University entrance exam but were unable to qualify for full scholarship programs, due to financial limitations. This scholarship program continues to thrive with the generous donations that made it possible to see the number of recipients soar to 118 in the 2023-2024 Academic Year. The impact of EFEB is measured by using social impact analysis methodology to understand whether or not the transformative experience offered actually delivers the expected contribution. It has been found that a higher percentage of EFEB scholars meaningfully start job seeking earlier and there is a statistically meaningful impact on their competency development.

3. Özyeğin Rural Development Model

Capacity Development Training for Cooperatives: Capacity-enhancing training and mentorship support is provided to cooperatives engaged in agriculture and food-related activities. Within this scope, support has been extended to cooperatives and associations operating in Kilis, Bitlis, Rize, Iğdır and Kayseri provinces.

4. District Investment Plans for Sustainable Development:

In collaboration with the Southeast Anatolia Project Regional Development Administration (GAP), investment plans have been prepared for counties, including Hasankeyf in Bitlis, Harran in Şanlıurfa, Ömerli in Mardin, Besni in Adıyaman, the Ravanda Basin in Kilis. These district investment plans, centered on holistic and community-based local development, serve as exemplary instances of cross-sector collaboration.

5. Local and Rural Development Expertise Training Certificate Program

Since 2014, "Local and Rural Development Expertise Training Certificate Program" has provided holistic training on sustainable local and rural development, benefiting over 500 participants in its 10th year. The program offers participants—mainly public sector employees, local government officials, and NGO staff—a comprehensive understanding of critical themes, practices, and approaches in sustainable rural development. With contributions from experts across universities, NGOs, and producer organizations, this program has become a vital resource for professionals dedicated to sustainable development. Aligned with SDG1 (No Poverty), the program addresses the socioeconomic challenges faced by rural communities, equipping participants with skills to promote sustainable livelihoods and economic inclusion. By focusing on sustainable agricultural practices, rural economies, and food security, the program also directly supports SDG 2 (Zero Hunger). Through this unique collaborative platform, Özyeğin University strengthens its role as a hub for sustainable development, fostering knowledge and action that empowers local actors to reduce poverty, enhance food security, and build resilient communities.

6. Support For Women's Cooperatives in Iğdır Province: Training And Mentorship Programme

The Ayyıldız Women's Initiative Production and Business Cooperative, Tuzluca Working Women's Initiative Production and Business Cooperative, Iğdır Entrepreneurial Women's Production and Business Cooperative, and Green Iğdır Producing Women's Initiative Production and Business Cooperative have benefited from the project titled 'Support for Women's Cooperatives in Iğdır Province' supported by the Serhat Development Agency.

As part of this initiative, corporate capacity development training was provided to the managers of the four women's cooperatives in Iğdır Province. In addition to the training, a SWOT analysis was conducted for each cooperative, and tailored business plans were prepared for each cooperative to be shared with the cooperative managers and the Serhat Development Agency.

7. World Food Day: Water is Life. Water is Food. Leave No One Behind

In line with its role as a national hub for discussions on suggesting solutions to societal problems, Özyeğin University organized events with the Food and Agriculture Organization of UN and the Water Institute of Türkiye. On October 12, in observance of World Food Day, Özyeğin University hosted the panel "Understanding Global Developments Through Water Footprint" to spotlight the connections between water resources and poverty reduction, directly linking to SDG 1: No Poverty. Through discussions on water's influence on food production and economic stability, the panel underscored that access to clean and sufficient water is fundamental to reducing poverty. By raising awareness of the global water crisis and its impacts on food security, the event reinforced the urgency of equitable water access as a key driver for lifting communities out of poverty and ensuring that "no one is left behind."



World Food Day Panel –
Understanding Global Developments
through the Trail of Water



8. Feeding Istanbul

Candan Türkkan's book, *Feeding Istanbul*, recently translated into Turkish, explores the transformation of food provisioning in Istanbul, once the capital of the Ottoman Empire and now the financial heart of modern Turkey, beginning from the early 19th century. The work traces how the duty of provisioning the city, once a sovereign responsibility to prevent hunger and protect subjects, transitioned to the market, ultimately placing the responsibility on individuals—first as subjects, and later as citizens. Türkkan argues that food politics, particularly urban provisioning, should be central to understanding our political communities and our relationship with sovereign entities governing these communities. In addition to her book, Candan Türkkan actively contributes to the fields of SDG 1, SDG 2, SDG 16 with her research & through Loaf Lab . To Loaf Lab, Dr. Turkkan brings her expertise in agro-food systems, supply chains, and food politics, as well as interpretive methods of inquiry and qualitative methods of analysis. In 2022-3 she organized the Agrarian Lives seminar series, where she brought together the well-known academic experts with emerging scholars in the field.



Book cover of
"Feeding Istanbul"

9. The Sustainability HUB – Ecological Living and Food Club’s Garden Workshop

Özyeğin University’s Sustainability HUB Ecological Living and Food Club organized the “Garden Workshop” event to raise awareness about ecological living and sustainable agriculture. Participants were encouraged to appreciate the value of resources provided by nature through various agricultural products produced with local heirloom seeds.

The main purpose of this event is to help participants grasp the importance of ecological living and clean food production by experiencing agricultural processes. Held in the Campus Garden, this initiative aims to increase awareness of sustainable farming practices and encourage the student community to become knowledgeable about organic farming and contribute to a sustainable campus living culture.



Signboard of Ozu Garden

10. Barrier to Accessing Rights: Poverty

This event was organized as a gathering to raise awareness about social change and volunteerism. It focused on civil society’s struggle through the concepts of poverty and deep poverty, highlighting the importance of advocacy activities in this struggle.

Önder Uçar and Seda Özdemir discussed how deep poverty restricts individuals’ access to rights and shared the role of civil society in this matter. During the workshop, participants engaged in discussions on the impact of poverty and advocacy strategies by working on stories related to deep poverty.

The event aimed to raise awareness among participants about deep poverty and civil society’s struggle, emphasizing the importance of advocacy skills for social solidarity and awareness-raising.

2.

Zero Hunger



Scholarly Output:
8



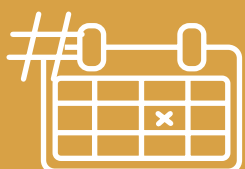
International
Collaboration:
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Field-weighted
Citation Impact:
0.91



Number of Current
Projects:
2



Number of Annual
Events:
24

1. Campus Food Waste

ÖzÜ continues to address food waste on campus. The University encourages retailers to review portion sizes and implement retailer-specific strategies to minimize food waste. ÖzÜ also supports retailers to keep food waste out of landfill by participating in the University's food and organics waste collection service and encourages retailers to donate excess food.

2. Think Before You Throw Out

SEC 180 course, "Sustainable Campus Practices," was launched in 2023 to mobilize university members in the fight against climate change and encourage sustainable actions on campus. As part of this initiative, Research Action Teams were created, comprising students, faculty, and staff members and suppliers who collaboratively work on specific sustainability challenges identified within the university. Each team participates in a series of workshops, where they delve into their chosen topic, develop actionable strategies, and promote them to engage the entire university community in this transformative process. Group 5, which focused on reducing food waste, designed an awareness program and installed designated food waste bins in various campus locations to encourage proper disposal and recycling of food waste. Informational flyers were placed strategically around campus to educate students about these new recycling stations and the significant impact using them can have on reducing landfill waste. Their efforts proved effective, with active participation rising from 20% to 55%. By embedding these initiatives into daily campus life, Özyeğin University fosters a culture of sustainability, empowering students and staff to contribute directly to the university's environmental goals.



Think Before You
Throw Out Poster

3. Food, Home-cooking and Social Integration

The project “Food, Home-cooking and Social Integration of Syrian Women in Istanbul, Gaziantep and Hatay,” led by Susan B. Rottmann and supported by TÜBİTAK’s 1001 program, contributes to SDG 2 by examining the roles of food and cooking in community building and cultural preservation among Syrian migrant women in Turkey. This in-depth qualitative study explores how migration impacts home-making practices, particularly food consumption and preparation, and how these activities foster social ties and resilience within host communities.

Through a focus on Istanbul, Gaziantep, and Hatay—cities with substantial Syrian migrant populations—the project highlights the power of food as both a survival tool and a means of cultural expression. The findings underscore how sharing traditional recipes and meals helps Syrian women not only maintain their heritage but also actively participate in their new communities, promoting food security and well-being. By understanding and supporting these practices, the project aligns with SDG 2’s mission to end hunger, improve food access, and ensure inclusive food systems that recognize the importance of cultural identity in fostering sustainable, resilient communities



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4. Çorbada Tuzun Olsun

Toplumsal Çatı, in collaboration with the “Çorbada Tuzun Olsun” charity, organized an event near Taksim where they served hot meals to homeless individuals.

The primary goal of this event was to raise awareness about disadvantaged segments of society and highlight the challenges faced by homeless individuals. Participants provided tangible support through food assistance and emphasized the importance of social solidarity. This meaningful event, frequently repeated, had a significant impact on fulfilling volunteers’ social responsibilities.

With the participation of volunteers from Özyeğin University, the event successfully raised awareness both within the university community and among participants.



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October 2022 - June 2023



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Food, Home-cooking
and Social Integration

5. OzU Cuisine with Izmir Flavors

The “Izmir Flavors” event organized by the OzU Cuisine Club offered participants a unique opportunity to explore Turkey’s rich gastronomic culture. Focused on the local cuisine of Izmir and Urla, this event traced the flavors blended with the region’s historical and natural richness. Participants had the chance to get acquainted with the Aegean cuisine, one of Turkey’s prominent culinary traditions.

Contributing to understanding the region’s agricultural and food production traditions, the event raised awareness about the deep-rooted history of olive oil production. It emphasized the importance of local production and sustainable food culture. By enabling stakeholders to gain a deeper understanding of local flavors, the event not only provided a gastronomic experience but also fostered awareness about the origins, production, and sustainability of food.



Çorbada Tuzun Olsun
and Toplumsal Çatı team



6. Agro-Food Studies and Local Development Lab (LOAF)

LOAF was founded in 2021 to conduct academic research in the fields of food, agriculture and local development, to produce data-based information and practice-oriented knowledge, which simultaneously includes the cause, effect and solution possibilities of the ecological crisis we are going through on a global and national scale. It was established to develop models for the emergence and dissemination of examples for sustainable agro-ecological agriculture practices, assurance and justice in accessing healthy food, strengthening local communities, increasing the management capacity of local governments, ensuring economic, social and cultural integration between rural and urban areas and combating rural poverty . The Laboratory sees academia and practice as a spiral that feeds and reproduces each other and implements its work with this understanding.

7. Özü Gastronomy Cooperation with Starbucks

Starbucks emphasizes the importance of young people's dreams and talents by adding four new flavors created by Özyegin University Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Department students Metehan Sepici and Özge Beydili to its food menu. The project, which aims to assist young chefs in achieving their dreams in their profession, carefully selected the recipes prepared by students to be offered to Starbucks guests. Starbucks aims to encourage all young people on the path to their dreams by presenting these flavors created by young talents to their guests. As of October 31 2022, the four new flavors, Pumpkin Eclairs, vegan-friendly Chocolate Cake, Spinach and Pastrami Tart, and Orange Cookie, are available in all Starbucks stores.

8. Guru Gıda-Healthy Food

Founded by Özyegin University Faculty Member Dr.Asli Zulug this company produces healthy nutrition products, receiving an investment with a valuation of 2.5 million dollars in its first investment round. The company produces Turkey's first natural collagen and protein chips' PACHA. With the vision of "science for healthy food", Healthy Food is establishing a school of food and culture between past and future, local and global with products. The initiative is also supported by TÜBİTAK and the Royal Academy.

9. First Mesopotamia Gastronomy Summit

Özyegin University took part in the First Mesopotamia Gastronomy Summit, in collaboration with the Diyarbakır Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Özyegin University Faculty of Applied Sciences, Department of Gastronomy and Culinary Arts, chaired by Prof. Dr. Özge Samancı, was represented in the organization and advisory board of the summit, with Murat Bayramoglu from the Sustainability Platform as a member of the executive board. The aim is to establish the summit as a traditional event, bringing together academicians, chefs, gastronomy writers, and civil society organization leaders.

10. Hatay: Post-earthquake Stories from the Field Kitchens

On 23 February 2024, OZU welcomed Erhan Akarçay from Anadolu University and Anna Maria Beylunioğlu from Nehna platform to listen to their precious field-driven insights into how people built field kitchens in Hatay after Feb 6 earthquakes in Türkiye. At the beginning of the event, Susan Beth Rottmann introduced the project to the audience and talked about her field visit to Hatay. Rottmann talked about how Syrian migrants were affected by the earthquake, with a focus on culinary life and culture after the disaster. Then Erhan Akarçay gave an elaborate and comprehensive speech on his personal field experiences in Hatay as part of a volunteering field kitchen initiative to provide food for earthquake survivors. Akarçay was followed by Anna Maria Beylunioğlu who also shared precious insights and anecdotes from her own experience in Hatay from right after the quake till now. She talked about how quake survivors in Hatay (particularly the Christian community) organized around food and culinary practices. She also mentioned the commemorative significance of cultural food to maintain belonging and identity in Hatay. During the event the audience and speakers shared ideas and experiences to understand the significance of food for people in Hatay to foster solidarity & survival in the traumatic post-earthquake period.



11. Industry-OzU Collaboration Projects with Upfield Türkiye

Asst. Prof. Aslı Zuluğ has taken a lead role in new Industry-OzU Collaboration Projects with Upfield Türkiye, Factory Karaköy (an OzU graduate's company), and Starbucks with Chef Marc Pauquet and Gastronomy and Culinary Arts students. Cordon Bleu Türkiye Director Defne Ertan Tüysüzoğlu and Assoc. Prof. Özge Samancı are also contributing to these new projects. For the Factory Karaköy project developed products will be sold in the company's shops and the profit from the sales will be donated to charities.



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12. Sensitive Tree

"We Believe Children Should Smile Not Just Once But Always," stating the tenth project of the Sensitive Tree. We initiated our project in 2011 to make the children affected by the Van earthquake laugh. The Sensitive Tree Project, with its 12-29 December 2023 date, consisted of would perhaps



*Sensitive Tree
Project Team*

13. Learning While Having Fun

As Duyarlı Ozu Volunteers, we visited Nişantepe Middle School as part of our "Learning While Having Fun" project, where we played games we had designed in advance with the children, within the framework of their right to play. This allowed us to both have fun and learn. The "Learning While Having Fun" project took place from December 25, 2023, with the participation of 4 Sensitive Ozu volunteers and 13 children.

3.

Good Health and Well-being



Scholarly Output:
43



International
Collaboration:
4



Field-weighted
Citation Impact:
1.04



Number of Current
Projects:
17



Number of Annual
Events:
142

1. Staff and Student Wellbeing

ÖzÜ provides free mental health support to both its students and staff through different channels. Psychological Counseling Services aims to support students by facilitating their adaptation to university life, contributing to their personal development, assisting them in overcoming potential academic, personal and social challenges and acquiring new skills to cope with daily life problems.

All students currently enrolled are eligible for psychological counseling services and these services are free of charge.

There is also a Leading Employee Assistance Program (LEAP) which is a comprehensive support program offered by Özyeğin University to all its academic and administrative staff as well as their nuclear family living under the same roof. The program is free of charge and designed to provide assistance with overcoming any challenging issues which affect employees' efficiency and quality of life.

2. PERGEL (Positive Teenager Development) Project:

The PERGEL project, which was developed by Prof. Dr. Çiğdem Kağıtçıbaşı and her research team and aims to support the social and emotional development of children in early adolescence, was updated in the 2023-2024 academic year by a research team led by Nazlı Baydar and Ayfer Dost-Gözkan, including Özyeğin University graduate and undergraduate students, and a new version including earthquake first aid modules was developed. In Istanbul, work was carried out with Şişli Municipality, Ataşehir Municipality, Sarıyer Municipality, Esenyurt Municipality, Association for Supporting Contemporary Life and Education Volunteers Foundation. As of June 2024, the PERGEL program reached 1,314 adolescents with 222 interns from universities in Istanbul and Izmir. Of the 222 interns, 60 were ÖzÜ Psychology students and 3 of our graduate students served as supervisors in PERGEL. Our master's graduate carried out the field coordination of the practices carried out in cooperation with the Ministry of Family and Social Services in earthquake-affected cities in Southeastern Anatolia.

3. ÖzU Couple and Family Center (ÖZÜÇAM)

Özyeğin University Couple and Family Center was established in February 2017 as a training, application and research center for the Couple and Family Therapy master's degree program. The center is open to ÖzU students and university staff and also any individuals outside of the university. ÖZÜÇAM aims to do scientific and societal contributions by providing accessible couple and family therapy services for the community. In addition, ÖZÜÇAM is a center conducting research projects, and providing certificated training programs in couple and family therapy, as well as psychoeducation for individual and relational growth.

Within the scope of the DEPSDA project conducted by the Turkish Psychological Association, our graduate students provided support at the earthquake site, June 2023 ÖZÜÇAM graduate students participated in the Voluntary Psychological Support Unit at the 6 February Kahramanmaraş Earthquake Site within the scope of the DEPSDA project conducted by the Turkish Psychological Association.

Promotional Event on "Sexuality Education and Importance in Children", December 2023 As part of ÖZÜÇAM Promotional Events Parent Seminar, on Monday, December 18th, Psk. Deniz Yolsal and Ps. Buse Aday held a seminar on "Sexuality Education and Importance in Children" at Alemdağ Mehmet Akif Primary School.

"In the Spotlight: Masculinity, Stigma, and Sexual Communication", December 2023 As part of ÖZÜÇAM Monthly Seminars, Olga Selin Hünler gave a seminar on "In the Spotlight: Masculinity, Stigma, and Sexual Communication".

Promotional Event on "Strengthening Emotional Connection: Relationship Workshop with Gottman and Emotion-Focused Couple Therapy", February 2024 As part of ÖZÜÇAM Promotional Events in cooperation with ÖzU Psychology Club, on Thursday, February 22, Psk. Arzu Coşkun and Ps. Esin Eryüksel conducted a workshop on "Strengthening Emotional Connection: The Relationship with Gottman and Emotion Focused Couple Therapy".

Seminar on "Play in Therapeutic Work with Children", May 2024 As part of ÖZÜÇAM Monthly Seminars, Clinical Psychologist and Child and Adolescent Therapist Dr. Elif Akdağ Gökçek held a seminar on "Play in Therapeutic Work with Children" on Thursday, May 2. Seminar on "Infidelity and Trust in Couple Relationships", May 2024 As part of ÖZÜÇAM Monthly Seminars, Psychologist Dr. Serkan Özgün held a seminar on "Infidelity and Trust in Couple Relationships" on Tuesday, May 14.

4. 7th Annual Çiğdem Kağıtçıbaşı Research Festival

7th Annual Çiğdem Kağıtçıbaşı Research Festival In memory of the renowned Çiğdem Kağıtçıbaşı, the 7th Çiğdem Kağıtçıbaşı Research Festival was held in person on June 10, 2024. The festival opened with an inspiring keynote address by esteemed Feyza Çorapçı, who shared insights from her latest book dedicated to Kağıtçıbaşı, highlighting advances in developmental psychology research and applications. The event featured original research presentations by graduate students, followed by a poster session showcasing undergraduate research projects. This year, two distinct projects shared the top poster award for student research.

The festival supports SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-being) by promoting research that addresses psychological health and development, underscoring the role of psychological sciences in enhancing individual and community well-being. Additionally, it aligns with SDG 4 (Quality Education) by fostering an educational environment that encourages research, critical thinking, and academic engagement. Through this festival, Özyeğin University creates an enriching platform for students to explore developmental psychology, contribute to meaningful research, and honor the legacy of Kağıtçıbaşı in advancing health and educational outcomes.

7. ÇİĞDEM KAĞITÇIBAŞI ARAŞTIRMA FESTİVALİ

7th Annual Çiğdem Kağıtçıbaşı Research Festival



Etinlik ÖzÜ Psikoloji lisans ve yüksek lisans öğrencilerinin özgün araştırmalarını içermektedir.

Featuring original research by ÖzÜ Psychology undergraduate & graduate students.



Akış/Schedule

 12.30–13.30: Açılış Konuşması / Keynote Address
Prof. Dr. Feyza Çorapçı Sabancı Üniversitesi / University

 13.30–13.45: Kahve-Çay Molası / Coffee-Tea Break

 13.45–14.45: Sözlü Sunumlar / Oral Sessions
Yüksek Lisans Öğrencileri / Graduate Students

 14.45–15.00: Kahve-Çay Molası / Coffee-Tea Break

 15.00–15.45: Poster Sunumları / Poster Sessions
Lisans Öğrencileri / Undergraduate Students

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10th Year

7th Annual Çiğdem Kağıtçıbaşı
Research Festival's Poster



5. Social Minds

Social Minds is a student club established in April 2023 under the umbrella of Özyeğin University's Social Cognition Lab. It aims to enhance undergraduate students' scientific literacy and to conduct research in the field of social cognition under a unified platform. The Social Minds team, guided by the director of the Social Cognition Lab, Dr. Pinar Uğurlar, shares current findings in psychology through articles on their blog, Posite. In addition to preparing articles, the team develops and conducts scientific projects and organizes events and workshops within the lab to foster these skills. The Social Minds team meets regularly, with members taking on different responsibilities and supporting each other through collective efforts.



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6. 9th International Symposium on Brain and Cognitive Science (ISBCS)

The ninth International Symposium on Brain and Cognitive Science was hosted by Özyeğin University's Departments of Psychology and Computer Engineering.

The symposium featured invited talks by Natalie Sebanz, Esra Mungan, Albert Gatt and Dirk Wulff, who are leading researchers in the field of Cognitive Science, as well as a panel titled "Large language models and ChatGPT" with contributions from Ethem Alpaydın, Gülşen Cebiroğlu Eryiğit, Albert Gatt and Barış Erman. In addition, 82 researchers from different fields of Cognitive Science such as Psychology, Linguistics, Artificial Intelligence, Philosophy, Computer Science and Neuroscience presented their work as posters.

7. Heybeliada Tour by Bicycle Club & Yoga and Well-Being Club: Bicycle and Yoga Event

The Bicycle and Yoga & Well-being Clubs organized the “Heybeliada Tour: Bicycle and Yoga” event to promote a healthy lifestyle among participants. This event provided an opportunity for those interested in supporting their physical and mental health through cycling and yoga practice.

Participants enjoyed pedaling amidst the magnificent views of Heybeliada, indulging in the beauty of nature while taking breaks for yoga sessions to stretch their bodies and achieve mental relaxation. This experience offered participants an integrated life experience with nature, providing both physical activity and mental rejuvenation. Additionally, cycling promoted endurance building and enhanced social interaction through group activities.



8. OzU LGBTIQ+ & Women’s Studies Club’s HIV and AIDS Awareness Booth

In collaboration with the TAP Foundation, OzU LGBTIQ+ & Women’s Studies Clubs set up an awareness booth in the student center forum area to educate hundreds of students about HIV and Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) to promote safe sexuality. During the event, important information was shared on gender equality and sexual health, aiming to increase awareness about HIV and STIs within the community.

This event provided participants with an opportunity to develop a more informed approach towards health and sexuality, while also aiming to enhance awareness about safe sexual practices.



HIV and AIDS Awareness Booth

4.

Quality Education



Scholarly Output:
29



International
Collaboration:
4



Field-weighted
Citation Impact:
0.91



Number of Current
Projects:
23



Number of Annual
Events:
153

1. Sustainability Education

ÖZÜ aims to get its students to internalize a sustainable lifestyle and act accordingly as individuals and professionals. ÖZÜ is well aware of the fact that this goal can be achieved best through living in an academic culture that prioritizes sustainability. The academic curriculum offers a wide range of sustainability-related courses. As of the 2023/24 academic year, a total number of 1,345 courses are offered, 445 of which are sustainability-related.

2. Mapping the Courses by SDGs

A comprehensive analysis was conducted to successfully match 2187 courses opened since 2017 with SDGs. A special course analysis code was developed. The code scanned course descriptions, objectives, and learning outcomes with keywords, assigning weighted scores to SKAs for each course. A total of 8942 keywords were analyzed for 17 SKAs in both Turkish and English.

The analysis results for the number of courses matching each Sustainable Development Goal are as follows:

When looked at by faculty breakdown, naturally, the Faculty of Architecture and Design and the Faculty of Engineering are among the faculties most associated with SDG 9 (Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure). The Faculty of Social Sciences is focused on SDG 1 (No Poverty), SDG 5 (Gender Equality), and SDG 16 (Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions). The Faculty of Business Administration is among our faculties focused on SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth); the Faculty of Law concentrates on SDG 16.

3. Sustainability in Academic English Courses

In an innovative stride, ÖZÜ has designed its academic English courses, ENG101 and ENG102, compulsory for English-medium undergraduate programs, to include sustainability as a core curriculum component. This approach aims to elevate students' sustainability literacy and knowledge and enhance their English proficiency through assessments integrated into the midterm and final exams. This initiative is a testament to ÖZÜ's dedication to nurturing a generation that is fluent in English, deeply versed in sustainability, and prepared to face the challenges of our time.

4. Activate the University For Climate Change-Learning Platform

ÖzU runs a project called 'Activate the University Against Climate Change' (ATTUNE). This education program directly addresses climate change on the university campus. The education program is being concurrently conducted in Germany, Italy, Spain, Poland, and Turkey for the Erasmus + KA220-HED project. The first step is to register for the learning online platform. The platform provides learning materials on water, waste, energy, food management and mobility. The participants are asked to complete before and after questions designed to assess sustainability literacy and knowledge.

5. SEC 101 Introduction to University Life

ÖzU ensures that all students are equipped with knowledge of social sustainability through SEC 101 Introduction to University Life. This course covers various aspects of social sustainability, providing students with a comprehensive understanding of the importance of fostering a socially responsible and inclusive environment within the university and beyond. Overall, these efforts reflect our institution's dedication to promoting social sustainability through education, training, and awareness-raising initiatives for both students and staff members.

6. Health, Safety and Environment Training

Due to ISO 14001:2015 Environmental Management System, the ISO 45001:2018 Occupational Health and Safety Management System, and the ISO 50001:2018 Environmental Management System standards as well as effective laws and regulations we provide education to staff and students first during the orientation days. Then through LMS Next module, all students and staff registered 4 hour training.

7. Programs run by Center for Energy, Environment and Economy

Please explore the CEEEs page for outreach education and projects. These pages provide a glimpse into the dynamic activities and projects that OzU has undertaken in sustainability education, both locally and globally. Through innovative programs and a dedicated approach to integrating sustainability into our curriculum, we're not just educating; we're activating a new generation ready to make a difference in the world.



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8. Fiction Narrative Workshop: Stories Emerged from the Depths

Led by Ezgi Hamzaçebi, instructor in the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, this workshop invited students to imagine and transform their dreams about the past, present, and future of the campus stream into stories expressed in the form of a 'storyboard.' Students were divided into groups during the workshop to explore what could have been in the stream's past, present, and future. Selected excerpts from Turkish literature provided inspiration for the narratives, enriching the stories created. Questions like what daily life might be like in the imagined period, and what kinds of relationships exist among animals, humans, and plants were explored. Using their imagination, students developed different scenarios and visualized these narratives on storyboards.



Ezgi Hamzaçebi and the students participating in the workshop.



9. Transdisciplinarity as a Learning Challenge: Student Experiences and Outcomes in an Innovative Course on Wearable and Collaborative Robotics

Özyeğin University academicians collaborated with Twente University on a study highlighting the effectiveness of short online courses for developing transdisciplinary competence in graduate students, directly supporting SDG 4 by promoting inclusive, high-quality education. The research demonstrates that these condensed, intensive programs benefit students by improving their learning quality and professionalism despite significant challenges encountered. This study focuses on the transdisciplinary skillsets needed for developing wearable and collaborative robots, where industry collaboration is essential. As the feasibility of long-term industry involvement in educational programs decreases, these short courses offer a practical alternative for students to gain real-world skills in industrial design, medical considerations, ethics, and teamwork.

In a 5-day online course, 31 graduate students from engineering, industrial design, and health fields across four countries worked in cross-disciplinary teams to solve a real industry challenge. Using a mixed-methods approach—competence measures, journal entries, team progress reports, and final presentations—the study found substantial improvements in self-regulated learning, motivation, and teamwork. These results suggest that short, targeted online courses could enhance graduates' readiness for the workforce, offering a valuable model for future university-industry collaborations.

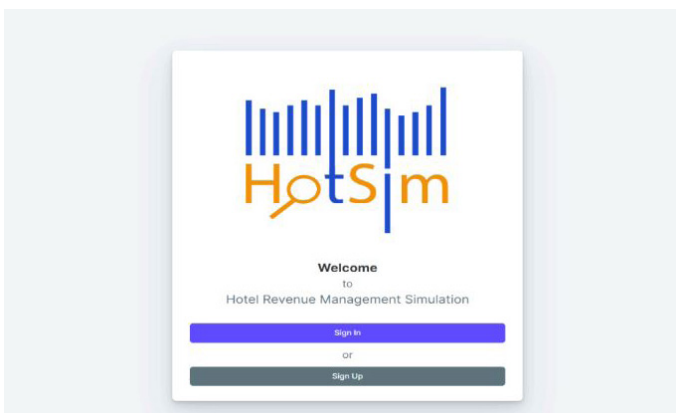


SEC Poster

10. Transdisciplinary Studies: CS402 & HMAN 333

H. Kader Şanlıöz-Özgen from the Hotel Management Program collaborated with Dr. Hasan Sözer and Dr. Reyhan Aydoğan from the Computer Science Program as a part of the CS402 senior project course to advise undergraduates:

-to develop a web-based hotel revenue management simulation so that hotel management students will be able to enhance their professional skills by applying their theoretical knowledge in a very critical matter of the hotel industry. The simulation is applicable for HMAN 333 Managing Revenue and Distribution Channels course in the Hotel Management Program – a key objective of SDG 4.



CS 402

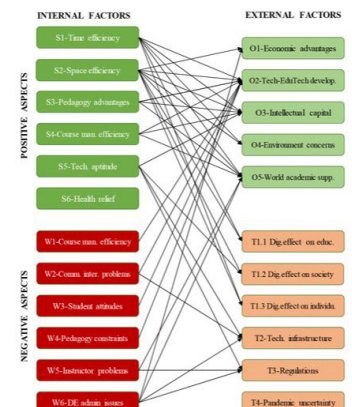
-to develop a hotel website assessment dedicated for hotel businesses to improve their direct booking as the most profitable channel in their operations. This tool is a pilot study for an enhanced assessment system for hotels of all scales to help them determine their competence of websites and improve its quality as a way for digital transformation – a key objective of SDG 9.



HMAN 333

11. The Impact of the COVID-19 on Tourism-Related Higher Education Programs

H. Kader Şanlıöz-Özgen collaborated with an academican from Dokuz Eylül University to study the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on distance education (DE) within tourism-related higher education programs (THEP). This research aligns with SDG 4's goal of ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education by examining the rapid shift to DE, particularly the challenges and opportunities it presented for higher education institutions. Using qualitative methods, data from 114 instructors were gathered to capture a range of experiences during this transition, especially in developing countries where limited internet infrastructure and access to technology posed significant hurdles. Through SWOT and TOWS analyses, the study proposes strategic recommendations for regulatory authorities to develop more effective educational, tactical, and operational plans that strengthen resilience and adaptability in higher education—a key objective of SDG 4.



CS 402

12. OzU Debate Debate Training

OzU Debate aims to provide debate training that equips individuals with effective communication, critical thinking, and respectful argumentation skills. Participants in these trainings learn to defend a viewpoint, understand opposing perspectives, and respond with empathy. Debate helps develop the ability to express thoughts clearly and persuasively. Additionally, it supports personal skills such as problem-solving, analysis, and gaining self-confidence. The trainings cover a wide range of topics from Feminism to Ethics, Law to Psychology, and are held weekly, fostering versatile thinking and providing valuable contributions to participants' social and professional lives.

5.

Gender Equality



Scholarly Output:
17



International
Collaboration:
5



Field-weighted
Citation Impact:
1.56



Number of Current
Projects:
10



Number of Annual
Events:
51

1. Wendo Workshop

ÖZU Gender Office and Women's Studies Student Club organized a Wendo workshop at the university. Wendo, one of the solutions developed especially to combat psychological and sexual violence, is a combination of wen, which is the abbreviation of the English word women, and do, which means road in Japanese. Wendo can be translated as women's path. Wendo's primary goal is to stop violence before it reaches the point of physical violence.

2. Women's Human Rights Training Program

The Women's Human Rights Education Program, which was developed by the Women's Human Rights Association and has reached more than 15,000 women since 1995, was also implemented at our university this year. The 14-week Women's Human Rights Education Program was held with the participation of Özyeğin University students. Within the scope of the training facilitated by Gurbet Kabadayı, one of the lecturers of the School of Foreign Languages, many different topics from economic rights to violence were covered.



Women's Human Rights Training Program Call Poster

3. #YükOlmasın Project

As part of its March 8, 2024 activities, FIBA Group carried the issues of the burden of unpaid domestic labor and the accompanying mental burden to its communication activities. ÖZU Gender Office experts provided content consultancy in the creation of the guide of the project #YükOlmasın, which was designed within the scope of these activities. Within the framework of the campaign, a guide, application kit and awareness materials were produced to be published in the media.



4. High School Summer School

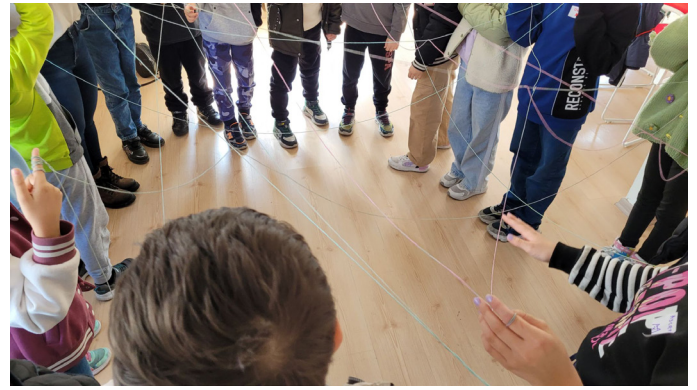
ÖzU Gender Office experts offered various trainings and workshops within the high school summer school organized by Özyeğin University, which reaches more than 200 students from many cities in Turkey every year. All students participating in the high school summer school received Gender 101 training, while a group of students attended a workshop focusing on unpaid domestic care labor.

5. Prevention of Discrimination and Violence Unit

A new office has been established at our university to prevent all forms of discrimination and violence, especially gender-based discrimination and violence. Prevention of Discrimination and Violence Unit carries out protective and preventive activities in order to prevent all types of discrimination and violence, especially gender-based discrimination and violence, and to build an inclusive campus environment. Also provides individual consultancy services. While carrying out its activities, PDVU works in cooperation with the relevant units of our university. In all its activities, it bases itself on the Prevention of Discrimination and Violence Unit Directive and Policy Document and Özyeğin University Ethical Conduct Principles.

6. Gender Equality Awareness Workshop for Children

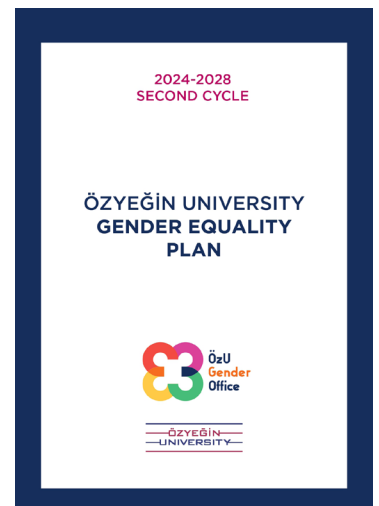
The Law Clinics at Özyeğin University Faculty of Law and ÖzU Gender Office have collaborated to develop a workshop for Özyeğin University Faculty of Law students. As part of this program, which has been ongoing for the last 2 years, Law Faculty Students complete a comprehensive train-the-trainer program. Then they implement the program with children who benefit from the services of Ataşehir Municipality, a district municipality of Istanbul. Within the scope of this program, both Özyeğin University students are empowered to contribute to society and the children are raised to be aware of gender equality.



Gender Equality Awareness Workshop for Children

7. Gender Equality Plan - Version 2

Özyeğin University's Gender Equality Plan (GEP), one of the first of its kind among universities in Turkey, has completed its first cycle. After the self-assessment, the 2nd version, which will determine the roadmap of gender equality activities in the next 5 years, was approved at the senate meeting held in May 2024.



Gender Equality Plan - Version 2
Cover Page



8. Women in STEM in Turkey

The project of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Berna Zengin Arslan, one of the faculty members of the Faculty of Social Sciences, titled “Women in STEM in the Republic and Turkey: A Sociological Analysis of the Last 30 Years of Quantitative Data and Transforming Experiences” has been awarded a grant by TUBITAK. This project is expected to provide a broad and up-to-date perspective on women in STEM in Turkey.

9. 2nd ÖzU Gender Ideathon

The ÖzU Gender Ideathon event was organized by the ÖzU Gender Office as part of activities for March 8, International Women’s Day, with the aim of asking Özyegin University students to question the gender inequalities that have infiltrated and entrenched in daily life and to mobilize students to be part of the solution. 10 student groups participated in the event organized for the 2nd time this year and the projects that emerged as a result of the 48-hour marathon were presented. As a result of the jury evaluation, 3 groups were awarded.



2nd ÖzU Gender Ideathon

10. Rethinking the History of Women's Movement in the 100th Anniversary of the Republic Conference

The conference titled "Rethinking the History of the Women's Movement in the 100th Anniversary of the Republic" organized by Özyeğin University Faculty of Social Sciences, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences faculty members Dr. Senem Timuroğlu, Dr. Özlem Dilber and Dr. Murat Narcı at the Reşat Aytaç Auditorium on Saturday, October 21, 2023 as part of the 100th anniversary of the Republic activities, was held with great interest throughout the day.



Rethinking the History of Women's Movement in the 100th Anniversary of the Republic Conference

11. Time Capsule Letters

The OzU LGBTIQ+ time capsule letters were a fantastic event aimed at creating a collective consciousness and welcoming new friends to the school. By reflecting on the concept of memory firsthand and immortalizing it through writing, we created a sense of community and a more intimate approach to the school. The process of writing the letters involved reviewing the experiences of current club members, using written language effectively, demonstrating literary skills, and inspiring others. Additionally, throughout the event, members engaged in active communication and socialization.

For the friends with whom we will share these letters, the workshop provided gains such as empathy, preparation for university life, and a sense of acceptance.

12. Women's Access to Justice in Turkey

Law Clinics Coordinator Attorney Selmin Cansu Demir and her students addressed the rights violations arising from the lack of access to sanitary pads for women and girls imprisoned in women's penal institutions, stating that women and girls in prison experience menstrual poverty, that the lack of access to free and adequate sanitary pads in closed institutions is a violation of the right to health and requested the Ministry of Justice to make the necessary arrangements. The Ministry of Justice, taking into account the application of OzU Law Clinics, issued a friendly settlement decision with the decision dated 26.12.2022 and application number 2022/10925, upon the Ministry of Justice taking action to take the necessary measures to ensure equal access to sanitary pads for women, thus our students contributed to the end of a discriminatory practice against women with their clinical work.

13. Supporting Girls in Sports Activities

Sports Center Team Leader Güneş Viter provided two days of training at the Özyeğin University gymnasium for girls who were about to take their university exams to support them in their future choices and gave them the opportunity to experience the campus. In addition, she brought students together with the Özyeğin University men's handball team periodically during the semester to support their career development processes.

6. Clean Water and Sanitation



Scholarly Output:
6



International
Collaboration:
1



Field-weighted
Citation Impact:
1.32



Number of Current
Projects:
1



Number of Annual
Events:
10

1. Water Efficiency Mobilization

“Water Efficiency Mobilization” refers to ensuring welfare, maintaining healthy and high-quality living standards, and leaving a proud legacy for future generations with the principle of “zero loss” in our water resources, and achieving “the same benefit with less water” or “greater benefit with the same amount of water.”

Within the scope of the National Water Efficiency Mobilization launched by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry in 2023, it is necessary to take action to prevent water scarcity and protect water resources in the face of climate change, rising temperatures, and the potential for long-term drought periods in the future. The goal is to achieve 25% water savings in buildings. In this regard, Özyeğin University has prepared and implemented a water efficiency plan in its buildings.

Özyeğin University continues to adopt and implement its environmentally friendly approach with its LEED Gold-certified green buildings and its ISO 14001 Environmental Management System Standard, which it has held since 2014. Additionally, the institutional water footprint is calculated and regularly reported according to the ISO 14046 Water Footprint Standard at Özyeğin University. At Özyeğin University, a “Water Efficiency Mobilization Action Plan” has been prepared and implemented within the scope of the “Water Efficiency Mobilization.” The Water Efficiency Mobilization is monitored by the Sustainability, Safety, and Quality Department with the support of the Technical Services Department.

2. Past Reflection by Kaan Berke Erol, Kadir Efe Deniz

“Focusing on consumption awareness, ‘Past Reflection’ explores the question, ‘How would a preserved stream look?’ The installation aims to symbolically recreate the former state of the stream at Özyeğin University, visualizing how a preserved stream would impact the campus landscape. Delicately draped blue fabric over wooden poles visually reimagines the ‘reflection of the past’ of Özyeğin’s stream, offering viewers a timeless natural depiction.



*Past Reflection by
Kaan Berke Erol,
Kadir Efe Deniz*

3. Corporate Water Footprint Reporting

Organizations should identify their impacts on the water crisis and climate change and manage these impacts/risks in a way that prevents environmental dimensions by following national and international climate change policies. This has become an extra and universal criterion, providing strategic awareness and prestige among similar institutions.

Özyeğin University, in line with its environmental approach within the context of the ISO 14001 Environmental Management Systems, prepares the Corporate Water Footprint Report in accordance with the ISO 14046 Water Footprint standard to analyze its corporate water footprint and support environmental sustainability by referencing its commitment to water resource management.

Özyeğin Üniversitesi 2023 Değerleri (m3)		
Mavi Su Ayak İzi		196,513
Gri Su Ayak İzi	KOI	255,485
	AKM	57,322
	Toplam	312,807
Yeşil Su Ayak İzi		720

4. Sustainable Water Policies for Sustainable Living with FAO & SUEN

ÖZÜ hosted an event with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN and Turkish Water Institute to address the critical role of sustainable water management in achieving the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 6, which focuses on clean water and sanitation. Titled "Sustainable Water Policies for Sustainable Living," this event emphasized the essential role of water resources in the 2030 Sustainability Agenda and highlighted the importance of responsible water use as a foundation for sustainable living. Bringing together participants from universities, research institutions, the private sector, and students, the event served as a collaborative platform for advancing innovative solutions in water policy, aiming to preserve this vital resource and improve water access and quality.

5. A Bucket of Memories

The installation titled 'A Bucket of Memories' by Nour Jundi, Yusuf Demir approaches the loss of drying streams and disappearing freshwater sources from perspectives of mourning and hope. Flowers placed along the dried stream bed edges not only emphasize the boundaries of the stream but also serve as a reminder of the possibility of life's renewal.



Talks from Sustainable Water Policies for Sustainable Living with FAO & SUEN



6. Following the Lakes Gala & Film Launch: Pedaling in Lost Waters

The OzU Cycling Club organized a meaningful event aimed at raising awareness about environmental and water issues. The “Following the Lakes Gala & Film Launch” event aims to raise awareness about Turkey’s water crisis and highlight environmental issues observed during the cycling tour. It aimed not only to emphasize that the water crisis is not just a future threat but an urgent issue today, but also to underscore the importance of improving the human-nature relationship.

During the cycling tour visiting 7 lakes, the event provided information about the current state and future of these lakes, proposed collective and individual solutions to the water crisis, and encouraged participants to be active parts of the solution. As part of this initiative, a documentary film titled “Pedaling in Lost Waters,” prepared by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Metin Çavuş and Instructor V. Davut Mengi, was launched. The film, completed over 6 days along the shores of 7 lakes, depicted the cycling tour and discussed the challenges facing Turkey’s water sources and lakes, accompanied by presentations from Aydan Çelik and Ömer Madra.



OzU Cycling Club members

7. World Water Day Program

World Water Day is celebrated on March 22 each year to highlight the importance of freshwater resources and focus on their sustainable management. To mark this occasion, Yaklaş 2030 organized an event program on March 20, 2024, covering topics such as urban freshwater ecosystems, lost streams, and rewilding, inviting participants to share knowledge in this field and to think together at the stages of awareness and action.

*Yaklaş 2030: World Water Day Program
March 20, 2024, Wednesday*

Introduction: The Commons That Bring Us Together

Prof. Dr. Esra Gençtürk, President of Özyeğin University

First Session: Lost Streams and Rewilding

Moderator: Dr. Özlem Bahadır

- What role do freshwater ecosystems play in urban planning?
- How effective is the connection between preserving historical and cultural heritage and the natural environment in planning decisions and implementations?
- What insights do we gain when evaluating the current state of urban streams from an environmental justice perspective?
- What does the restoration of lost streams signify?

Presentations:

- Rediscovering Istanbul's Lost Waters: Mapping Cultural and Natural Landscapes through the Example of Lykos Stream
Assoc. Prof. Kaan Özgün, Özyeğin University
- Ecological Settlement Approach in Urban Planning and Design: The Ömerli Basin, Sancaktepe Example
Bilge Aydın, Istanbul Technical University
- Watershed Studies in the Environmental Justice Program
Cemre Kara, Assistant, Environmental Justice Program, Mekanda Adalet Derneği (MAD)
- Rights-Based Approaches to Water Resources
Didem Köse, Özyeğin University

Second Session: Approaching Streams Together with Students

Moderator: İlkay Balıç

- What can be done to raise students' awareness of sustainability at a university?
- Can creativity, art, and participatory processes trigger action among students?
- Can a university campus become a field study for potential actions in daily life, the city, and on a larger scale?

Presentations:

- Making Films Along the Water's Path
Zeynep Merve Uygun Azizoğlu, Özyeğin University
- New Narratives in the Pursuit of Fiction
Bilge Aydın, Istanbul Technical University
- Urban Furniture in Campus and Stream Relations: An Architectural Design Studio Experience
Mehmet Emin Bayraktar, Özyeğin University
- Art in the Flow: A Journey of Awareness along the Campus Stream
Yasemin Yıldırım

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Second Session*



World Water Day Program

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First Session*



7.

Affordable and Clean Energy



Scholarly Output:
114



International
Collaboration:
5



Field-weighted
Citation Impact:
0.74



Number of Current
Projects:
17



Number of Annual
Events:
12

1. ISO 50001 Energy Management System Standard

Özyeğin University integrates the ISO 50001 Energy Management System Standard with the ISO 14001 Environmental Management System Standard, systematically addressing energy management to achieve more efficient, sustainable, and effective energy use.

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2. ISO 50001 Energy Management System Standard

ISO 50001 is an international standard aimed at systematically addressing energy management. Developed by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), this standard assists businesses in managing energy more efficiently, sustainably, and effectively. ISO 50001 supports organizations in achieving the following goals:

- Energy efficiency,
- Savings,
- Environmental sustainability, and
- Cost control.

3. Adaptable Technological Solutions based on Early Design Actions for the Construction and Renovation of Energy Positive Homes

Center for Energy, Environment and Economy, is a partner in the LEGOFIT project which aims to work adaptable technological solutions based on early design actions for the construction and renovation of Energy Passive Homes. The project is coordinated by Demir Enerji and is composed of 19 partners representing 10 countries, bringing together a multidisciplinary team, involving academic partners, small, medium and large enterprises from the energy and building sector and large European networks.

The LEGOFIT project aims to design, implement and validate an advanced and dynamic integrative approach to accomplish Energy Positive Homes (EPH) based on smart and innovative solutions with a high scalability and replicability for building construction and renovation, through:

- developing an innovative holistic design platform that encompass not only passive and active technologies but also their integration for smartest exchange of information and interoperability of systems based on Building Information Modelling (BIM)

- integrating active and passive strategies with smart management technologies for climate neutral and high energy building performance investigating innovative routes for promoting minimum environmental impacts by the smart use of solid and liquid residues generated during building life cycle stages fostering sustainable stock of buildings by guaranteeing the fulfilment of sustainable criteria and the enhancement of smart readiness of buildings.

- This innovative and integrated approach is demonstrated in 3+ demos across a range of geographical, cultural and construction stages/ technological market maturity scenarios.



Legofit logo

4. procuRE: re-commercial Procurement of Breakthrough Solutions for 100% Renewable Energy Supply in Buildings

European Commission granted “procuRE: re-commercial Procurement of Breakthrough Solutions for 100% Renewable Energy Supply in Buildings” project, in which OzU and Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality (Istanbul Büyükşehir Belediyesi – İBB) are partners, under Horizon 2020 program. The project timeline is set from 2020 December to 2024 October, to support renewable energy applications by receiving 7 million Euros of R&D investment.

The project, involving various academics from OzU, Faculty of Architecture and Design Building Materials and Physics Laboratory, intends to provide 100% renewable energy to existing public buildings located in different cities in Europe. These developed systems are purchased through a tender method and implemented in selected public buildings. With the realization of improvement in tasks in facilities, the annual energy requirement of each building is supplied totally from renewable energy systems. The OzU team conducts the necessary research studies to ensure that the pilot building in Istanbul uses 100 % renewable energy without requiring other energy resources. More information on the project can be accessed [here](#).

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5. LEED Certificate

LEED stands for “Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design” and is the most widely used green building rating system in the world. In other words, LEED is a certificate of appreciation awarded to buildings that comply with the fundamental sustainability requirements in order to support the natural habitat without disturbing the ecosystem.

A performance score is generated based on the fulfilment of the LEED certification requirements. The Performance Score determines the level of LEED certification awarded. Performance Score and Certification Levels are as follows: LEED Certified (40–49), LEED Silver (50–59), LEED Gold (60–79), and LEED Platinum (80+). A minimum Performance Score of 40 must be achieved in order to receive the LEED certified status for all buildings. Özyeğin University has been awarded with the LEED GOLD certificate for its AB1, AB2, and SC buildings.



6. University Impact Rankings for UN SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy: ÖzU: the Second Foundation University in Türkiye.

Times Higher Education has assessed and ranked 987 universities from 96 countries/regions for their exceptional efforts towards the SDG Turkey has the highest number of institutions in the table with 58, followed by India (56) and Japan (43). ÖzU is the second foundation university in Türkiye in the 2024 THE Impact rankings. The ranked institutions stand out for their commitment to developing and promoting sustainable energy services, enhancing energy efficiency and fostering investments in energy infrastructure. Through innovative research and practical applications, they contribute significantly to diversifying the energy mix and improving universal access to clean energy resources.

ÖzU is one of the top universities in Turkey as a leader in researching clean energy technologies but in implementing campus-wide initiatives to reduce energy consumption and increase the use of renewable energy sources.

7. Lahore Times Square (LTS) Project

Lahore Times Square (LTS), a luxurious mixed-use living space with a total area of 1.13 million m² and multi-layered buildings such as residential houses, hospitals, offices, schools and shopping malls, is CEEE's premier consultancy project. Due to its size and climatic conditions, the design, construction and operation of buildings are quite challenging from both technical and sustainability point of view. In this context, the project shapes CEEE's future work. For this purpose, a unique sustainability strategy has been developed by CEEE and several building energy simulations have been carried out. In addition, passive design and life cycle analyses have been conducted. The user experience is designed with ICT and IoT strategies. CEEE consultancy services, comprising a total of five work packages, will be extensively pursued.



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8. Decent Work and Economic Growth



Scholarly Output:
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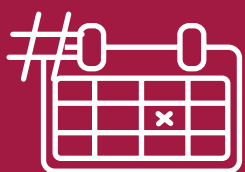
International
Collaboration:
3



Field-weighted
Citation Impact:
1.22



Number of Current
Projects:
20



Number of Annual
Events:
92

1. Research Project on Perceptions and Experiences of Workplace Violence and Harassment

The research titled “Perceptions and Experiences of Workplace Violence and Harassment”, led by Prof. H. Canan Sümer, Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, coordinated by Dr. Oğuz Can Ok, Social Sustainability Consultant at the Sustainability Platform, and involving academics from different disciplines as researchers, has been awarded support by the ILO. The project involves a household survey to be conducted in Istanbul with a sample size of 3,000 individuals. The survey is intended to examine the types and frequency of workplace violence and harassment experienced by women and men, attitudes of employers towards these situations, and coping strategies. Covering a broad spectrum of subjects in particular physical, psychological, sexual, and economic violence and harassment, the research aims to both reveal the current situation and guide the development of preventive programs and policies. Within this framework, the research is one of the first studies to be conducted in this field in Turkey.

2. Careers and Employability of Our Students

ÖZÜ Professional Development team organizes seminars, training, case studies, mock interviews and on-campus interviews in cooperation with leading companies, in order to contribute to the students’ professional life and job search processes. The team offers a rich selection of training to students to vest them with the required skills before they take the leap into professional life. The training programs focus on key skills, including CV development, interview techniques, and interpersonal communication. In addition to required internships, a rich selection of non-credit internship opportunities both at home and abroad is offered. In 2022, students received careers guidance and support through professional development services which includes peer-to-peer appointments and one-on-one appointments. The unit also provided events including resume reviews, and job-ready workshops. Students received 216 one to one CV counseling, 1 speed-networking event with 74 participants, 2 interview counseling & 27 interview simulations, 23 career counseling, and 50 unplugged talks adding up to more than 3580 students participating in Professional Development events.

3. Militant Minority at Work: A successful Case of Unionisation of Garment Workers in Istanbul

Alpkan Birelma, from the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, examined a successful unionisation struggle among garment workers in Istanbul. He found out that in the last four decades, Turkey has become a global showcase of authoritarian anti-labour neoliberalism and one of the world's top garment and textile exporters. The latter has come at the cost of worker exploitation and precarity. Such conditions led a group of knitting workers to unionise at the beginning of the 2010s. He showcased that after five years of struggle, they signed a collective bargaining agreement covering nearly 400 workers. This very rare success rested on two key factors: the efforts of a militant minority and transnational labour solidarity.

4. (Non-)deport to Discipline: The Daily Life of Afghans in Turkey

Deniz Sert, along with a scholar from Kadir Has University, explores the politics of (non-) deportability in Turkey by focusing on Afghan migrants, the largest community without formal protection in a country that hosts the most refugees globally. This research delves into how deportation policies are shaped and enacted for Afghans and the everyday strategies they use to navigate the constant risk of deportation. The study reveals that Turkey's deportation policies are largely influenced by the demands of the informal labor market, which comprises roughly one-third of the national workforce. The findings indicate that the state both tolerates and conceals the forced labor and hypermobility of Afghan migrants, using the constant threat of deportation as a means of discipline and control. This is against SDG 8, which promotes decent work and economic growth, by underscoring the need to address exploitative labor conditions and provide fair and secure employment for all workers, including migrants. The study further suggests that Afghans employ various strategies to avoid deportation, including leveraging their qawm-based (ethnic or kinship) networks, seeking support from Afghan associations, and engaging in street-level negotiations with authorities.

5. Imagining Decent Work towards a Green Future in a Former Forest Village of the City of Istanbul

The Aegean Atelier, exemplifies sustainable and inclusive education by focusing on the ecological and sociocultural richness of Anatolia, with an emphasis on local crops. One of its recent projects, Mahalle Mantarı, centers on mushrooms and truffles found in the Ömerli-Şile region, aiming to foster understanding of the interconnected relationships between humans, animals, and plants.

In 2023, key facilitators of Mahalle Mantarı, İklil Selçuk, and Zeynep Delen Nircan, with a scholar from MSGSÜ co-authored a paper titled Imagining Decent Work Towards a Green Future in a Former Forest Village of the City of Istanbul. This research addresses issues pertaining to the future of work and sustainability through the lens of a case study of ecological deterioration and how it destroys and creates green jobs in a forest village in Istanbul. As elsewhere in major urban centers of developing countries, the hyper-expansion of city regions due to authoritarian developmentalism fosters the state-led construction sector in Turkey. Growth-driven economic policies continue to have adverse effects on the environment, resulting in deforestation among an array of ecological damage. Based on a qualitative analysis of oral history interviews and observations informed by a larger interdisciplinary research project, scholars observed resilience in the forest village under scrutiny as certain types of work are abandoned, and new forms are created by adaptation to the ecological and social conditions. The perceptions of changing conditions by locals vary across existing ethnic, gender, and class hierarchies in the local community.

Moreover, the findings indicate that the types of work available in the village prior to urban transformation were not all decent or green. In the face of ongoing ecological deterioration in a (formerly) forest community, participatory micro-initiatives, and grassroots, utilizing local community projects, emerge that nevertheless pursue a green and just transition. They focus on one such initiative, the Community Fungi platform, to demonstrate the possibility of working towards a collective imagination of a green future inspired by past but unforgotten sustainable communal practices, in the context of the forest village under scrutiny in this paper.



6. University Policy Commitments

ÖzÜ Human Resources Policy states that any form of forced or bonded labor is not used or tolerated. All work must be voluntary. Employees are free to terminate their employment. Recruitment that involves payments by employees to an agent will not be used. ÖzÜ is committed to offering equal opportunities to all its employees concerning recruitment, promotion, and any aspect of employment. Discrimination is not tolerated in any form based on gender, race, nationality, ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age, or sexual orientation.

7. Pre-Employment Training (PrET)

PrET is an exclusive education program designed for Özyeğin University senior students in collaboration with Özyeğin University's Sectoral Education and Professional Development Unit and TbeMark, the common platform of Education and HR professionals from Turkey's leading companies. It aims to expand the employment and skills development opportunities of students, by offering informal education and training activities designed to support the growth of our students as responsible professionals and citizens. The program, which was organized for the fifth time in the 2023-2024 academic year, has been held since 2019.

8. Student Initiatives

—The talk titled **"A Current View of Responsible Business Behavior in the Context of International Labor Standards, Social Justice and Decent Work Concepts"** took place in March 2024.

—The event titled **"Mediation in Labor Law"** took place in May 2024.

—**Future Greens:** ÖzÜ Social Awareness Club is one of our clubs dedicated to sustainability initiatives. One of the events it organized, Future Greens, brought together university students with executives from leading green companies such as KPMG, Garanti BBVA, QNB Finansbank, WWF, Eczacıbaşı, and Arçelik. The event, held at Özyeğin University's campus, offered opportunities for networking, connecting with various social clubs, one-on-one meetings with senior executives, and career opportunities related to future plans.



Future Greens
Poster

9. Influencer Summit

The Özyeğin University Business Club organized the “Influencer Summit” event to inspire students about digital careers. During the event, Özyeğin University students had the opportunity to meet social media influencers Mustafa Ak, Özgür Uysal, and Selinay Yalçın one-on-one and benefit from their experiences. Participants gained insights into the world of influencer marketing and social media strategies through an interactive discussion environment.

The main goal of the event was to teach students how to use their social media accounts more effectively and consciously. Concrete advice and strategies were shared, particularly focusing on how participants could enhance their digital presence. Held at the Özyeğin University Faculty of Business, the event aimed to raise awareness about social media usage and provide students with valuable tips to guide their careers in this field.

10. University Impact Rankings for UN SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth ÖzU: The Top Foundation University in Türkiye.

Times Higher Education has meticulously assessed and ranked 1,149 universities from 107 countries/regions for their impactful contributions to the SDG 8. ÖzU ranked as the top foundation university in Türkiye in promoting productive employment opportunities, fostering secure working environments and driving substantial economic growth. Through targeted research, code of ethics and human resources policy, ÖzU addresses critical issues such as modern slavery, human trafficking and the integration of migrant workers into the workforce.

ÖzU not only aims to ensure youth employment but commits to creating educational and training opportunities that support sustainable economic growth. ÖzU with its academic and sectoral education programs and Professional Development Office equips students with the skills necessary for the evolving labor market, emphasising the importance of secure and decent

9. Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure



Scholarly Output:
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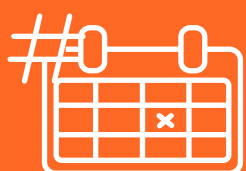
International
Collaboration:
11



Field-weighted
Citation Impact:
1.28



Number of Current
Projects:
91



Number of Annual
Events:
84

1. MOF Computational Tools, Machine Learning, and Databases

İlknur Eruçar from the Faculty of Engineering is leading Work Package 4 (WP4) for the EU4MOFs COST Action (CA22147), an initiative focused on advancing Metal-Organic Frameworks (MOFs) to address pressing societal needs in health, water, and sustainable energy. MOFs, known for their high porosity and versatile chemical properties, hold potential for transformative applications in cancer nanomedicine, wastewater treatment, and energy storage. However, realizing their full potential requires overcoming challenges in controlling MOF structures and properties across molecular, nano-, meso-, and macro-scales.

EU4MOFs aims to improve control and customization of MOF materials by refining synthesis techniques and leveraging computational screening and machine learning to optimize material properties. By bringing together experts from fields such as (bio)chemistry, materials engineering, nanomedicine, and computational science, the initiative will support the scale-up of MOF innovations from the lab to industry, contributing to societal impact.

Eruçar organized a training school entitled “MOF Computational Tools, Machine Learning, and Databases” as part of the COST Action (CA22147). The training school aimed to provide participants with advanced knowledge and hands-on experience using data-driven approaches, machine learning techniques, and computational tools to advance research and innovation in Metal-Organic Frameworks (MOFs). The school focused on state-of-the-art simulation methods and their applications, equipping attendees with the skills necessary to address complex challenges in MOF research, from material discovery to storage solutions.

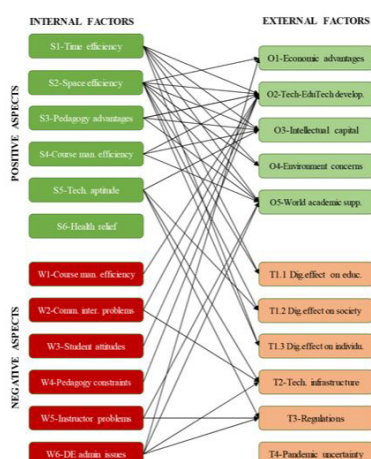


*MOF Computational
Tools, Machine
Learning, and
Databases
Presentation*

2. OzU Connect Legal Lab: Advancing Legal Innovation in the Digital Era

The Connect Legal Lab, envisioned as an effective research field in today's interconnected era, has been launched alongside Department of IT Law. Recognized by technology leaders as essential, the need for fair and effective legal frameworks is emphasized in this time of rapid digital transformation, where everything from human cognition to vehicles is increasingly networked and digitized. Connect Legal Lab was thus created in alignment with OzU's strategic principles, aiming to establish a robust, law-centered architecture of connections with both internal (cross-faculty, multidisciplinary) and external (industry-academic, academic-NGO) stakeholders. As an interdisciplinary research hub, Connect Legal Lab focuses on analyzing the legal implications of evolving technologies while fostering collaboration with various fields, including technology-focused disciplines and academia-industry participants. Research areas encompass interconnected and emerging technologies, such as next-generation wireless systems (5G and 6G), cybersecurity, data privacy, data protection, smart cities, brain-machine interfaces, and neuro-rights. Through this initiative, activities have been planned where students actively participate in research, events, projects, and hackathons. Contributions are also targeted toward enhancing undergraduate and graduate education on the legal impact of emerging technologies. A broader goal is to serve as a forward-looking knowledge transfer center that pursues national and international research, engaging with organizations such as NGOs and museums. This effort aligns closely with SDG 16 (Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions), underlining the critical role of SDG 9 (Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure) in establishing the resilient infrastructure needed to support secure, accessible, and rights-based digital transformation.

Assessment Framework



3. "BEiNG-WISE" project

The founders of the OzU Connect Legal Lab; Başak Ozan Özparlak and Müge Çetin from the Department of Information Technology Law at Faculty of Law have recently joined the "BEiNG-WISE" project conducted by the European Cooperation in Science and Technology (COST) organization.

The project, "Behavioral Next Generation in Wireless Networks for Cyber Security (BEiNG-WISE)," aims to ensure the security of next-generation wireless networks (5G/6G) from technical, social, and legal perspectives. Ozan Özparlak and Çetin are part of Working Group 1, Working Group 2, and Working Group 4 under COST. Through this interdisciplinary study, OzU will play a pivotal role internationally in strengthening non-traditional wireless cybersecurity solutions for next-generation wireless networks from both technical and social aspects.



Being-Wise Logo

4. Assessment Framework for Direct Online Booking Competence in Hotel Businesses

H. Kader Şanlıöz-Özgen collaborated with scholars from Ege University and Akdeniz University to propose a model for assessing the direct online booking competence of hotel businesses via their web and mobile sites. Designed as a multiple case study including 22 hotels, the study produced an assessment framework (web and mobile site-based direct online booking competence) with an extensive checklist of 107 items in six dimensions (informative and experiential content, user interface, promotional, mobile, and crisis communication). The framework is also effective in classifying hotels according to their web and mobile site-based direct online booking competence such as optimal, effective, functional, dynamic, practical, and basic performers with reference. The generated model promises to help hotel industry dominated by SMEs for their digital transformation leading to higher returns from direct channels—a key objective of SDG 9



5. Knowledge production in refugee studies from the South: Theorization of refugee labour in the literature on Turkey

Maissam Nimer from Social Science Faculty explored the case of the migration studies industry in Turkey, which has flourished over the past decade, through an examination of knowledge production on refugee labour. Focusing on research about Syrian refugees' labour and employment in Turkey between 2012 and 2018, the research highlighted the ways in which refugee labour is articulated and studied to provide ground for a wider critique of migration-related knowledge production. This study aimed to reflexively question academic outputs by (1) exploring the conceptual frames used broadly in research on refugee labour, and (2) developing an overview of the literature on Turkey with a focus on this topic. The research serves as an example to argue that knowledge produced in a Southern context is mainly incorporated as case studies despite attempts to advance theoretical discussions, highlighting a North-South hierarchization of knowledge.

6. Energy Efficiency Renovation Strategies For A Historic Residential Building

M. Pinar Mengüç, Cem Keskin, Ruken Karakuş, Damla Kaleli and Gökçe Tomrukçu from the Center for Energy, Environment and Economy, examined the climate crisis demands urgent action from individuals, companies, and governments to reduce carbon emissions and limit global temperature rise. This is especially crucial for the built environment, where energy efficiency and consumption behavior play vital roles. This research focuses on renovating a 175 sqm historic terraced house in Istanbul's Fener district, within a heritage protection area that limits external changes. The project emphasizes sustainable strategies, passive design, and occupant behavior analysis to reduce energy demand, ensuring high standards during construction and effective post-occupancy phases. The methodology showcases how to approach complex renovation projects for a lasting impact.

7. The role of drones in disaster response: A literature review of operations research applications

Burcu Balçık and Elvin Çoban's review on the growing use of drones has sparked interest in their disaster response applications. This study categorizes drone operations into information collection, delivery, and communication network recovery. From an operations research (OR) perspective, the research analyzed problem structures, summarize key characteristics, and review solution approaches. They also identified current literature gaps and suggest future research directions. The study offers comprehensive insights for researchers and practitioners interested in using drones for humanitarian efforts and developing OR-based decision-making tools.

8. Buzz Wire Game

Adopting an innovative and hands-on approach to education, the Maker Club aims to enable students to create creative projects through its workshops. With the "Buzz-Wire Game with Arduino" workshop, it not only provided participants with technical knowledge but also helped them develop an engineering-based perspective while putting their learning into practice.



Buzz Wire Game

10: Reduced Inequality



Scholarly Output:
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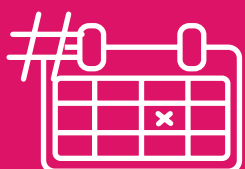
International
Collaboration:
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Field-weighted
Citation Impact:
1.30



Number of Current
Projects:
12



Number of Annual
Events:
74

1. Political Party Representation of Anti- Immigration Attitudes: The Case of Turkey

This project, coordinated by Ezgi Elci, from International Relations department and funded by Heinrich Boll Stiftung Foundation analyzes party competition dynamics over the immigration issue in Turkey since 2016. Receiving more than 3.5 million Syrian refugees since 2011, Turkey stands as an understudied case in testing political party representation of popular attitudes towards immigrants. In the context of the European Union member states, the rise of anti-immigration attitudes among the electorate strengthened populist radical right parties, transformed mainstream politics, and significantly contributed to democratic backsliding. The case of Turkey stands as an anomaly to this pattern.

The report comprises five main sections. First, it discusses how international migration has been contextualized and discussed in Turkey. Second, the critical junctures that have transformed the debate around the recent migration of Syrians were highlighted, followed by a brief discussion explaining data collection and methodology. A more detailed discussion is also provided at the end of the report as an appendix. Third, it presents the analysis and findings of temporal changes in anti-immigration rhetoric and Turkish political parties' anti-immigration scores. This section also characterizes the anti-immigration debate along two dimensions: the salience of the issue and the tone of the rhetoric. Fourth, it discusses how political parties currently frame Syrians living in Turkey and evaluate their proposed migration policies. Finally, it concludes by offering several policy recommendations. It is important to note that the analysis here largely covers the period from 2011 to 2021, thereby setting the background for our follow-up analysis to come before the 2023 elections.

POLITICAL PARTY REPRESENTATION OF ANTI-IMMIGRATION ATTITUDES: THE CASE OF TURKEY

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2. INCLAVI (Inclusive Aviation Curriculum) Project

INCLAVI (Inclusive Aviation Curriculum) Project aims to address the skill mismatches that exist in the aviation sector related to the freedom of movement of persons with disabilities (PwDs) and accessibility requirements in line with the EC Strategy for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities 2021-2030. Within the scope of this project, important actors from around the world came together. The specific objectives of INCLAVI are (i) Understanding the actual passenger journeys of PwDs across all stages of a passenger; (ii) Identifying the best practices of inclusive aviation across the aviation sector, (iii) Developing the curriculum contents and structure; (iv) Enabling the curriculum in the long term; (v) Publishing policy recommendations for EU and global stakeholders and (vi) Annually improving the passenger journey.



3. We Grow and Grow Older

In collaboration with the Duyarlı OzU Volunteers and the Toplumsal Çatı Club, we spent a day full of sharing at the Göztepe Semiha Şakir Nursing Care and Rehabilitation Center with elderly individuals. The aim of the visit was to support their right to enjoy leisurely activities. The “We Grow and Grow Older” project took place on April 19, 2024, with the participation of 18 Sensitive OzU Volunteers and 18 stakeholders from outside OzU.



4. KEÇİ

KEÇİ (Goat in English), is a social initiative whose founding team consists of Özyeğin University students advocating for equal opportunities in education and access to quality education. KEÇİ aims to provide children with new educational opportunities through interdisciplinary workshops and educational kits, particularly targeting students in rural areas, focusing on design, sustainability, and technology.

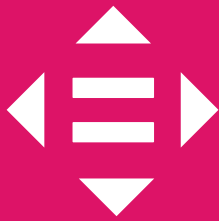
“We have the stubbornness of a goat” is our slogan as we embark on this path, aiming not only to ensure equal opportunities in education through our workshop activities designed for children but also to contribute to social solidarity and building a sustainable future. KEÇİ represents being part of a large community formed by each participant and supporter coming together.

KEÇİ has three main strategic goals: creating meaningful outcomes for children, KEÇİ stakeholders, and social impact and sustainability partners. In line with this vision, KEÇİ won the SIA Jury Special Award in 2024 and received grant support, providing strong support for its future endeavors. The KEÇİ team is excited to celebrate our first year in December, continuing our journey with determination alongside our achievements and growing community.



KEÇİ team

Göztepe Semiha Şakir Nursing
Care and Rehabilitation Center



5. Gender Equality Policies in Turkey's Opposition Municipalities

Ebru Ertuğrul and İtir Bağdadi examined gender equality policy processes in opposition-controlled municipalities in Turkey, facing a national government with an anti-gender equality stance in an authoritarian populist context. Using interviews and document analysis, it identifies four factors influencing these policies and argues that political party ideology and mayors' individual views shape opportunities for gender mainstreaming, where gender experts are crucial. While gender mainstreaming enhances policy capacity, raises gender awareness, and can shift politicians' electoral views, adversarial intergovernmental relations limit transformative actions, though these may hold potential for future feminist politicization.

6. Forced Migration and the Politics of Belonging: Integration Policy, National Debates and Migrant Strategies

Susan Beth Rottmann's research note explored how integration policies and national political debates shape refugee belonging in Germany, Sweden, Austria, the UK, Italy, Greece, and Turkey. Prior studies indicated limited refugee awareness of policy, but strong impacts from political/media debates on inclusion. Our findings reveal that both policies and debates influence belonging, with integration often rooted in cultural assimilation that can marginalize "outsiders," creating insecurity. The article also discusses migrant strategies to forge belonging, such as emphasizing personal responsibility or shared cultural ties with hosts. This research stems from an EU Horizon 2020 project, RESPOND

7. Examining Actor–partner Effects Between Social Dominance, Relationship Power, Sexism, and Marital Quality

Nilüfer Kafescioğlu, with scholars from Kadir Has University and University of Akureyri examines the actor–partner effects of attitudes toward group-based inequality, as measured by social dominance orientation (SDO), on marital quality, and the indirect actor–partner effects of SDO on marital quality via ambivalent sexism and partners' perceptions of their own relationship power. Previous research has suggested that social attitudes may influence relationship dynamics, but it remains unclear whether broader views on social inequality can impact marital quality between partners.

In this study, 90 heterosexual married couples in Turkey (N = 180) participated in an online survey measuring SDO, marital quality, relationship power, and ambivalent sexism. The actor–partner interdependence model (APIM) and actor–partner interdependence model of mediation (APIMeM) were used to analyze both direct and indirect actor–partner effects.

The results indicated that for indirect effects, men's SDO negatively influenced their marital quality through relationship power and hostile sexism. For women, no significant indirect effects were identified. However, women's relationship power was positively associated, and their benevolent sexism negatively associated, with both their own and their partners' marital quality.

These findings contribute to a more integrated understanding of the connections between political, social, and personal factors in individuals' lives. The study underscores the importance of exploring how men's and women's views on social inequality affect their intimate relationships, offering insights for clinical practice and relational education

11: Sustainable Cities and Communities



Scholarly Output:
79



International
Collaboration:
2



Field-weighted
Citation Impact:
1.33



Number of Current
Projects:
16



Number of Annual
Events:
58

1. Future Step

This project invites participants to reflect on their surroundings and develop ideas for a better future. Participants place magnets representing urban functions on the map of Özyeğin University's campus to express their preferences for the environment they wish to live in. These choices are digitally documented and shared. Additionally, steps made from recycled bottle caps collected from the campus guide participants towards the stream, accompanied by messages inviting them to contemplate future scenarios. This creates a connection between the future and the past through recycling



*Future Step by
Melis Gür, Tutku Çalış*

2. ÖzU - Istanbul Municipality Collaboration on Smart Cities

Özyeğin University's participation in the Yeşil Şehir Eylem Planı Çalıştayı (Green City Action Plan Workshop) is a significant milestone in the university's commitment to sustainability and environmental stewardship. The workshop likely involved collaborative efforts with various stakeholders, including local government, businesses, and civil society, to develop a comprehensive plan aimed at making cities more environmentally friendly and sustainable. The signing of a protocol with the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) signifies a strategic partnership to implement the plan's objectives. This collaboration with EBRD is a positive step towards securing financial and technical support for green initiatives, which can ultimately lead to improved urban sustainability, cleaner environments, and enhanced quality of life for the communities involved. It showcases Özyeğin University's dedication to addressing pressing environmental issues and fostering sustainable urban development.

3. Campus and Stream Relationship in Urban Furniture MIM 102.B and MIM 201.B Architecture Design Studio

In this studio course, students developed urban design proposals that integrate natural life into everyday campus activities, focusing on the footprint of the campus stream. Through field trips and the design process, students discovered how overlooked spaces could be made visible, awareness about natural life could be raised, and campus landscaping could be improved with a more effective design for its inhabitants. They particularly worked on strengthening connections between dormitories and academic buildings, drawing inspiration from references provided by the stream. After stages of examination and research, they developed various designs tailored to user profiles, problem definitions, and specific needs to realize their intended designs in their chosen areas.

Kampüs ve Dere İlişkisinde Kent Mobilyaları:
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Mim102.B - Mim201.B - Bahar 23-24 Yürütücü: Mehmet Emin Bayraktar



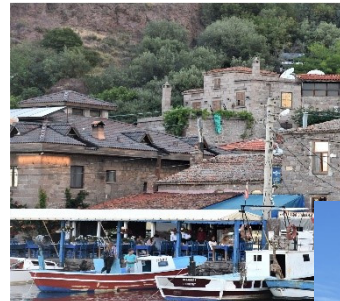
*MIM 102.B and MIM 201.B
Architecture Design Studio
Poster*

4. Law Museum

The Faculty of Law of Özyeğin University has taken the first unofficial steps for the realization of a law museum, that will develop and grow day by day. The pictures shared below are collected historical, artistic and rare works that shed light on our history of law. In the near future, numerous historical print works, materials for law studies and important legal history documents will enrich our museum. Due to their kind and quality, it is expected that the works that will take place in this museum will be the source of scientific works on the history of law. For the time being, these works are preserved on the second floor (of the AB3 Building of OZU Campus) and exhibited to the interested parties.

5. Cultural Tourism and Rural Community Resilience

The research conducted by Ebru Ergöz Karahan and her colleagues in 2023 and presented in the article “Cultural Tourism and Rural Community Resilience: A Framework and Its Application” (Göçer, Boyacıoğlu, Ergöz Karahan, and Shrestha, 2024) explores strategies to bolster resilience in rural communities through cultural tourism and aimed at contributing to the discourse on sustainable development. This study aligns with SDG 2, SDG 10 and SDG 11 and SDG 15, by emphasizing inclusivity and socio-cultural resilience, economic and environmental adaptability, and the conservation of heritage and biodiversity. In the rural area mentioned in the article (Behramkale), establishing new settlements allows locals to maintain cultural roots and adapt to tourism-driven economic shifts. The area’s resilience strategies involve new infrastructure to balance tourism demand with heritage preservation. This approach helps the community manage tourism’s economic and environmental stresses, promoting both sustainability and cultural continuity. Practices mentioned in the paper protect cultural and natural heritage under tourism pressures, preserving biodiversity and socio-cultural values. The rural model offers valuable insights for cities that balance development with heritage and environmental conservation.



*Cultural Tourism and Rural
Community Resilience*



Law Museum

12. Responsible Consumption and Production



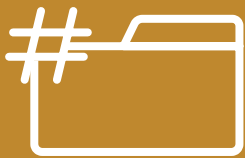
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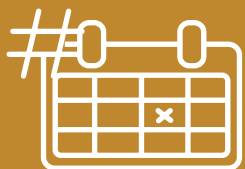
International
Collaboration:
2



Field-weighted
Citation Impact:
0.84



Number of Current
Projects:
13



Number of Annual
Events:
41

1. We Are Melting What We Consume

This project, initiated to raise awareness about recycling and enhance environmental sensitivity, involves providing information to students about waste management practices at ÖzÜ. After the information session, students join the cleaning staff to collect waste on campus.

2- Organic waste

Organic waste from the cafeteria is regularly collected and utilized as animal feed and compost.

3. Limited Edition

İzel Ergül, Selen Bulut, students from Faculty of Architecture and Design, offer an abstract perspective on vital messages that water, losing its ability to communicate, can no longer carry. Each drop bears deep traces of environmental pollution caused by humans; it whispers memories of the past and warnings about the future to us. 'Limited Edition' presents an interactive experience with a 'dirty water vending machine' designed to illustrate that water resources are finite and demonstrate their future impacts. Inside the machine are containers filled with dirty water collected from streams and crushed plastic bottles. When users wish to obtain water, the machine dispenses tokens with impactful messages aimed at raising awareness.



*Limited Edition by
İzel Ergül, Selen
Bulut*

4. Waste Management of Özü Campus

In 2023, the total waste at the campus was 194,254 kg, 45% of this waste is recyclable, 50% is organic waste and 5% is hazardous waste. Apart from the packaging wastes and garbage that are routinely given to the municipality, hazardous waste and other waste are given for disposal and recycling in return for a fee. By generating income from waste instead of spending waste with the principle of polluter pays, while the cost of the expenditure was covered, an extra corporate profit was achieved.

5. Evaluating Sustainable Technologies in Air Cargo through Digital Transformation

Celal Havle, with a scholar from Galatasaray University addressed the critical role of sustainability within the context of digital transformation, reflecting the increasing focus of global economic contributors on sustainable practices. Amid rapid technological advancements, companies worldwide began integrating digital technologies into their sustainability strategies. This shift underscored the need for businesses, especially those undergoing transformation, to invest in technologies that promote sustainable practices.

Notably, the expansion of digital transformation has fueled a global increase in e-commerce, which has, in turn, heightened the size and complexity of supply chain networks. The air cargo industry emerged as a pivotal player in this network, influencing the sustainability of economic, social, and environmental aspects on a global scale. Recognizing this, the study proposed a model for evaluating sustainable future technologies within the air cargo sector, viewed through the lens of digital transformation.

A multi-criteria decision-making (MCDM) approach was used, employing the intuitionistic fuzzy analytical network process (IF ANP) to validate the proposed model. This validation was conducted within the Turkish air cargo industry, highlighting how advanced decision-making techniques can support responsible and sustainable innovations in air cargo, aligning closely with SDG 12's goal of fostering more sustainable production and consumption patterns.

6. Lost Waters of Istanbul: Deciphering Cultural and Natural Landscapes Through Mapping:

Kaan Özgün and Beliz Bayraktar's research study examines Istanbul, historically known as a water city, has long relied on aquifers and conveyance structures. Today, urbanization and excessive groundwater use threaten these systems, leaving only 174 of 321 creeks. The paper explores how natural elements like creeks and springs influenced Istanbul's urban heritage, including bostans and hagiomas. Using GIS, researchers compared historical and modern land use through maps like the 1845 Mühendishane-i Berri Hümayun map and the "Carte de Constantinople." Focusing on the historical peninsula, they analyzed its past and present features, revealing significant insights for land use, tourism, and heritage policies.

7. Electronic Waste Management at Özü

Özyeğin University developed a comprehensive electronic waste management plan in 2023 based on the 3R (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) approach in alignment with environmental legislation and the ISO 14001 Environmental Management System Standard. The plan includes the following items.

1. Awareness and Training: One of the fundamental principles is to raise awareness among all stakeholders. Training sessions are conducted and announcements were made to educate students, faculty, administrative staff, and the entire university community about the importance of responsible electronic waste management.
2. Electronic Devices Usage: Özü provides laptops to all of academicians and administrative staff, total of 159 units. To reduce electronic waste, Özü operates on a 6-year laptop replacement cycle. When laptops are replaced, their old components are carefully evaluated for reusability. This practice not only minimizes electronic waste but also results in substantial cost savings. This approach not only minimizes electronic waste but also contributes a significant financial value of 110,000 Turkish Lira

13. Climate Action



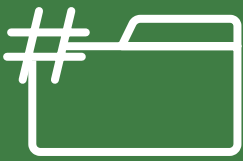
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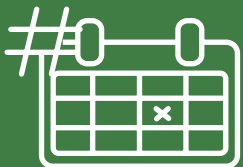
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Number of Current
Projects:
18



Number of Annual
Events:
10

1- Özyeğin University Student Emre Yiğit Ay Represents Türkiye at COP 28 International Climate Change Conference

OzU Climate Ambassoddor Emre Yiğit Ay, a sophomore student at the Faculty of Law at Özyeğin University and President of the OzU Social Awareness Club, represented our University within the framework of the Climate Ambassadors project conducted by the Ministry of Environment, Urbanization, and Climate Change in collaboration with UNICEF between 2023 and 2024. Our student Emre Yiğit Ay was named one of the five students who were selected as climate ambassadors among approximately 150 university representatives from Türkiye at the 2023 United Nations Climate Change Conference, COP 28, which is held annually by UNICEF and took place in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, from November 30 to December 9 2023. On the opening day of the conference, Ay presented the climate agenda of the Turkish youth and gained firsthand experience in the negotiations as part of the Turkish delegation.

The Conferences of the Parties (COP), initiated by the United Nations in Berlin in 1995 and now in its 28th edition in 2023, is organized annually to assess progress in the battle against climate change and chart a course of action in line with the guidelines of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). The Paris Agreement, signed by all countries at COP21, aimed to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C. Throughout the conference, countries conducted deliberations in alignment with this goal, making decisions to combat the climate and biodiversity crisis on a global scale.



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Seminarium 12 Nisan 2023 09:25 - 15:35 Öğrenci Seminerleri 13 Nisan 2023 09:00 - 16:10

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2. Nature-Based Solutions for Climate Change in Urban Areas

Beyza Şat and her graduate student Emine Şen conducted a systematic literature review on the implementation of bioswales as nature-based solutions, addressing the growing challenges posed by climate change in urban areas. Their research aligns with Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) 13 and 15, focusing on climate action and ecosystem preservation. With urban areas facing heightened risks from climate change, including increased stormwater runoff, bioswales offer a strategic approach for both adaptation and mitigation. The study analyzed bioswale design and performance based on factors such as materials, orientation, and location within urban landscapes, aiming to establish a framework that enhances ecosystem services and improves the quality of life for city residents.

The research underscores the importance of bioswales not only as a technological tool but also as a bridge between natural and socio-economic systems for urban resilience. It found that, with proper integration and regular maintenance, bioswales can yield sustainable benefits by reducing flood risks, improving water quality, and providing green spaces in urban environments. Additionally, the review highlighted the need for further case studies and real-life applications to better understand the accessibility and engineering considerations required for successful nature-based solutions in diverse urban contexts. This work is critical for informing policies and guiding future urban design strategies, making bioswales a valuable component in sustainable, resilient city planning.

The corporate carbon footprint is calculated and regularly reported in accordance with the ISO 14064 standard. Within this scope, it is aimed to reduce our impact on climate change through the established goals and objectives.

3. Enhancing School Buildings Energy Efficiency Under Climate Change

Touraj Ashrafian conducted a research on the importance of incorporating future weather predictions into building assessments to enhance resilience, energy efficiency, cost savings, occupant comfort, and sustainable infrastructure development in response to climate change. His study explored the interplay between climate change and building performance, primarily focusing on energy usage, cost implications, and occupant comfort in school buildings across different climate zones.

The research emphasized the need for tailored climate adaptation strategies specific to various regions and underscored the importance of considering future performance impacts, even for highly energy-efficient buildings. Utilizing a comprehensive simulation-based approach, Ashrafian implemented and validated future weather data in a Turkish school building, integrating envelope improvements and photovoltaic applications to enhance energy efficiency. A distinguishing aspect of the study was its rigorous validation of future weather predictions against current measured data, enabling a regional-level assessment of climate change effects on building energy consumption.

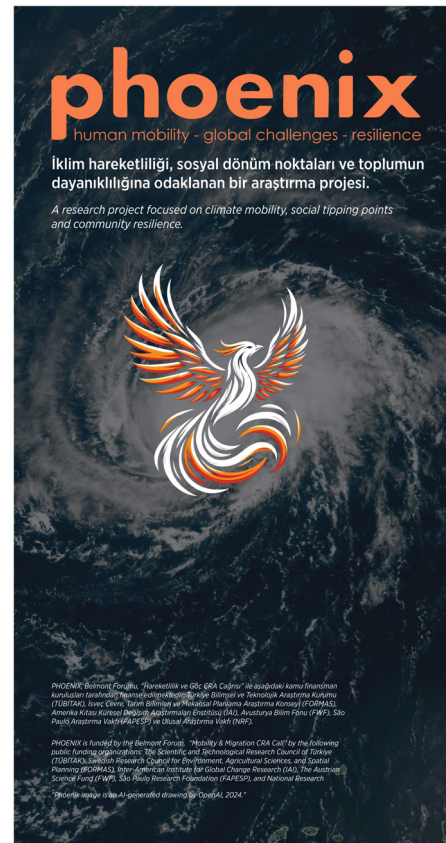
The findings demonstrated that in hot climates, there is potential for nearly doubling primary energy consumption, global costs, and CO₂ emissions in the future, for both cost-optimal and nearly zero-energy scenarios. As a result, projected savings were found to decrease from 53–63% to 13–30%. Conversely, in cold climates, while primary energy consumption and CO₂ emissions were reduced, global costs increased. The study also highlighted that a building retrofitted to a high energy efficiency level might experience substantial increases in future energy consumption and global costs, potentially approaching the levels of currently inefficient buildings.

The study's novelty lay in its detailed assessment of climate change's multifaceted impacts on buildings, innovative validation of future climate data, and contribution to developing a more localized, climate-specific approach to building energy-cost-comfort performance.



4. Project PHOENIX

Susan Rottman from the Faculty of Social Sciences is the principal investigator in the project Human Mobility, Global Challenges and Resilience in an Age of Social Stress (Phoenix) supported by Belmont Forum. This is a study about Global Changes, including environmental and climate changes, demographic changes, changing consumption patterns, energy and land-use, developments in the politics of food and mental health, and socio-cultural transformations. The project conducts two human-centric case studies of social tipping points: (1) food security and belonging and (2) cultural survival and resilience. These case studies provide new ways of looking at how climate (im)mobilities and their social tipping points are shaped by socio-cultural contexts and the psycho-social health of populations. Drawing on natural sciences like climate and sustainability studies and on the social sciences of political science, sociology, psychology, economics and anthropology, the project adds to the interdisciplinary diagnostic and prognostic toolbox of Global Change and mobility as well as vulnerability and resilience assessments.



Phoenix Rollup



5. Seminars on Climate Crisis

The Climate Crisis and Sustainable Climate Transformation Conference and the Climate Crisis, Climate Transformation, and Sustainability Seminar held at Özyeğin University on May 7-8, 2024, involved collaborative efforts from Sustainability Platform, Faculty of Law, Law Club, the Diplomacy Club, and the ÖzÜ Debate Club. These events featured discussions on environmental challenges, climate policy, and sustainable solutions, linking to SDG 13 (Climate Action) through education on climate transformation and resilience. Besides, these events aimed at strengthening climate governance and encouraging students to engage in policy discussions promotes just and effective institutions. This interdisciplinary approach encouraged students to advocate for sustainable practices across society and fostered learning about climate issues, empowering students with knowledge and skills.

6. Energy-efficient Building Design Under Climate Change Adaptation Process

Touraj Ashraffian and his graduate student Gökçe Tomrukçu, from the Faculty of Architecture and Design, investigated the potential impact of climate change on residential buildings and explored strategies for improving existing structures to support long-term adaptation. This research used climate data scenarios developed by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). Various building envelope and Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) system scenarios were created, simulated, and compared to identify the most effective solutions.

The findings revealed that projected increases in outdoor air temperature due to climate change would have a significant impact on buildings' cooling and heating energy needs. While the heating energy consumption for a typical single-family house was estimated at 170.85 kWh/m² in 2020, it was expected to decrease to 115.01 kWh/m² by 2080. Conversely, cooling energy requirements were projected to double, rising from 53.14 kWh/m² in 2020 to 106.95 kWh/m² in 2080.

This study highlighted the need for strategies to increase the climate resilience of buildings, especially single-family homes, which constitute a substantial portion of the building stock. By analyzing energy performance improvement scenarios, the research aimed to identify practical adaptation measures to mitigate the impact of climate change on buildings, contributing valuable insights to SDG 13's objective of enhancing climate resilience in human settlements.

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8 Mayıs 2024 / 13.00 - 17.00

13.00 Açılış Konuşması
Prof. Dr. F. Esra GENÇTÜRK / Özyeğin Üniversitesi Rektörü

I. Oturum 13.00 - 14.00 İklim Koruma ve Hukuk
14.00 - 14.10 Soru Cevap
Moderatör / Prof. Dr. Gülsün Ayhan AYGÖRMEZ

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II. Oturum 14.20 - 15.20 İklim Koruma ve Uluslararasılık
15.20 - 15.30 Soru Cevap
Moderatör / Dr. Öğr. Üyesi (ÜAK Doç.) Özge YÜCEL DERİCİLER

Rana GÜMÜŞ
Özyeğin Üniversitesi Sosyal Bilimler Fakültesi Uluslararası İlişkiler Bölümü
İklim Değişikliği Enerji Politikaları ve Çevresel Etkileri: Uluslararası İlişkilerdeki Dinamikler

Emre Yiğit AY
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İklim Elçisi Bakışından Uluslararası İklim Koruması

III. Oturum 15.40 - 16.40 İklim Koruma ve Sürdürülebilirlik
16.40 - 17.00 Soru Cevap
Moderatör / Dr. Öğr. Üyesi Ekin Deniz İLHAN - Sürdürülebilirlik Eğitim ve Saha Çalışmaları Uzm. Arda KÜÇÜK

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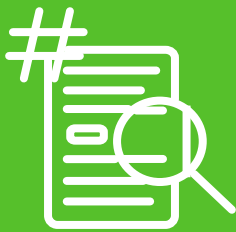
Seminars on Climate Crisis

7. Emissions

Özü has several applications to restrict its carbon footprint including the use of wind power and solar panels on all the non-green roofs, as well as a trigeneration system for heating and cooling. It has recently started using a web-based carbon footprint calculator and carbon management software that provides the capacity to measure, track, report and manage its carbon footprints based on the guidelines of "The Greenhouse Gas Protocol" Özyeğin calculates Scope One and Two Emissions; emissions intensity and emissions reductions, using 2018 as the base year. Özü carbon emission calculation shows 9396 tonnes of Co2 for the year 2023 with a 1,039 tonnes per person annually. For the following years Özü intends to include scope 3 for annual calculations and started to work on the implementations.

15.

Life On Land



Scholarly Output:
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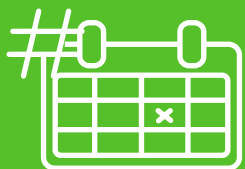
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Citation Impact:
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Number of Current
Projects:
0



Number of Annual
Events:
20

1. Peace Grove

Since 2014, Özyeğin University has established a tradition of tree planting on its campus aimed at fostering a sustainable environment. These annual tree-planting events organized by the HSE Committee and Student Dean Office, held at the start of each academic year, have gradually formed a “Peace and Sustainability Grove” on the university grounds, which has developed its own natural habitat over time. This green space, enriched by hundreds of trees, offers students, academic staff, and administrative employees the opportunity to engage with nature and enhance their environmental awareness. Through this initiative, Özyeğin University contributes to preserving biodiversity and supporting sustainable ecosystems, aligning with the SDG 15.

2. Preservation of Biological Diversity:

Özyeğin University’s commitment to environmental protection is explicitly outlined in its Human Resources Policy, reflecting alignment with Article 8. As one of the world’s top 100 greenest universities and the top-ranked foundation university in Türkiye in the GreenMetric rankings for four consecutive years (2019–2024), Özyeğin University prioritizes the preservation of biodiversity on its campus. Over the past decade, more than 18,000 trees have been planted to enhance biodiversity, with a focus on selecting plants suited to the local climate. These plants are maintained with dedicated care, including regular pruning and an efficient irrigation system (drip and sprinkler), ensuring their longevity and the protection of campus green spaces.

3. ÖzÜ Garden Project

The ÖzÜ Garden Project aims to produce fresh, healthy, and clean food while promoting the health and well-being of employees.

4. ÖzÜ Forest

The ÖzÜ forest is being expanded through tree planting activities, held annually with the support of the HSE Community.

5. Yaklaş 2030 Program Event “Greenhack” Draws Attention to Urban Streams on World Environment Day

Yaklaş 2030 Program brings the effects of dense urbanization on the ecosystem to the forefront of discussion through the dry stream on campus. Student projects in the fields of communication, design, and art that draw attention to the stream on campus were presented to the public at the “Greenhack” launch organized as part of the World Environment Day activities.

ÖZÜ encourages students to take an active role by offering them innovative ways to combine scientific knowledge with practice. The Yaklaş 2030 Program, which has been running since 2018 under the Sustainability Platform at ÖZÜ, focuses on research and learning by approaching global issues from the perspective of science and art. In this way, each student discovers how they can use their knowledge and skills to build a sustainable future. Aiming to develop students’ critical perspective, sensitivity, and responsibility towards global issues, the focus of the program this year is on the dry stream on campus. With the projects produced in different departments, courses, and workshops, the program takes a transdisciplinary approach to the current situation, future, and rewinding possibilities of freshwater resources.

As part of the studio course led by Yasemin Yıldırım, Instructor at the Faculty of Architecture and Design, students utilized the power of art and design to convey their message about the importance of freshwater resources to a broader audience. Following a route of the campus stream, the students listened to the unheard voice of the stream, explored the natural landscape, and developed creative communication solutions and art and design projects with inspiration from the research process and the synergy of collective work. The 12 students, who carried out a collective working process called “Codlective,” produced their projects in Özyeğin University laboratories. These creative works emerged from the studio course and were placed at designated points along the stream route. The exhibition “On the Edge of a Stream” (Bir Derenin Kenarında) based on the students’ projects, opened at the Pavilion Building on 22nd March on Water Day and remained open until October 14, 2024.



6. Artist in Residence Programs– Memory of Water Fragile Autumn Crocus

As part of the ‘On the Edge of a Stream’ project, contemporary artist Elmas Deniz, whose work revolves around human-nature relationships, ecology, and water, was invited as a guest artist to Özyeğin University. During her time on campus, Deniz conducted an extensive artistic exploration, culminating in a piece inspired by the short life cycle of the ‘fragile autumn crocus’ (Colchicum/ Crocus), a rare and endemic plant specific to Çekmeköy. Titled ‘Memory of Water,’ this pattern was produced in a limited edition through digital printing and was given to all academic and administrative staff for the celebration of Teacher’s Day in 24 November 2023 by the rector.



Colchicum Flower

7. Making Films Following the Water COD 301 – Communication and Design Department Design Studio

In this studio course, students produced films under the theme ‘Istanbul and Water,’ starting from the campus stream. The subjects explored by students ranged widely, from fountains to aqueducts, from public baths to droughts, creating a diverse spectrum. These works, produced in various genres such as documentary, animation, and performance, were brought together in a video under the guidance and supervision of the instructors. You can scan the QR code to access the video compilation.

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8. MISSing; SonarSail:

MISSing; SonarSail; Doğa Alev, Akbel Bera Doğan, students at the Architecture and Design Faculty developed a project that explores an abstract perspective on messages that nature can no longer convey through the silent voices of life that has lost its vitality. They delve into a dystopia where the transmitting water no longer carries its messages. The stream, which has conveyed sounds, objects, and messages through generations, has lost its spirit. As part of the project, a sound library collected from the stream environment is presented through sound design. Paper boats representing messages that the stream can no longer convey transform into carriers of both this sound design and symbolize the extinction of animals.



*MISSing; SonarSail,
Doğa Alev, Akbel Bera Doğan,*

9. Art Following the Flow COD 302 – Communication and Design Department Design Studio

In the COD 302 studio course, students utilized the power of art and design to convey messages about the importance of freshwater resources to wider audiences. Following the route of the campus stream, students listened to the unheard voice of the stream, explored the natural landscape, and developed creative communication solutions, art, and design projects inspired by the research process and the synergy brought by collective work. Conducting a collective work process under the name 'Codlective,' 12 students each produced projects in Özyeğin University laboratories. These creative works born from the studio course were placed at designated points along the stream route and shared with the public during the 'Greenhack' event on June 5th, World Environment Day.

10. In for a Fishy

'In for a Fishy' project developed by students named Darya Mahçup, Hakkı Kutluhan Yücel is a tribute to extinct endemic fish species. It commemorates each extinct species with designed 'graves,' featuring their names and stories, telling us about these species and serving as a silent memorial. On the project's website, users can explore more in-depth information about these species and also have the opportunity to discover human impacts on the environment and contemplate solutions."



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16. Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions



Scholarly Output:
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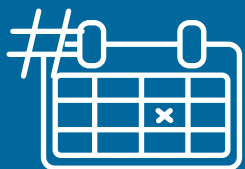
International
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Field-weighted
Citation Impact:
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Number of Current
Projects:
28



Number of Annual
Events:
102

1. Strategic Narratives and COVID-19 Governance in Europe's Autocratisers

By the end of 2022, extensive research had been conducted on authoritarian consolidation during the COVID-19 pandemic, with a focus on how governmental measures weakened democratic checks and balances while strengthening regimes. However, limited insight has been gained into how the pandemic was narrated by political leaders to reinforce their power through both domestic and foreign policy choices. Therefore, in 2023 Deniz Sert, with her colleague from the University of Aberdeen, focused on major autocratisers in Europe—Hungary, Poland, Turkey, and Serbia—whose democracy scores have experienced the sharpest declines over the last decade. Through an analysis of the influential narratives identified in the discourses of state leaders and government representatives, they revealed how pandemic governance was leveraged. These narratives were constructed to legitimize repressive policies aimed at societal control and to contest both the European Union (EU) and the liberal democratic order. This research, recently published, aligns with SDG 16 by shedding light on the erosion of democratic institutions, emphasizing the critical need for inclusive, transparent governance and accountability across global political systems.

2. ÖzÜ Innovative Legal Lab: Post-Earthquake Legal Information Notes

Following the February 6 Kahramanmaraş earthquake, ÖzÜ Innovative Legal Lab at Faculty of Law has created accessible information notes to assist citizens directly affected by the disaster. These guides aim to support individuals in understanding and navigating their legal rights and options during this challenging time, contributing to a fair and informed recovery process.

This initiative aligns with SDG 16 by promoting access to justice and ensuring legal awareness for all, especially those most vulnerable after the earthquake.



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3. Gender Equality Policies in Turkey's Opposition Municipalities

Ebru Ertugal in collaboration with a scholar at the American College of Institute (ACI) , examined in 2023 gender equality policy processes in Turkey's opposition-controlled municipalities operating under a national government with an authoritarian and anti-gender equality stance. Using interview data and documentary analysis, the study identifies four factors that either facilitate or hinder the advancement of gender equality policies. It highlights that the interaction between political party ideology and the personal perceptions of mayors creates openings for gender mainstreaming, where gender experts play a crucial role. Gender mainstreaming supports policy capacity, spreads gender awareness, and in some cases, reshapes politicians' perspectives on electoral outcomes. However, adversarial dynamics between government levels hinder transformative actions, although these actions hold potential for future feminist-oriented political engagement. By aligning with SDG 5, DG 10 and SDG 16, this research underscores the vital role of gender equality in building inclusive and accountable institutions. It emphasizes that fostering gender equality within governance structures not only promotes women's empowerment but also strengthens the effectiveness and legitimacy of institutions committed to equity and social justice.

4. Academic Freedom Policy

Özyeğin University became a signatory to the Magna Charta Universitatum on September 16, 2011, and declared its commitment to defend academic freedom and university autonomy. Since then Özyeğin University has embraced academic freedom and affirmed its commitment to be a place of free and open inquiry. ÖzU understands this freedom as a duty to search for truth, wherever it may be found. Such inquiry and the attendant open discussions, unrestricted exchanges of ideas, and examinations of widely divergent materials are all essential components of academic freedom. ÖzU expects its faculty and students to conduct research, publish findings, and discuss ideas according to the principles, methods, and practices of their respective disciplines.

Academic freedom to pursue the truth must involve tolerance for students and faculty to make mistakes of inquiry. In embracing academic freedom, ÖzU pledges to defend this quest for truth by its officers, faculty, staff, and students. Furthermore, ÖzU seeks to create an environment in which students and faculty may pursue truth aware that errors and mistakes are necessarily part of the process.

Özyeğin also acknowledges the responsibilities that attend academic freedom. These responsibilities begin with a commitment to honesty and integrity in dealing with officers of the institution, faculty, students, and the public. That integrity furthermore means a commitment to excellent scholarship.

Özyeğin recognizes academic freedom in tenure and promotion decisions, research, scholarship, publication, teaching, for senior and junior faculty, and public statements as private citizens.



5. OzU: A Neutral Platform and A Safe Space

Özyeğin University is committed to providing a neutral platform and a safe space for diverse political stakeholders to openly discuss challenges, as emphasized in our Code of Ethics (Article 4) and in Sections 1 and 2 of our UNGC COP report. These outline our commitment to protecting and promoting fundamental rights and freedoms, ensuring our campus is a safe space. As seen in student club event visuals, we actively encourage these dialogues, fostering mutual understanding and collaboration on critical issues. Students invite various NGOs, government representatives, companies demonstrating this dedication. Besides On the World Food Day, FAO, as an NGO, the Water Institute of Turkey, as a government agent, and Pinar Holding, a plastic bottle company, and Mine Tekman, an activist on plastic pollution and faculty at OzU had a fruitful discussion on our campus, which is a testament to our university's dedication to facilitating constructive dialogue and collaboration among diverse political stakeholders. It is actively encouraged and supported such interactions to foster understanding and find common ground on important issues.



Poster Of World Food Day



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6. Under the Surface II: Marriage Consent Case” by Inter-Disciplinary Child Rights Laboratory (ICRLAB)

ICRLAB organized a mock trial titled “Under the Surface II: Marriage Consent Case” on April 19. The trial focused on the case of A.Y., a 16-year-old girl whose family petitioned for her marriage approval. Led by Sevgi Usta, Deniz Aslı Çoker, and Oben Sūdütemiz, the trial aimed to shed light on the legal implications of child marriages, exploring the topic from a holistic, human-centered perspective. Students from various disciplines contributed expert reports, and journalism students from Istanbul University also participated, discussing the media portrayal of child marriages.

Key legal references highlighted included the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), which mandates that state parties prevent early marriages, and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), which defines anyone under 18 as a child and obligates protections against exploitation. The mock trial served to reinforce that child marriages infringe upon children’s rights to development, education, and personal safety.

The Social Inquiry Report underscored significant factors, such as community pressures and parental control, affecting A.Y.’s situation. Various student experts presented findings, including sociological insights on family dynamics and psychological evaluations of early marriage’s impact on adolescent development.

The case, highlighting a complex issue with lasting implications for Turkey and beyond, was adjourned until October 18, 2024.

The mock trial directly addresses SDG 4 by involving students in experiential learning that deepens their understanding of social justice and legal challenges. It also aligns with SDG 5 by confronting gender-based cultural practices that affect young girls’ rights and opportunities.

Most prominently, this event supports SDG 16 by advocating for the rule of law, child protection, and responsible governance. By emphasizing child rights and the importance of legal protections, the trial reinforces SDG 16’s commitment to upholding justice and safeguarding vulnerable individuals against exploitation and discriminatory practices. The inclusion of interdisciplinary student voices and expert insights highlights Özyeğin University’s dedication to promoting ethical practices and ensuring just institutions for all.



Fictional Case That Draws Attention to Child Marriages

7. University Impact Rankings for UN SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions ÖzU: The Second Top Foundation University in Türkiye

Times Higher Education has ranked 1,086 universities from 113 countries/regions for their contributions to the SDG 16. ÖzU ranked as the second best foundation university shows its success in promoting inclusive societies, enhancing access to justice and fostering transparent institutions. Through rigorous research, governance measures and collaborations with government entities, ÖzU addresses various forms of violence, advocate for non-discrimination, and contribute to strengthening national and international legislation.

17.

Partnership for Goals



Scholarly Output:
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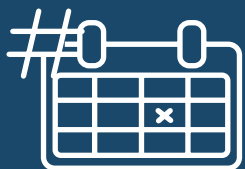
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Number of Current
Projects:
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Number of Annual
Events:
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1. ÖzU Sustainability Platform

The Sustainability Platform is a multidisciplinary, multi-participant, comprehensive, and integrated model to present ÖzU's commitment to partnerships and sustainability. The office offers an integrated model to manage sustainability initiatives of ÖzU such as encouraging cross-disciplinary and cross-faculty research on sustainability, designing, delivering, and promoting extracurricular activities related to SDGs and maintaining a sustainable campus.

2. ÖzU's commitment to partnerships with institutions

ÖzU recognizes that the success of the SDGs agenda requires genuine collaboration among governments, the private sector and civil society and the universities can play an important role in fostering cooperation and amplifying sustainable development work through innovation and leadership. ÖzU Social Contribution Framework is a statement of the University's commitment to adopt a leadership role at a national and international level to shape a sustainable environment and society, contributing to the SDGs. Özyeğin University started a collaboration with the Turkish Industry and Business Association (TÜSİAD) in 2015 for institutional representation. Other partnerships of ÖzU on tackling SDG's include institutions like the International Sustainable Campus Network, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, WWF, Women in Renewable Energy, Xi'an Jiaotong University, government institutions, municipalities.

3. 2C1N

Mentored by ÖzU Sustainability Platform and conducted with the collaboration of Zorlu Holding and Simurg Association, 2C1N Project aims to assist young people in making their voices heard about the SDGs. 2C1N is a project in which high school students analyze the 17 Sustainable Development Goals set for the year 2030, and the question of 'What will happen after 2030 ?' is discussed by high school students, and the answers are compiled into reports by university students. The 2C1N project, which will take place over a period of 9 years starting in 2021, publishes Sustainable Youth Reports every August 12th, Youth Day. Its goal is to publish the Sustainable Youth Manifesto on August 12, 2030. As of 2023, pilot reports on the first 9 SDG's are completed.

4. Co-Art Co-Act

The 2022 Co-Art Co-Act activity aims to leverage the university's art collection for a deeper awareness of planetary challenges and as a springboard for multidisciplinary discussions toward 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). During 2022 we launched the Co-Art Co-Act exhibition where 17 works of art signifying each of the SDGs were identified and displayed at the 400m² two-story glass building at the campus quad. One wall of this exhibit hall was dedicated to visitors as a "call to action" for posting their feelings, thoughts and suggestions. Using the exhibit as a springboard, Sustainability Platform team organized discussion panels, video and photography studios, ecological art workshops and upcycle design workshops with byproducts of the aforementioned activities throughout the year. In the process, Co-Art Co-Act became a catalyst for building partnerships across the whole spectrum of K12 to university students, businesses, community groups, municipalities and NGOs. In 2022, we started working on showcasing our campus-wide sustainability movement with the creation of a collaborative artwork involving all ÖZÜ constituents in celebration of our university's 15th anniversary and the 100th year of the Turkish Republic. At ÖZÜ, we are committed to the innovative use of arts to inspire others to develop their own model for making a positive impact toward a world where all living things thrive.

5. Adaptable Technological Solutions based on Early Design Actions for the Construction and Renovation of Energy Positive Homes

Center for Energy, Environment and Economy, is a partner in the LEGOFIT project which aims to work adaptable technological solutions based on early design actions for the construction and renovation of Energy Passive Homes. The LEGOFIT consortium represents a multi-disciplinary team composed of 18 partners representing 10 EU countries with a diverse geographic distribution as well as business roles. The team is coordinated by a partner experienced in EU projects, DEM, which aims to use its experience in Smart Cities and Communities (SCC) and Positive Energy District (PED) projects. DEM is an experienced SME in LEGOFIT partners contribute specific cluster of knowledge to meet its objectives, according to their role in this Innovation Action. Roles are replicated in each one of the demonstration teams (Spain, Turkey, Luxembourg, Hungary, Belgium), including in all cases local partners with the relevant technical expertise and capabilities to perform the interventions in the demonstration sites.

6. Turkey & Europe: An Integrated Service-Device-Technology Roadmapping for Smart and Green Cities Alliances

TÜSİAD, in partnership with TÜRKONFED, Institut du Bosphore, Berlin Bosphorus Initiative, Özyeğin University (ÖZÜ), and ÖZÜ - TÜSİAD Sustainable Development Forum, has initiated a project called 'Turkey and Europe: Integrated Services - Tools - Technology Roadmap Project for Smart Cities.' This project aims to strengthen coordination among municipalities, providing a platform for experience and knowledge sharing.

As part of the project, a roadmap proposal has been prepared to facilitate the design of short, medium, and long-term smart city strategies in selected cities. The pilot cities for the project include Istanbul, Izmir, Gaziantep, Konya, Bursa, Ankara, London, Paris, and Berlin. Within the project, participation in virtual workshops on 'Data Management,' 'Access to Financing,' and 'Disaster/Risk Management' was facilitated (January 13, January 31, February 16).

Furthermore, considering that smart cities can produce more effective and sustainable strategies only when enriched with different perspectives and experiences, a workshop on 'Collective and Integrated Data Management' was held in Istanbul in cooperation with the Consulate General of Germany in Istanbul. In this workshop, the pilot cities selected from Turkey and their initiatives discussed common challenges and proposed solutions in a workshop format. The Sustainable Development Forum supported the creation of the workshop's content and assisted in moderating sessions on 'Integrated Data Management | Interdepartmental (Transportation, Energy, Environment, Disaster, Risk)' and Interinstitutional topics.

7. Open Dialogue Meetings

In our pursuit of ways to open up and intersect knowledge produced in different disciplines for the public, we conducted two Open Dialogue meetings to strengthen connections within the university, learn from each other, and exchange ideas on projects we have developed and could develop together. Students and academics from faculties of architecture, engineering, and social sciences, along with student clubs, administrative units, and participants from civil society organizations, discussed possibilities for freshwater resources and particularly actions for the campus stream, drawing on various sources and experiences.



8. Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between ÖZÜ & WiRE

Özyeğin University has entered a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Women in Renewable Energy (WiRE) network. Signed by our President, Prof. Barış Tan, the MoU aims to identify areas of collaboration between our university and WiRE, facilitating cooperation and joint initiatives in areas of shared interest. The collaboration includes collaborative research, joint events, workshops, and other activities to be mutually agreed upon by both parties. Founded in 2013 in Toronto, Canada, WiRE has rapidly expanded to over 25 chapters worldwide. Its mission is to advance the role and recognition of women and other underrepresented groups in the renewable energy sector while promoting equal opportunities. The MoU will open new horizons for effective communication and advanced learning opportunities. Through this collaboration, Özyeğin University seeks to strengthen productivity and extend the impact of its current sustainability initiatives.

9. Social Sciences for Democracy

T. Deniz Erkmen runs 'Social Sciences for democracy: A training program for improving research on illiberal systems and finding ways to build more robust democracies' which is supported by: Horizon-Widera Grant Agreement No.101119678

The project "SOS4democracy" is a training program for improving research on illiberal democracies and examining ways to build more robust democracies, organized and led by the Institute of Criminology at University of Ljubljana, Slovenia. It aims to bring together academic and non-academic partners in SouthEastern Europe to deepen intersectoral cooperation in research and increase research capacity, communication, and exchange of ideas regarding illiberal democracies. The project started in September 2023 and will run until September 2027. It comprises 10 partners (6 universities and 4 non-academic institutions) from 5 countries (Slovenia, Italy, Belgium, Turkey, and Bosnia-Herzegovina). Dr. T. Deniz Erkmen is the lead partner from Özyeğin University and for the project, she will spend time in Ljubljana, Slovenia, and Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina.

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10. Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between ÖZÜ & Xi'an Jiaotong University

Özyeğin University and Xi'an Jiaotong University have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to enhance academic collaboration between the two institutions. Signed by the Presidents of both universities, the MoU encompasses a comprehensive range of scientific and academic collaborations, including student and staff exchange programs, joint research initiatives, co-supervision of doctoral students, and scholarship opportunities for qualified students. Xi'an Jiaotong University has invited Özyeğin University to join the University Alliance of the Silk Road. The meeting also emphasized the significant growth in bilateral trade volume in recent years, underscoring the potential for both universities to foster sector-specific collaborations with Chinese and Turkish companies and explore multi-faceted strategic partnerships.

This collaboration aims to pave the way for joint academic and scientific endeavors, ultimately enhancing both universities' international engagement.



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11. ATTUNE

The project "Activate The University for Climate Change" (ATTUNE) has produced an innovative learning program that directly addresses climate change on the university campus and encourages students, academic staff, and administrative personnel to act together. The program is being simultaneously conducted at five different universities in Germany, Italy, Spain, Poland, and Turkey as part of the Erasmus+ KA220-HED project.

We collaborated with 10 different organizations including universities and NGOs to create five main online education modules on sustainability (water, energy, food consumption, waste, and transportation). Piloted in 5 different universities in 5 different countries, this model can now be implemented in any university. Over the past academic year, ATTUNE has achieved the following results:

- 5 universities across Europe leading change on their campuses against Climate Change
- 50,000 visits to the website
- Active participation of 1700 members from the university community
- 31 research-action teams working on specific topics on campus



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