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Dean of Students' Message



Dear Partners and Students,

Dean of Students Office reflects our commitment to enrich the lives and experiences of our students with the collaboration of the Office of International Programs (OIP) that creates opportunities for KU students and students from all around the world to experience internationalization. Internationalization is right at the heart of Koç University's general strategy and OIP plays a crucial role to realize this goal.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to further explore OIP and its activities for the first quarter of 2015. I encourage everyone to learn more about what makes Koç University such an amazing place to study, learn, educate, and experience.

Warmest Regards,

Dr. Bilgen Bilgin
Dean of Students

Executive Manager's Message



Dear Colleagues,

Office of International Programs (OIP) of Koç University is proud to present its brand new newsletter. OIP is dedicated to supporting and enabling cross cultural experiences and enterprises, promoting study abroad, creating valuable ties with esteemed institutions, supporting international social innovation and service learning, adopting practices to support internationalization at home efforts, and acting as a liaison to the University for international students and scholars.

This newsletter aims to provide you the latest news on OIP's internationalization efforts and we hope you will enjoy reading it and share it with your community.

Best Wishes,

Burcu Sarsilmaz
Executive Manager

INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

ANNUAL PEACEMAKERS CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP

A Cutting Edge Workshop & Conference by Koç University Partnership Development Team on Conflict Resolution! This effort aims to frankly and openly address one of the most salient obstacles in our global efforts toward peacemaking: the prejudices that color and sometimes dictate our interactions with one another. The focus of this year's Peacemakers will be looking back to what happened in the Balkans in the 1990's when the Yugoslavia, the country, nation, once beloved by its people, started to crumble. We will invite youth that was personally affected by the conflict to share their experience and help with analyzing the conflict and overcoming it through the Workshop.

This year the Workshop will be led by Dr. Govinda Clayton, professional in the field of International Conflict Analysis, with an award for teaching innovation. He will mentor young leaders coming from former Yugoslav countries, who will engage in an interactive, intensive workshop aiming to overcome the dimensions of prejudice currently entrenched in regional dynamics. The goal is to raise the future leaders who are respectful towards diversity.

For more information about the Peacemakers Conference, please [click here](#)



PEACEMAKERS 2015
WHAT HAPPENED TO YUGOSLAVIA?

CONFERENCE
22 June 2015
Koç University Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations
Anadoluhisari Cad. No: 34340 Sarıyer, İstanbul / Türkiye

Conference Speakers
Prof. Dr. Umut S. İnan, President, Koç University
H.E. Ambassador Rıza Çankar, Former Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey
H.E. Ambassador Ahmet Kamil Ersoy, First Deputy Secretary General of the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation
Prof. Dr. Sabina Petru-Ramirez, Norwegian University of Science & Technology
Prof. Dr. Dejan Jovic, Jagod University

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Bircil Devrim, TCBB University
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Merike Anlie Heere, Kingston University
Dr. Govinda Clayton, Kent University
Dr. Erol Kanan Rasidoglu, Samsun University
Dr. Alihan Günel, Top University
GLGDEM Koç University Center for Research on Globalization, Peace and Democratic Governance

WORKSHOP
23-24-25 June 2015
23-24 June 2015 by Dr. Govinda Clayton / 25 June 2015 by Mrs. Eda Deligil
Koç University Kurumlararası Yolu 34450 Sarıyer, İstanbul / Türkiye
* Participation at the workshop is limited to candidates fulfilling specific criteria. Application deadline is May 04th, 2015.

For more information: <http://www.ku.edu.tr/peacemakers> Email: peacemakers@ku.edu.tr Phone: +90 212 339 1291

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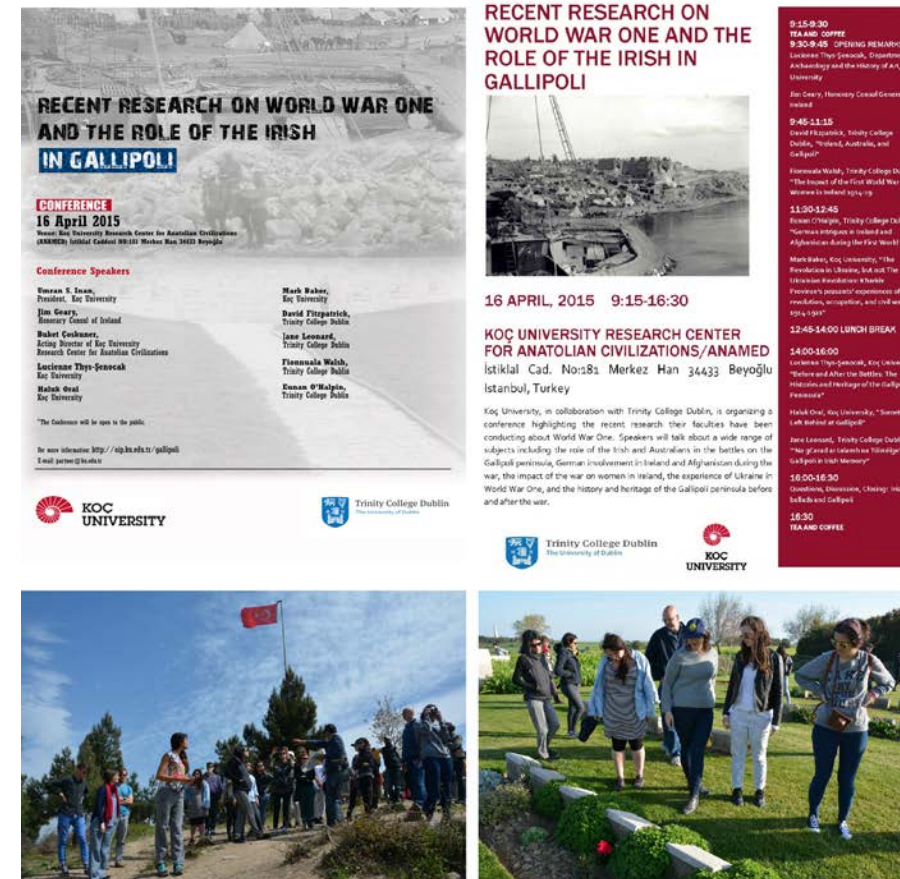
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GALLIPOLI EVENT:

Recent Research on World War One, the Role of the Irish in Gallipoli

Koç University, in collaboration with Trinity College, Dublin, is organized a conference highlighting the recent research its faculty have been conducting about World War One on April 16th, 2015. Speakers talked about a wide range of subjects including the role of the Irish and Australians in the battles on the Gallipoli peninsula, German involvement in Ireland and Afghanistan during the war, the impact of the war on women in Ireland, the experience of Ukraine in World War One, and the history and heritage of the Gallipoli peninsula after the war. During the weekend following the conference Trinity College Dublin and Koç University faculty and students went on a two-day field study trip to the Gallipoli peninsula to visit its historical sites and battlefields, and created an "Irish memory walk" as part of the on-going academic collaboration between the two universities.

For details, please visit [Gallipoli Conference website](#)



RECENT RESEARCH ON WORLD WAR ONE AND THE ROLE OF THE IRISH IN GALLIPOLI

CONFERENCE
16 April 2015
Koç University Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations
Anadoluhisari Cad. No: 34340 Sarıyer, İstanbul / Türkiye

Conference Speakers
Eman S. İnan, President, Koç University
Tim Geary, Deputy Consul of Ireland
Robert Cookman, Acting Director of Koç University Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations
Lucienne Thy-Jeanne, Koç University
Mark Baker, Koç University
David Fitzpatrick, Trinity College Dublin
Jane Leonard, Trinity College Dublin
Fionnuala Walsh, Trinity College Dublin
Eman O'Mahony, Trinity College Dublin

16 APRIL, 2015 9:15-16:30

KOÇ UNIVERSITY RESEARCH CENTER FOR ANATOLIAN CIVILIZATIONS/ANAMED
İstiklal Cad. No:381 Merkez Han 34433 Beyoğlu İstanbul, Turkey

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9:15-9:30 TEA AND COFFEE
9:30-9:45 OPENING REMARKS
Governor of the Province, Department of Archaeology and the History of Art, Koç University
Tim Geary, Honorary Consul General of Ireland
9:45-11:15
David Fitzpatrick, Trinity College Dublin, "Ireland, Australia, and Gallipoli"
Fionnuala Walsh, Trinity College Dublin, "The Impact of the First World War on Women in Ireland"
11:30-12:45
Robert Cookman, Trinity College Dublin, "German Involvement in Ireland and Afghanistan during the First World War"
Mark Baker, Koç University, "The Revolution in Ukraine, but not the Ukrainian Revolution"
Jane Leonard, Trinity College Dublin, "The gendered experience of war, revolution, occupation, and civil war, 1914-1918"
12:45-14:00 LUNCH BREAK
14:00-16:00
Eman S. İnan, Koç University, "Before and After the Battle: The History and Heritage of the Gallipoli Peninsula"
Mark Baker, Koç University, "Something Left Behind at Gallipoli"
Jane Leonard, Trinity College Dublin, "The gendered experience of war, revolution, occupation, and civil war, 1914-1918"
16:00-16:30
Questions, Discussions, Closing: Irish Embassy and Koç University
16:30 TEA AND COFFEE

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Trinity College Dublin
The University of Dublin
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KOÇ UNIVERSITY AT APAIE 2015 CONFERENCE

The Asia Pacific International Education Annual Conference and Exhibition is the most famous forum in Asia Pacific, attracting education policy makers and education practitioners from around the world to participate and discuss new developments in the field of international education and meet partner universities through a large exhibition.

This year's conference, held from 23 to 26 March 2015 in Beijing, China featured over 1,000 delegates from around the world and almost 100 exhibitors in its 10th edition. The theme of the 2015 conference was 'The New Paradigm of Engaging Asia Pacific Universities for Exchange and Cooperation in a Global Context: Challenges, Opportunities and Solutions'. For the fifth consecutive year, Koç University was the only Turkish University participating and exhibiting at APAIE. It was an opportunity to meet with over 25 of our partners and other organizations from across Asia, Europe, Australia and the Americas to discuss ways of deepening our existing collaborations in exchange and research.

Koç University's partner Peking University, was the main host, in conjunction with other Chinese higher education institutions, giving an insightful welcoming address that looked at the wider context of China and its role in a new educational paradigm. Koç University also participated in a tour of its centrally located, beautiful and historic campus.



KOÇ UNIVERSITY AT NAFSA 2015 *Partner Breakfast*

NAFSA (Association of International Educators) 2015 Annual Conference & Expo is one of the largest events in international education that gives an opportunity to develop partnerships among universities and other HEIs. Koç University's OIP participated under the Study in Turkey pavillion and gained useful insights from international speakers and colleagues about emerging trends in student mobility, research collaborations and established new partnerships that will serve the needs of our students and faculty. It was also the first time we co-hosted a lively breakfast reception with other top ranked Turkish research universities for our common partners in the US, Europe and Asia.



GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

HOW CAN UNIVERSITIES BECOME BETTER AT USING DATA FOR THEIR INTERNATIONALIZATION?

The Heida Project Is Now Live!

Koç University's HEIDA project is now underway with the first project meeting held in Istanbul. This meeting helped us define with our partners Universidad Autonoma de Barcelona (Spain) and International School for Social and Business Studies (ISSBS, Slovenia), how the project will advance in its two years and produce a review of the existing literature on higher education internationalisation data and indicators at institutional level as a first output.

We are now inviting you to follow the progress of this project and how it can benefit your institution through our website: <https://heida.ku.edu.tr/> and Twitter account: @HEIDAProject

The EU Erasmus+ funded project will design a data visualisation tool for higher education institutions and a training module on how can university senior managers, staff and faculty become better at collecting, analysing, using and sharing data related to its international dimensions and activities.



RECORD ERASMUS + STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP (KA2) PROJECT APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED FOR 2015 CALL



Koç University was amongst the first 7 Higher Education Institutions in Turkey to be granted funding in 2014 by the Turkish National Agency for a Key Action 2 Strategic Partnership project under the new Erasmus+ framework program to share innovative practices in the fields of education, training and youth.

For the 2015 Key Action 2 grant call Koç University submitted as project coordinator 6 applications across its Schools of Medicine, School of Nursing, Archeology and History of Art Department, Social Impact Research Center, Office of Learning and Teaching and Office of International Programs. The projects aim to tackle diverse and critical issues such as inter-group conflict and prejudice on campus, advance Global Health education, upgrade the genetic knowledge and skills of nurses, developing mentoring programs for junior faculty and improving the capacity of young social entrepreneurs to carry out social impact analysis.

Our university was also invited to participate in 2 other projects as a partner in the fields of Medicine and Careers' Services.

The development of the project ideas and putting together the applications involved working together and strengthening our links with partner and non-partner universities, regional governments, research centers from across Turkey, Europe and the United States including: University of Plymouth (UK), Stockholm County Council (Sweden), University of Pécs (Hungary), Barcelona Institute for Global Health (Spain), University of Copenhagen (Denmark), The Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin (Germany), UCL (UK), NYU (US), University of Kent (UK), University of Glasgow (UK), Erasmus University Rotterdam (Netherlands), Kedge Business School (France), Maastricht University (Netherlands), University of Groningen (Netherlands), Ecole Normale Supérieure (France), Germany Archeological Institute (Germany) and VU University Amsterdam (Netherlands) amongst others

GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

QS ACADEMIC AND EMPLOYER SURVEY 2015

Have Your Say!

We would like to invite you to take 10 minutes to answer the 2015 Academic and Employer reputation survey and share your views about Koç University.

Employer Questionnaire

[Click here](#) to sign up

Academic Questionnaire

[Click here](#) to sign up

After you sign-up, you will receive a link allowing you to take part in the online survey.

You are not obliged to answer all the questions asked.

The university is listed under the name : "Koç University".

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www.topuniversities.com or www.iu.qs.com



MIKTA GLODEM OIP JOINT SEMINAR

on "MIKTA and Relevance of Regional Powers in Global Governance"

In collaboration with the Korean Embassy in Istanbul, GLODEM (Center for Globalisation, Peace and Democratic Governance) and the Office of International Programs (Koç University) hosted a seminar on "MIKTA and Relevance of Regional Powers in Global Governance" 16 March, 2015 at RCAC, Beyoğlu, İstanbul. At his opening speech, Koç University Vice President for Research and Development, Prof İrşadi Aksun highlighted the value of Koç University's position as a leading research institution both in Turkey and the region. Following Prof. Aksun's speech, co-director of GLODEM, Assoc. Prof. Caner Bakır introduced the MIKTA Group Initiative and illustrated its newly defined role in global governance within the G20 process as a much-needed bridge between developed and emerging markets.

The speeches were followed by a panel discussion with the participation of MIKTA country representatives; H.E. Martha Barcena Coqui, Ambassador of Mexico; Mr. Abdullah H. Kusumaningprang, Consul General of the Republic of Indonesia in Istanbul; H.E. Yunsoo Cho, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea Ambassador; H.E. Hakki Emre Yunt, MIKTA and G20 ambassador, Director General for Multilateral Economic Affairs, and Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Turkey. The country representatives put forward their own perspectives on the potential challenges facing the MIKTA Group Initiative and outlined the contributions each member is making.



GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

SUPPORTING EUROPEAN STUDENTS OF INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING AND MANAGEMENT

A New Exciting Partnership With Estiem-europe3D Project

ESTIEM (European Students of Industrial Engineering and Management) is an exciting network of open minded European students with a professional approach. They aim to foster relations between students of Industrial Engineering and Management across Europe and support them in their personal and professional development.

Koç University is proud to be a 2015 official sponsor of the Europe3D project. The project includes events for students from all around the world that promote professional and personal development by discovering a country in three different dimensions: politics, culture and economy. The participants attend lectures, debates, workshops and group activities focused on developing a more realistic and nuanced view of the host country.

For the March 2015 Istanbul event, our PhD in International Relations student Tim Dorlach delivered an engaging lecture to participants from Spain, Macedonia, Turkey, Serbia, Germany, Russia, Romania, Azerbaijan, Hungary, Belgium & Finland on "The Turkish Economic Model: Its Transformation and Relevance for Europe".



STRATEGIC STEP FOR THE SILK ROAD FROM FUNG AND KOÇ

An agreement was signed Wednesday, May 13th, between Koç University in Istanbul, Turkey, established by the Vehbi Koç Foundation, and the Victor & William Fung Foundation, established by the world-famous Fung Group headquartered in Hong-Kong, to reinforce academic cooperation between Turkey and China.

The partnership will fund and support PhD students coming from China, Hong Kong and Taiwan to study at Koç University as Fung Graduate Fellows. In the long term the partnership reinforces academic relations between the two countries as part of the Chinese government's new Silk Road initiative.

This is the first strategic step from a world-ranked Turkish research university to bring talented minds from China to Turkey and present an attractive alternative graduate destination for one of the largest international student markets.

The ceremony to launch this groundbreaking educational cooperation took place on May 13th at the Rahmi Koç Museum in Istanbul, Turkey. The signing ceremony was followed by a panel debate on "The renewal of the Silk Road: the initiative to reinforce the economic and cultural relations of China".

Visit [OIP website](#) for more information about the agreement.



MOBILITY OFFICE / INCOMING

ORIENTATION WEEK

First Steps at Koç

The Orientation Program gives our Incoming Exchange Students opportunity to adapt Koç University and Istanbul. During the orientation week, they are informed about legal procedures for their stay, academic issues, the city transportation, security and safety tips, shops, food etc. All these information give them an overall idea about life in İstanbul and the university.

The students are also taken on a campus tour, KU organized welcome breakfast and city tour as well as other social activities to enhance their adaptation process. All Exchange students are assigned with a mentor whom they will be assisted by from the moment their arrival to the departure.



INCOMING STUDENT TOURS AND ACTIVITIES

Students enjoyed the various KU organized trips during the semester such as Old Istanbul Tour, Cappadocia Tour and Belgrad Forest Bike Excursion, etc. They have been to Traditional Turkish Hammam and Chora Museum on the last day of the orientation week. They had traditional Turkish bath including traditional massage where they refreshed.

Visiting Chora Museum was another great tour for the students. Even though some parts of the museum was under construction the old Byzantine church - which is one of the few buildings that has been built in early Byzantine era and still standing - mesmerized the students with its golden mosaics. The group had the chance to experience the local coffee shops and their delicious Turkish coffees.

Hammam and Chora Museum Trip*Old İstanbul Tour**Belgrade Forest Bike Excursion**Cappadocia Tour*

MOBILITY OFFICE / INCOMING

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL 2015

World@KoçUni

The Office of International Programs, mentors and The Social Activities Club, working in collaboration, establish a large-scale international festival which includes partner school representatives, consular education attaches and the whole Koç community. In addition, seminars, fairs, concerts, films, workshops fostering intercultural awareness take place in the festival.

**Turkish Cooking Class**

This year at the international fest, an amazing event - Turkish Cooking Workshop took place. With the participation of 20 students, it was a great feast indeed! Three types of Turkish food were on the menu: Lentil Meatball (Mercimek Köftesi) as a cold dish, Fritters with Vegetables (Mücver) as a hot dish and Semolina Dessert (İrmik Helvası) as a dessert. KU provided all the recipes and ingredients for passionate talents! They all worked very well to get the dishes ready. In the end, all the food was shared and they left the kitchen with full and satisfied stomachs. Happy ending for everybody!

**Dancing Workshops**

TURKISH CONVERSATION PROGRAM

This program aims to help incoming students understand the basic Turkish conversation that will be useful for their time as an Exchange student in Istanbul. The topics of the conversations consist of Turkish culture and daily city life.



STUDENT TESTIMONIALS

Turkey: more than the Sun and beaches. Istanbul is a city of contrasts European mode of life peacefully coexists with a more traditional one. Here one can see narrow old-fashioned streets and modern bridges; conservative people and liberals; top notch malls and little fascinating markets. Needless to say I had certain expectations, when I made a decision to go Turkey for a semester exchange. I have to admit that the sun, sea, and beaches were the things I pictured in my head when thinking about Turkey. This stereotype was busted soon after I came to Istanbul; my friends and I even made the biggest snowman I've ever seen! While looking forward to a new adventure, I also felt unsure about the adaptation process. I kept asking myself things like if I would be able to make friends or if studying was going to be hard. It's been two months now, and I can say my expectations have already been surpassed!

Upon my arrival, I was delighted by hospitality of Turkish people and their readiness to help strangers. Local people would always do their best to help me with direction or anything else. Fortunately, this also applies at the university itself. Koc OIP team made us feel like home. After getting to know all the exchange students during the orientation week and meeting with our Turkish mentor, I truly felt that I belong to this community. Teachers and other personnel are always being kind and understanding.

Breathtakingly beautiful Istanbul and other places like Cappadocia are wonderful, but meeting people and making friends is the best part about Turkey (besides food)! I met people all over the world and made friends with them; however, I was very willing to interact with the local community as well: get to know Turkish culture, try every kind of food, and, of course, learn the language. Turkish students turned out to be open-minded and very easy to approach to. I got to communicate with them and discovered that despite of the distance between Turkey and Kyrgyzstan, young people still have similar aspirations, values, and problems.

I was amazed at the number of facilities available at Koc, including food places, services, and all kinds of sports facilities, of which I enjoy ice-skating. Through all of these activities as well as through multiple social events, held in our university, feeling like home and making friends became much simpler. My Turkish friends are always eager to help me get to know the culture whether by showing me places; introducing me to the best food like Adana Kebab, lahmacun, or balik ekmek; or helping me practice my Turkish. I, in my turn, try to tell them something about my home country and its people. I am still very excited to spend another two months here at Koc, but I already know that I would not trade this experience for anything in the world! I am going to cherish these memories for the rest of my life, and hope to create life-long connections with people I met here.

Sevgiler,
Inna Tsoi - Exchange student from Kyrgyzstan.

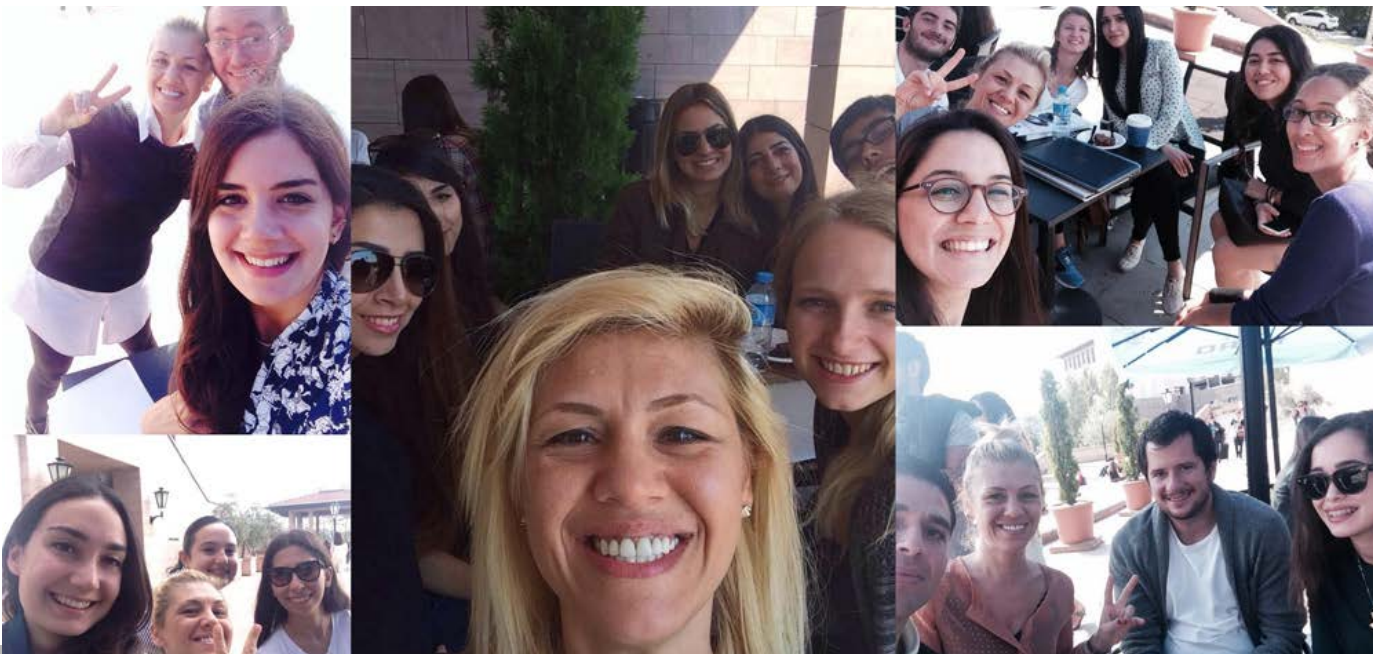
MOBILITY OFFICE / OUTGOING

NEW SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR GLOBAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

Koç University created a scholarship system for Global Exchange Programs, during the last 2 years. Funded by the President's Office, students are supported to study in the countries such as: US, Canada, Mexico, Uruguay, China, Hong Kong, Australia, Chile, Brazil and many many more. Outgoing Mobility Team already selected twenty students for the next academic term which the scholarship will cover the transportation, accommodation and daily expenses during their time of studies.

PRE-DEPARTURE ORIENTATIONS

Pre- departure orientations are held with the collaboration of the Career Center, ALIS (Academic and Life Skills) and faculty members regarding cultural adaptation, documentation and other processes for their exchange studies. Departmental coordinators of the faculties attend the meetings for the academic information. The outgoing team and some of the post-exchange students inform the future outgoing students for the documentation and other issues of the process. Six orientations in total are held before the students' departures. In addition to that, the outgoing mobility team organizes "Tea-Talk" Meetings in Café Nero at KU which has a cozy atmosphere that ease creating a comfortable friendly environment between incoming exchange students at the time and future outgoing exchange students. This is a great chance for KU students to meet with the host university's student before their departure.



GET CONNECTED Peer Advisors

Ten students from Koç University are ready to share all the necessary information and stories about their exchange experience. From courses selection to application process, or other procedures such as documents, visa procedure, accommodation options, and etc. the advisors are eager to share their experience with the future outgoing students.

Pinar Demir (Peer Advisor) talks about her exchange at Georgetown University!

"I did my study abroad at Georgetown University in Washington DC. It was a very unique experience for me. I had a chance to study at one of the best universities in the world. I had great professors who taught me a lot and help me to see the world differently. Also, I did an internship at the Washington Representative of TUSIAD which allowed me to experience the political culture of the United States and how those decisions affect Turkey. In my opinion, what is more important than all these benefits of study abroad is that it makes you meet with people that are going to be your friends during all your lifetime. I lived in a very different culture than mine and these people

helped me to understand the culture and the other people who live there. They made my experience very special. Every person I met in the United States had a very different story and this showed me the distinct parts of the world. Additionally, I traveled and saw very beautiful places. In every place, I had a different adventure that something I will never forget during my life. Finally, I think studying abroad made me a stronger person. I was able to live very far from home by myself. To sum up, the advantages of joining an exchange program are different for everyone but I think everyone should experience it once in a lifetime".



INTERNATIONAL SPECIAL PROJECTS

FIRST YEAR OF KOÇ

Stanford Joint Program completed successfully

2015 marked the first year of the Stanford at Koç in Istanbul Overseas Studies Program.

We hosted 16 Stanford students who spent their winter trimester taking courses from top-tier Koç faculty and developing a broad awareness, knowledge and appreciation for Turkey and its role within the global ecosystem. Stanford Professors Ali Yaycıoğlu and Kabir Tambar also delivered a course to both Stanford and Koç students. Having proved to be a success story, the program will continue in the years to follow.



[Click here to see how the Stanford Students expressed their feelings about the program!](#)

NEW SUMMER PROGRAMS AT KOÇ!

The Office of International Programs has developed 2 new summer school concepts. This summer we will offer two different courses at the undergrad level under the umbrella of the Global Summer Academy, and a Graduate Summer Seminar for grad students and young professionals.

Intense, practice-based programs combining a top notch global academic experience with travel opportunities, facilities of one of the best universities in Turkey, and fun and life in Istanbul.



Politics: Modern Turkey on the Road **Contemporary Issues in Turkish Politics**

The ultimate goal of this undergrad- level course is to link the historical development of Turkish society to the electoral dynamics and choices of the people in June 2015 elections. The course includes a field study through train rides to the Anatolian cities of Eskişehir, Ankara and Konya, where students will have the opportunity to meet with local authorities; NGOs, political parties and other related organizations, as well as a chance to see different aspects of the Turkish culture.



Philanthropy and Civil Society: **A Comparative View**

This undergrad-level course introduces students to the size and scope of philanthropy and civil society organizations in Turkey, the United States and Western Europe as well as the role they play in each society. Students get a chance to understand individual and institutional philanthropy and the role and management of nonprofit/civil society organizations in community life through a hands-on service-learning grant-making experience.



Graduate Summer Seminar

This grad-level course focuses on how the contemporary city depends upon its natural surrounding not only for agricultural output and land conversion, but also how natural resources shape the city's landscape, establish and reinforce socio-spatial inequalities as well as how urban commons have recently become a battleground over which dominant urban strategies are being contested. As a part of the "on the road" concept, the flow of the class will adopt a hands-on approach to the city and benefit from a series of guided fieldworks as well as readings and discussions.

INTERNATIONAL SPECIAL PROJECTS

AMERICAN MIDDLE EASTERN NETWORK FOR DIALOGUE (AMENDS) SUMMIT AT KOÇ UNIVERSITY

American Middle Eastern Network for Dialogue (AMENDS), launched in 2011 at Stanford University, aims to foster dialogue and collaboration among young change-makers from the MENA, North Africa and the USA regions who are working on their individual projects to create social impact in their communities.

In January 2014, a team of Koç students hosted two-dozen AMENDS Fellows in the first AMENDS Fellows Summit. Following the success of the event, this year Koç University took on the responsibility of being the first university outside of Stanford to host the annual AMENDS Conference in its entirety. Student teams from Koç and Stanford worked closely to organize the AMENDS conference which took place on 21-26 March, 2015. For the conference, 24 new Delegates were chosen among 450 applicants and they joined 18 Fellows who were representing the previous AMENDS participants.

The busy schedule of the conference included skill-building workshops for social entrepreneurship, seminars from notable academicians such as Prof. Larry Diamond (Director of Stanford's Center on Democracy, Development and the Rule of Law), Prof. Joseph Weiler (European Union Jean Monnet Chair at New York University Law School) and Hakan Altınay (Founder of the Global Civics Academy), networking activities and panels facilitated by AMENDS fellows.

By the end of the week the participants concluded that "the immersive learning experience and networks created through the conference will be incredibly valuable assets for their future work as community leaders" and "the conference exceeded [their] - very high - expectations." Overall, the 2015 AMENDS Conference came to a successful conclusion due to one simple truth: the AMENDS Delegates and Fellows are exceptional individuals working to bring forth social impact and change through inspiring and innovative models. It has been Koç University's privilege to play our part in bringing such ambitious, driven young leaders with bold ideas together.

Koç University will host AMENDS conference again in March 2016 and applications will be open in November 2015.



KOÇ UNIVERSITY AS AN OUTREACH PARTNER OF THE GLOBAL SOCIAL VENTURE COMPETITION (GSVC)

The GSVC was launched by UC Berkeley's Haas School of Business 15 years ago, provides aspiring entrepreneurs with mentoring, exposure, and \$50,000 in prizes to transform their ideas into businesses that will have positive real world impact. For the past three years, Koç University has been an outreach partner of GSVC for promoting the competition across Turkey, Balkans, the MENA region and North Africa and recruiting applicant teams.

This year, three early-stage social ventures from GSVC @ KU round proceeded to regional semi-finals that took place in London Business School in February 2015. Missing Middle, a meso-finance organization operating in Uganda; Ustamdan, an online market for high-quality handiworks created by local artisans; OpenCBS an open-source, affordable, and easy-to-use software that provides a suite of financial tools for microfinance institutions; presented their business models to the judging panel at the LBS together with nine other ventures. Two teams were selected to move forward for global finals that will take place in UC Berkeley in early-April.

Applications for GSVC 2016 will open in October 2015.

YOU CAN
MAKE AN
IMPACT

Become a social entrepreneur
with the Global Social Venture
Competition (GSVC)

**Form Your Team.
Build a Business.
Make an Impact.**

INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY OFFICE

HAVE YOU MET ICO?

What ICO does & Who's Who?

Mert Sanivar joined OIP in August 2013 as an incoming exchange student advisor. In June 2014, he switched over to a newly created position in a new office within OIP, as the International Community Office Coordinator. ICO was founded to provide an assortment of specialized services and resources tailored for specific needs of international fulltime students, faculty members, interns, visiting scholars and fellows in residence. ICO also offers resources for international families of KU members. When founded, ICO also had a lucky personnel transfer from Human Resources. Ayhan Seker, an HR veteran and KU's 15 year-long external affairs specialist takes very well care of the legal procedures for the international community. Residency, Employment, Social Security and Health Insurance are some of his big topics. ICO recently launched a spanking new website for foreign nationals of our community. Please visit and remember to share your feedbacks to help us improve.

International Community Office is located at Student Center -3rd Floor and open from 7:30am to 5:30pm Mon-Fri.

KOÇ UNIVERSITY AT THE 10TH ANNUAL BEST PRACTICES CONFERENCE OF IIE

IIE's Best Practices Conference took place on March 19-20th at the Institute of International Education in New York City. Our International Community Office (ICO) Coordinator, Mert Sanivar participated in this two day conference to bring back the best of best practices for Koç University and for our on-going internationalization mission. There were speakers and participants from some major universities in the world and the US; Columbia, CUNY System, University of Minnesota, Copenhagen Business School, Central European University just to name a few.

Besides being an amazing networking and enlightenment occasion, "I found out that not every best practice is always the best practice for your own campus" said Mr. Sanivar upon his return from the conference.

The Institute of International Education March 19-20 New York, NY



CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP AT KU RECEPTION

The International Community Office of OIP organized a reception for full-time international students and scholars at KU on May 26th. The reception entitled "Celebrating International Scholarship at KU" took place at the beautiful courtyard of School of Social Sciences. Guests included undergrad and grad students from different disciplines and post-doc fellows funded by TUBITAK or other prominent scientific research entities, faculty teaching in graduate schools, faculty from English Language Center of KU, Graduate Program Coordinators from all schools, Dr. Baris Tan, Vice President for Academic Affairs and surely OIP staff. Following a brief welcome by ICO Coordinator Mr. Mert Sanivar, in the opening remarks, Dr. Bilgen Bilgin, Dean of Students stressed the value of international scholarship brought to our university by our fulltime students and encouraged students to be more involved in the campus community using resources available to them referring to ICO with its ever expanding offerings for the international community. Dean Bilgin also expressed, on behalf of KU community at large, his appreciation of international students' contributions to the internationalization at Koç University.

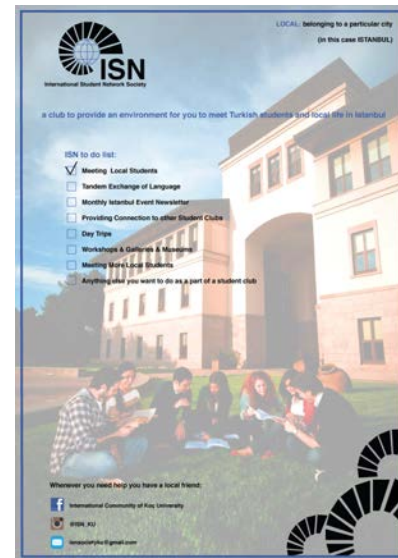
More pictures on OIP's Facebook Page and video clips from the reception can be viewed on OIP's website.



KOÇ STUDENT CLUBS AND FESTIVALS

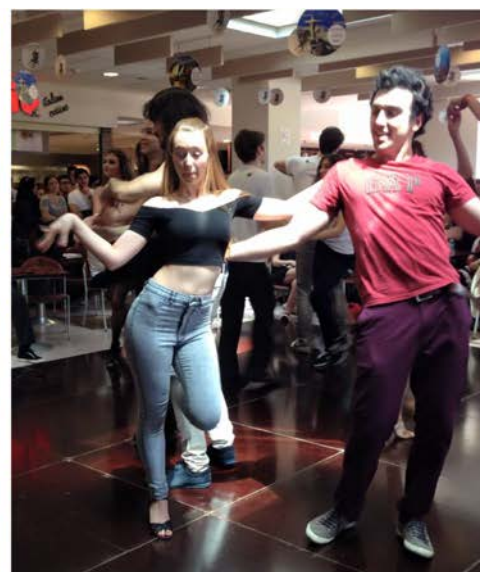
NEW CLUB FROM KOÇ UNIVERSITY STUDENTS *International Student Network*

ISN Club is a newly formed club to provide an international environment for local students with the international students' network. They organize activities, workshops, presentations, competitions, and games to create a network that gives students the possibility to share their experiences for the future applicants. ISN produces monthly activity newsletters that provides information for students to socialize, enjoy and explore the city!



KOÇ DANCE FESTIVAL

15th Koç University Dance Festival hosted more than twenty different universities from Turkey where all the participants enjoyed the theme "KOÇDANS STUDIOS" both in daytime and evening shows. Taking place at Rumeli Feneri Campus on May 6-7, 2015 there were number of dance workshops that students enjoyed and learned new figures from different dance styles.



KU MUSIC FEST'15

MusicFest has been organized by Ku Music Club for years was also quite ambitious this year. There is a performance opportunity for unique musicians and lovely bands from college students. This year, Ku Music Club invited students to MusicFest'15 where nine student groups, two orchestras, Yok Öyle Kararlı Şeyler and Yasemin Mori took stage.



Students savoured the sun on the grass all day and enjoyed the music. Food and drink stands, social media competitions took place and gifts were given away during the festival. Good news! The admission to the music festival at KU is always free of charge!



KOÇ STUDENT CLUBS AND FESTIVALS

TUESDAY JAZZ AT THE CAMPUS

Tuesday Jazz concerts are organized every Tuesday with the cooperation of Ku Music Club at the campus. Several bands and musicians from all around the world take stage playing jazz and funk. Tuesday Jazz invites everyone at the campus to relax with the joy of amazing music!



Horn Bass



Kuhn Fu

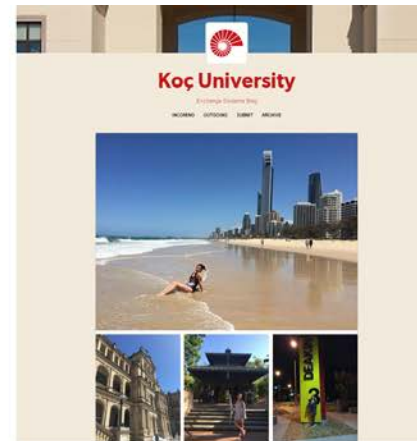


İpek Aktar Quintet

SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS - STAYING IN TOUCH!

NEW EXCHANGE STUDENTS' BLOG IS NOW LIVE!

As an ongoing project, OIP is using KocExchange Blog to increase and spread the share of the exchange experiences for both incoming and outgoing students. Our students are sharing the beautiful photos, comments, fresh information and details for the accommodations, foods, where to visit, international student clubs' information, and all that a KU student or an international student could need for a great exchange opportunity.



INSTAGRAM COMPETITIONS

OIP launched two Instagram competitions based on the motto "Exchange Memories" within 2014. Exchange students shared their experiences by photos and videos to win GoPro Camera, Lady Gaga Concert Ticket, headphones and other attractive gifts. These competitions created great synergy among the students.

For the first time ever, OIP launched an Instagram Contest during the International Festival 2015. Students snapped, post and shared their best festival moments by tagging **#kocunivoip** and **#worldatkocuni**. Winners were priced by concert tickets, free city tours, breakfast, Ipod Shuffle and Headphones.



FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

Koç University Office of International Programs uses various social media tools such as Instagram, Facebook, Twitter and Tumblr to contact with our students and partner universities from all around the world. Using the power of different networks has been a key for us and has been a great audience connector not only with current contacts but also with prospective ones. Sharing announcements and photos from the campus on the social media attracts students and professors, and engage us with our partner universities. In addition to that, following us on social media is the best way to be immediately informed about our activities, events and announcements.

Follow us on **kocunivoip!**



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INSPIRING OPPORTUNITIES AT KOÇ

ENGLISH LANGUAGE CENTER (ELC) FOR KIDS MENTOR OPPORTUNITIES

Spend a stimulating summer in Istanbul, Turkey at our English Language Center (ELC) for Kids program gaining new experiences and memories that will last a lifetime!

We are looking for native English speaker mentors who want to spend their summer working with children between ages 4-13 in our ELC for Kids programs in a structured indoor and outdoor setting. We offer two programs: our Summer Day program runs between 08:30 – 16:00 daily, targeting children ages between 4- 11 and our Intensive Boarding program targets ages 9-13.

Application Requirements:

- Must be at least 18 and have completed a minimum of one year of college
- Have previous camping experience with children and/or experienced and knowledgeable about child development.

What we offer:

- Stipend per every 3 weekly term
- Free accommodation at Koç University campus
- Many more advantages

For further details please email boliver@ku.edu.tr, kocelckids@ku.edu.tr.

[Click here to visit our website](#)



SEVGI GÖNÜL CULTURAL CENTER PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES

Since 2008, Koç University's Sevgi Gönül Cultural Centre (SGKM), located in the Rumelifeneri Campus, has hosted numerous concerts, plays, movie night events, recitals, exhibitions and dance performances. Part of SGKM's mission relies on student input and feedback to constantly bring new and innovative performances, festivals, and seminars that are relevant to our campus community. SGKM provides outreach to a diverse array of events including Sevgi Gönül Theatre Festival and Dance Festival. Luminaries of the arts bring influential ideas and opportunities to all Istanbul's grand stages which SGKM is associated with. SGKM stage welcomes various performances from different cultures, countries and universities. Feel free to contact with Mr. Oğuz Öner (ooner@ku.edu.tr) for the performance opportunities at KU.



SUMMER ACCOMMODATION OPPORTUNITIES AT KU CAMPUS

Would you like to stay at Koç University Campus during the summer?

A natural environment with different types of rooms, wireless internet, 7/24 hot water and regular housekeeping facilities. Koç University provides a unique opportunity for you and your students to experience İstanbul !

For details and prices for the accommodation, please contact:
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gakpolat@ku.edu.tr



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OTHER JOB AND INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Koç University welcomes research assistants from all around the world to cooperate with our faculty in their research projects. You are kindly invited to email the related professor/ staff member directly. As well as sending your most up to date CV, attaching a cover letter will help you get the best result. There are also several job and internship opportunities within the different departments of the university during the semester.

All these opportunities are announced on the OIP website once they are available.

[Click here for the research assistantship opportunities.](#)

[Click here for internship opportunities.](#)



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