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KU HIGHLIGHTS

Three KU Faculty Members Recognized by Europe's Most Prestigious Funds



Asst. Prof. Aslı E. Mert from the Sociology Department has been chosen by the **Horizon Europe Program** as one of the partners of the “Twinning Research and Innovation Institutions to Design and Implement Inclusive GEPs (NEXUS) Project”. The European Commission has awarded ~1 M € funding to project which aims to co-design, implement, monitor and evaluate innovative and targeted actions at bridging inclusivity gaps in nine research organizations and their respective R&I ecosystems to bolster institutional change through the development of inclusive Gender Equality Plans (GEPs) in intersectional and intersectoral directions.



Prof. Demircan Canadınç, from the Department of Mechanical Engineering, received the **Alexander von Humboldt Foundation's Humboldt Research Award** for his studies on characterizing metallic materials using multiscale experimental and computational methods, designing microstructures and alloys using artificial intelligence, improving the performance of metals under monotonic and cyclic loads, and designing metallic biomedical materials. The Humboldt Research Awards are given to internationally renowned scientists and scholars who work outside of Germany in recognition of their lifetime research achievements.



Asst. Prof. Ceyhun Arslan from the Comparative Literature Department has been deemed worthy of the **Alexander von Humboldt Foundation's Georg Forster Research Fellowship** given to experienced researchers, for his work analyzing literary studies, aiming to overcome the established geopolitical and cultural boundaries of the 19th century. These Research Fellowships are given to exceptional researchers from developing or transitional countries who have established a clearly defined research profile with their high-impact international publications and whose research contributes to the development of their country or region of origin.

BAGEP 2023 Awards (Science Academy Young Scientist Awards Program)

Koç University maintained its leading position with the largest number of BAGEP Awards (Science Academy Young Scientist Awards Program) received in the last 10 years since the inception of this program with Assoc. Prof. Aykut Coşkun, Assoc. Prof. Erkan Kalafat, Assoc. Prof. Tuba Mutluer, Psychiatry receiving this year's awards.



Assoc. Prof. Aykut Coşkun, College of Social Sciences and Humanities, Media and Visual Arts, aims to develop digital solutions that encourage sustainable consumption practices in the fields of food and urban mobility.



Assoc. Prof. Tuba Mutluer, School of Medicine, Psychiatry, aims to understand the mental health problems of children with chronic illnesses on a neurobiological level, develop innovative interventions to improve these issues, measure the effectiveness of these interventions through physiological biomarkers, and make machine learning-based classifications using multidimensional data.



Assoc. Prof. Erkan Kalafat, School of Medicine, Gynecology, and Obstetrics, researches the role of the placenta and cardiovascular system in the development of hypertensive disorders of pregnancy and aims to develop individual risk prediction models for various issues such as implantation failure and fetal growth restriction.

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**Frontier Spring 2023 Issue
is Out Now!**

Koç University's Newsletter for Research and Science, **Frontier's Spring 2023 Issue** is here! The latest research findings from across our research themes, highlight new study announcements, recent news and events and more can be found in this issue

Frontier also provides information on Koç University's latest research and practice tools, and highlights opportunities to get involved in KU research.

Please click [here](#) to view **Frontier Spring 2023 Issue**.

**KU is One of the Top 10 Most
Entrepreneurial and Innovative
Universities in Türkiye**

Koç University was ranked among the top ten universities and recognized as one of the “most entrepreneurial and innovative” institutions in our country in the 2022 TÜBİTAK Entrepreneurial and Innovative University Index. According to the Index, which reviewed 192 universities, the schools were evaluated by criteria such as “scientific and technological research competence,” “intellectual property pool,” “cooperation and engagement,” and “economic and social contribution.” Based on the results, Koç University ranked sixth in the 2022 Entrepreneurial and Innovative University Index.

[RETURN TO CONTENT](#)**The Semahat Arsel Nursing
Education, Practice and Research
Center Re-Accredited for a Four-
Year Period**

The Semahat Arsel Nursing Education, Practice and Research Center (SANERC) is the first and only nursing continuing education center in Türkiye which holds an ANCC accreditation certificate.

SANERC has once again secured reaccreditation from the prestigious American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) for a duration of four years.

SANERC first received ANCC accreditation in 2010, which marked a major milestone in recognizing the center’s educational and research excellence. This accreditation has allowed SANERC to achieve global recognition for its high-quality continuing education programs. SANERC holds the distinction of being the only nursing continuing education center in Türkiye to hold an ANCC accreditation certificate.



MAY'23: "STAFF WEEKS" MONTH AT KU

OIP's 6th International Staff Week

From 8 to 12 May 2023, OIP had the pleasure of hosting 20 Colleagues from around the world for the 6th annual International Staff Week. During this week, the participants from different institutions received a general overview of Koç University, the other participating universities, and how institutions create a welcoming climate for both students and staff from all backgrounds with thoughtful cross-cultural experiences. The week-long event featured engaging discussions and insightful presentations on inclusion and diversity, issues around intercultural competency at higher education, new approaches to international student services and innovative ways to effectively communicate with Gen-Z. Participants from different institutions worldwide shared best practices, conveyed ideas, and learned from each other. In addition to the enriching training experience, attendees also had the opportunity to discover the cultural treasures of Istanbul and Türkiye. The 6th International Staff Week coincided with the annual Study Abroad Fair, providing Koç University students with an opportunity to explore international study programs, learn about partner universities and institutions. OIP Incoming & Outgoing representatives were also present at the fair to guide the students throughout the event. More information about the staff week including recap video can be found [here](#).



International Staff Week : Gender Mainstreaming in Higher Education

Koç University hosted the International Staff Week on Gender Mainstreaming in Higher Education, bringing together academics and professionals from around the world to exchange knowledge and best practices on gender equality and inclusion. Organized by the Gender Equality Office (GEO), the event surpassed expectations, fostering insightful dialogue and collaboration among diverse participants. Participants engaged in workshops, panel discussions, and interactive sessions, exploring innovative approaches to address gender disparities in academia. Esteemed speakers highlighted the importance of gender mainstreaming in creating inclusive educational environments. The week-long event provided networking opportunities, enabling attendees to build international partnerships and expand their professional networks, fostering a global community committed to advancing gender equality in higher education. The insights gained during this week will contribute to ongoing efforts in advancing gender equality in higher education.

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4th International Library Staff Week (ILSW)

As Koç University Libraries, the 4th International Library Staff Week (ILSW) between May 8-12, 2023 has been organized. The event brought together 25 professional Library staff with varied backgrounds working in universities or other research orientated libraries from 19 different institutions and 13 different countries. The theme of this year was “Open Knowledge to Share: Access, Culture, Scholarship”. A total of 15 presentations on those sub-themes were made both by our library staff, ILSW attendees and distinguished guest speakers.

During this week, participants learned from each other as colleagues, created friendship bonds, discovered archives, libraries in İstanbul together and had lots of fun.

ILSW participants also visited the Rami Library Complex which includes Shifahane (Manuscript Conservation Unit), Ottoman Archives. In the last day of the International Library Staff Week, group visited the Topkapı Palace, the Hagia Sophia Grand Mosque and Sultanahmet square.



It was a great pleasure to welcome colleagues from different parts of the world who bring along fresh ideas and a different perspective in our life.

EXPERIENCING DIVERSITY THROUGH EXCHANGE PROGRAM INCOMING NEWS

Welcoming Spring'23 Incoming Students



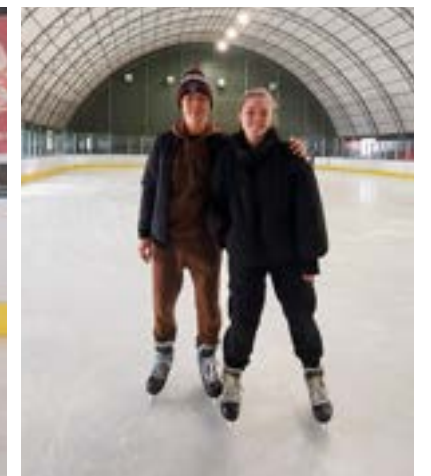
The Orientation Week of Spring 2023 was held between February 6 - 9, 2023 and started by welcoming the Incoming Exchange Students with Turkish Tea, coffee and snacks. After the welcome speech, students were informed by the Inbound Mobility Team about the University and the services they can benefit from. Orientation was continued with human bingo activity and a campus tour which is led by Mentor students from KU.

In Spring'23 KU hosted more than 100 students from 60 different universities and 30 countries including Argentina, Canada, Colombia, France, Germany, Russia and more.



Ice-Skating Event for Incoming Exchange Students

The Incoming Team welcomed Exchange Students for an Ice Skating Event at the Koç University Ice Skate Rink on Friday, March 24th, 2023. The students had a wonderful time socializing with their fellow exchange student friends while enjoying some delicious hot chocolate. The event was made even more special by the presence of international student Abilmansur Assanseitov and other members of the Koç Hockey Team. They took the time to inform the exchange students about the Koç Hockey Team and even showed some students how to ice skate. It was a fantastic opportunity for the exchange students to connect with their peers in a fun and exciting way. Overall, the event was a great way to bring people together and promote a sense of community on campus.



EXPERIENCING DIVERSITY THROUGH EXCHANGE PROGRAMS OUTGOING NEWS

Every Exchange has a story: Outgoing Students' memories

The Outgoing Exchange Team has seen the number of exchange students rise to around 200 students this Spring, achieving one of the highest student mobilities per semester in the past few years. The team has been delighted by the increased interest and number of exchange students this semester and wanted to share some of the students' stories over their exchange semesters with activities such as Outgoing Videos received from students and Takeovers that are organized on OIP's Social Media (Instagram account: @kocunivoip)

These videos not only show the daily academic lives of our outgoing exchange students, also give us a little taste of their extracurricular and cultural activities they quite enjoy throughout their semester. Here is a quick recap of some of the students' videos that are shared and will continue to be a strong motivation and inspiration for our prospective outgoing students!



DIANA ABDRAKHMANOVA,
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, BOCCONI UNIVERSITY



DANE KETUKO,
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, HEC PARIS



BENUR BOZHÖYÜK,
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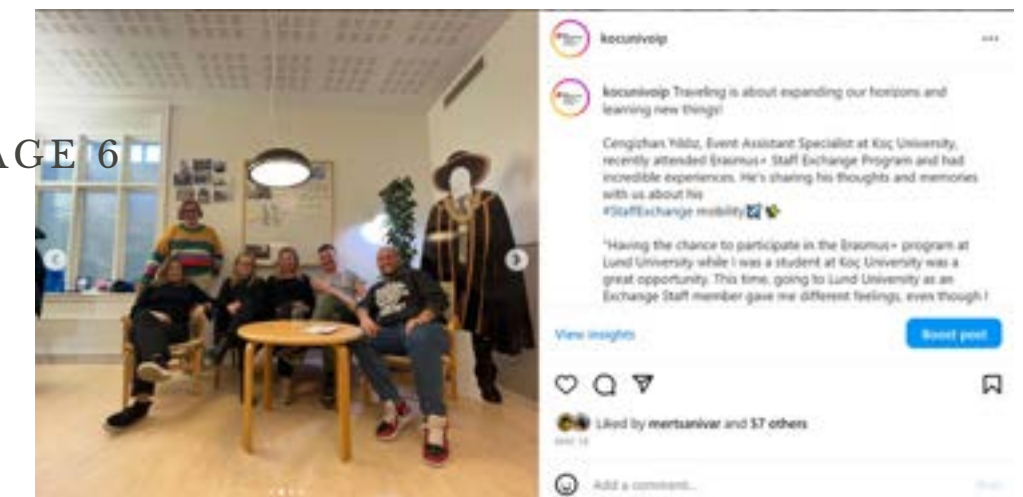
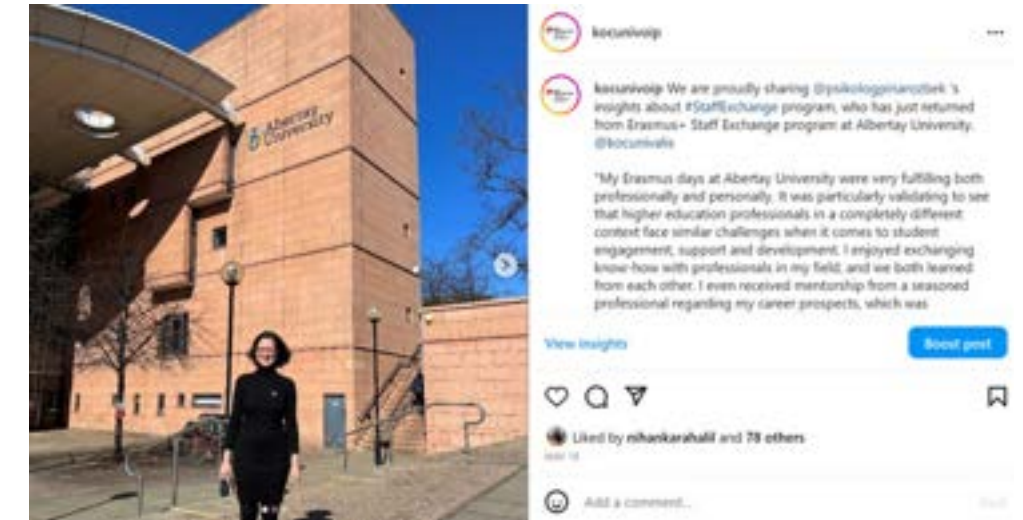
KU's Staff Members Go Abroad via Erasmus+

Erasmus+ staff exchange programs offers an incredible opportunity for employees of Koç University to participate in a one-week exchange program at valued institutions all over the world! Through this program, our employees have the chance to meet and interact with people from both within and outside Europe, enhancing their vision and perspectives.

Office of International Programs offer both administrative and academic staff members to engage in highly productive exchange programs, expand their professional networks, and gain invaluable experiences by immersing themselves in different languages and cultures. these staff exchange programs not only contributes significantly to the personal development of the participants but also plays a pioneering role in our institutional growth.

When employees participate in the exchange program at a partner institution, they engage in important activities such as meeting with partners to expand and renew agreements. Additionally, they have the opportunity to observe how tasks and projects are carried out in the host institution through job shadowing experiences. Even if the visited institution is not a partner, our employees can still contribute to the establishment of new agreements by participating in the exchange program. In this way, the staff exchange program facilitates the development of our corporate network and enables us to receive feedback on our ongoing projects and agreements.

We proudly shared our Staff members insights, testimonials and feedbacks on out Instagram page on @kocunivoip.



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Study Abroad Fair, May 10th, 2023

"This year, we organized our annual Study Abroad Fair in the Winter Garden once more, bringing our students together with our partner institutions, incoming exchange students and country-specific institutions' representatives.

Incoming students all around the world had their booth during the fair and KU students found the opportunity to meet several exchange students at the fair, not only they got information about their host universities and academics, they also asked their questions about practical/daily life in their exchange countries and cities.

KU students also had fruitful discussions with representatives from Study in Sweden, DAAD, Campus France, British Council and Study In Canada for further higher education opportunities and graduate programs. OIP Incoming & Outgoing representatives were also present at the fair to guide the students throughout the event.



"KU students also had fruitful discussions with staff and incoming students from various institutions such as National Taiwan University (Taiwan), University of Pretoria (South Africa), KTH (Sweden) as well as representatives from Study in Sweden, DAAD, Campus France, British Council and Study In Canada for further higher education opportunities and graduate programs.

We would like to thank all our partner institutions, consulate representatives and incoming exchange students for creating such a welcoming atmosphere to answer all our students' questions and we are hoping to see many more KU students in our fair next year!



KU'S PRESENCE OVERSEAS Representing KU at the International Conferences & Fairs

OIP represented KU in two important conferences in the first half of the year, these conferences are **The Association of International Education Administrators Annual Conference (AIEA)** organized in **Washington D.C.** between February 20-22, 2023 and **Asia-Pacific Association for International Education (APAIE) Conference** in **Bangkok, Thailand** between 14-16 March, 2023.

These conferences served to get an understanding of broad issues in international higher education from a variety of perspectives and to engage with fellow international higher education colleagues as well as promote KU's new programs and initiatives, update partners about new services and developments and to form new ties with leading institutions.



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Ömer Eskici Exchange Programs and Partnerships Specialist (EXPD - Outgoing Team) @ ITAM, Mexico

Exchange Programs and Partnerships Specialist Ömer Eskici visited ITAM (Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México) in January 2023 within the scope of the Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility (ICM) Staff Exchange program.

The activities carried out during the week-long program included Meeting with Ileana Jinich, Director of International Office, to learn more about ITAM as an institution and their core values and internationalization strategy. Meetings with Incoming and Outgoing Coordinators to discuss exchange application and selection methods, exchange student integration activities.



The program also included a meeting with Prof. Dr. Stephan Sberro – Chair of International Relations Department, to discuss the collaboration options within the field of Political Science and International Relations, from visiting professors to student exchange possibilities.

During the week, videos from around the campus and lectures were shot and shared on OIP's Instagram account to promote ITAM as an exchange destination to Koc University students.

We also found the opportunity to explore student housing options and experience language and departmental courses that are offered to exchange students. Ömer Eskici also held two info sessions to ITAM students who are interested in an exchange semester at KU and gave detailed information in his presentation about our institution and shared useful resources about the incoming exchange program at KU. Ömer Eskici also attended a departmental information session for Accounting and Economics department to give detailed information about courses offered for exchange students in this field.

The program was concluded with discussions in the Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility program and how to increase funding opportunities through this program as a common objective.

Begüm Çiçek International Community Services Specialist (ICO) @ADA, Azerbaijan

From 22nd May 2023 to 26th May 2023, Begüm Çiçek, International Community Services Specialist, had the privilege of representing the Koç University Office of International Programs on a staff exchange visit to ADA University. The purpose of this visit was to establish connections with ADA University's administrative departments, share best practices, and explore opportunities for collaboration in international student services and programs. Meetings were held with the Global Outreach & Partnership, Alumni Relations, On-Campus Employment, Career Services, Student Life, Erasmus Student Network ADA Baku teams to discuss initiatives and recommendations for enhancing student engagement and intercultural experiences.

“Thrilled to have embarked on an incredible staff exchange visit to ADA University in Baku, Azerbaijan, where I had the privilege of connecting with brilliant colleagues and immersing myself in a transformative experience, representing Koç University Office of International Programs. Grateful for the enriching discussions, shared insights, and lasting memories created during my time at ADA. Looking forward to implementing new ideas and fostering fruitful collaborations inspired by this remarkable journey.” For the short staff exchange video, please click [here](#).



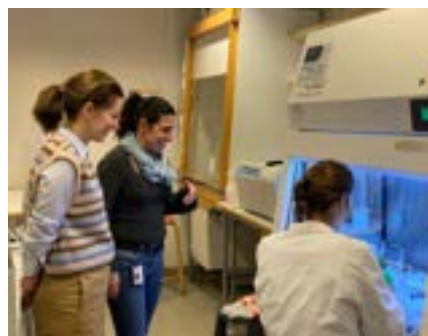
KU'S PRESENCE OVERSEAS

Burcu Sarsilmaz Coşan **The Director of the Office of** **International Programs** **@ KTH, Sweden**



The Director of the Office of International Programs, Burcu Sarsilmaz Coşan attended a week long staff exchange program in Stockholm, Sweden. First three days of the program took place at KTH Royal Institute of Technology. During these three days, more than 15 individual meetings were held with various administrative and academic departments. The purpose of these meetings was to introduce KU to KTH stakeholders in more detail and also to learn more about the KTH's operations. The rest of the week was devoted to meetings at Stockholm University and Stockholm School of Economics.

For the short staff exchange video, please click [here](#).



Ege Eskin **Exchange Programs and Partnerships** **Assistant Specialist** **(EXPD - Outgoing Team)** **@ UExternado, Colombia**

Exchange Programs and Partnerships Assistant Specialist Ege Eskin visited Universidad Externado de Colombia in May 2023 within the scope of the Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility (ICM) Staff Exchange program. Videos, and photos from around the campus and the city of Bogota were shot and shared on OIP's Instagram account to give an idea of how daily life is in Colombia, Bogota for an exchange student or a staff member. The activities carried out during the week-long program included having meetings with schools/departments/programs of Tourism and Hotel Business Administration, Business Administration, Economics, Social Communication-Journalism, Heritage Studies, Mathematics, Psychology, and Sociology to discuss possible opportunities for student/staff exchange, research collaborations, and promotion ideas. Also, there have been meetings carried out with officers of the International Affairs Directorate and learning/discussing the overall work dynamics and procedures of the International Affairs Directorate, and lastly meeting with the Centre for Research and Special Projects and Turkish and Caucasian Studies.



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Merve Özişci **Exchange Programs and** **Partnerships Assistant Specialist** **(EXPD - Incoming Team)** **@ CITY, UK**

Exchange Programs and Partnerships Assistant Specialist Merve Özişci visited the City, University of London at the end of May 2023 within the scope of the Erasmus+ Staff Exchange program.

The meetings held during the 3 days of mobility with the Head of the Global Engagement Office and Global Partnerships Manager to learn more about the institution, students, programs, and core values. Our staff member Merve was meet with the prospective Exchange students who want to study at Koç in the upcoming semesters. The students were instructed about Life at KU, academic procedures, and application processes.



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Gizem Güler Exchange Programs and Partnerships Assistant Specialist (EXPD - Outgoing Team) @ UM6P, Morocco

Exchange Programs and Partnerships Assistant Specialist Gizem Güler visited L'Université Mohammed VI Polytechnique in June 2023 within the scope of the Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility (ICM) Staff Exchange program.

The activities carried out during the week-long program included having meetings with colleagues from partner university and learning about the Moroccan history, by being in the same environment, understanding the culture. It was an excellent opportunity for Gizem Güler to see the work-life of our partner, how their working environment is and how their culture affects the lives of the people. It was also so interesting how we share common needs with our colleagues at L'Université Mohammed VI Polytechnique. With the mind-opening meetings and gatherings with the students whom we will be hosting at Koç University next Spring, Gizem Güler came back to Koç University with fresh ideas on how to do our job better, inspired by both our colleagues at the partner university and the street culture that lives in Morocco.



UNIC CityLabs Festival'23, Bilbao

As the Koç University UNIC Delegation, we attended the UNIC CityLabs Festival held in Bilbao, Spain from April 24-27, 2023. The UNIC alliance is made up of ten universities facing similar challenges and opportunities in post-industrial cities. The UNIC CityLabs event brings together students, citizens, academics, and city stakeholders to identify and solve social problems faced by super-diverse post-industrial cities. This event is part of UNIC's efforts to develop innovative and sustainable methods of university collaboration while promoting social inclusivity and advancing societal impact.



Koç University UNIC Delegation comprised **Prof. Dr. Alphan Sennaroğlu** - Vice President for Research and Development, **Prof. Dr. Şuhnaz Yılmaz Özbağcı** - Dean of College of Administrative Sciences and Economics, **Prof. Dr. Ahmet İçduygu**, Director of Migration Research Center at Koç University (MiReKoç), MiReKoç UNIC Team, UNIC Mobility Hub, UNIC Student Representatives and KU Students.



Shot at the UNIC CityLabs Festival Bilbao 2023 @udeusto, [this video](#) shows how UNIC CityLabs brings science to the city and contributes to the renaissance of Europe's post-industrial urban centres by examining challenges that are related to EU's Urban Agenda.

INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY NEWS

Invitation to Colleagues: International Student Service Hub

Since April 2022, we have been welcoming colleagues from around the world to be a member of the International Student Service Hub where they can come together monthly over Zoom, to share their experiences regarding providing assistance to international students.

With **42 active members from 31 institutions and 33 countries**, each month there has been the opportunity to learn from each other's best practices and become inspired to evolve the current services provided to the international student body.

For the first time, a **session was held in-person** with the participants of the KU Staff Week where the theme of **Social Integration of International Students** was discussed in groups and amazing insights was shared by all colleagues.

With the feedback from the members, the **Int'l Hub Spotlight** series was created to hold one-off sessions with guest speakers that may benefit the members of the Int'l Hub to highlight unique projects, programs or courses.

ICO invites all university professionals working in the field of internationalization to become a part of the Int'l Hub. Your valuable perspective and expertise on the services provided would be highly insightful and the discussion of services would be greatly beneficial in broadening the internationalization efforts of all parties involved.

To find out more, sign up and watch the previous sessions, you may visit the [ICO Website](#).



Representing the ICO at the EURIE Summit



Our International Community Services Specialist, Begüm Çiçek took part in the Eurasia Higher Education Summit (EURIE) from 1-3 March 2023. She led the "International Student Support" panel and presented the best practices and findings of the ICO. The presentation covered how collaborations within and across institutions and exchange of best practices can be the solution to truly refining international student support in accordance with the ever-changing needs of the international degree-seeking student. Additionally, insight was shared regarding the rapid increase of degree-seeking international students and the subsequent changes that were required in services in line with the needs that arose with the new student population.

"It was such a blast to be a part of the EURIE 2023 and discuss our best practices when it comes to International Student Support. Sharing perspectives given by our students and colleagues as well as the insights gathered over the past few years was truly refreshing. I was able to not only present all of our efforts but also hear from other colleagues joining us from around the world tackling similar responsibilities and enthusiastic to find better solutions."

INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY NEWS

**Building Connections and Supporting International Students at KU:
Interview with an International Buddy Student**

ICO INTERVIEW

**ZAINA ALRAHAL**
International Buddy Student

When questioned about dealing with demanding students, Zaina emphasizes empathy and understanding. Drawing from her own experiences as a newcomer, she advises buddies to support their students during challenging times. Zaina believes that kindness and reassurance can make a significant difference in helping newcomers navigate their university journey.

We are thrilled to present an exclusive interview with Zaina, a dedicated buddy from the Buddy Program at Koç University (KU). We wanted to gain valuable insights from Zaina's experiences. In this interview, she shares her thoughts on life in Istanbul and the benefits of the Buddy Program. Zaina, an international student from Saudi Arabia, is pursuing a double major in molecular biology and genetics, along with business administration. She expresses a fascination with the diverse community in Istanbul and the enriching experiences it offers. Living in Istanbul has provided her a unique opportunity to learn about various cultures, traditions, and cuisines. Zaina also highlights the supportive environment on campus, emphasizing the university's resources for balancing academic and social life.

As a previous buddy, Zaina shares a heartwarming experience during her first year at KU. Despite the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, she was invited to a birthday party hosted by her buddy and new friends. Witnessing the bond formed within the buddy group left a lasting impression, demonstrating the program's effectiveness in helping international students combat isolation.

In the lightning round segment, Zaina shares her favorites. Her enthusiasm for Turkish cuisine, particularly "manti" as a meal and the caramel-topped milk dessert called "tirileçe" as a dessert, shines through. Zaina's love for Istanbul is evident, with her favorite spot in Istanbul being Fişekhane, and on campus, the gym and Semahat Nursel Arsel (SNA) lounge.

Concluding the interview, Zaina offers advice to KU international members and those considering joining the Buddy Program. She emphasizes the importance of becoming a role model and a good listener, as well as offering guidance and support based on personal experiences. Zaina believes that the Buddy Program is an excellent platform for international students to connect and not feel isolated during their transition to university life.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Zaina for sharing her experiences and insights with us. Her enthusiasm and dedication as a buddy are inspiring, and we hope her story motivates others to join the Buddy Program and make a positive impact on the lives of international students at KU



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SPECIAL PROJECTS & PROGRAMS NEWS

KU at Bradford & Bradford at KU

As part of the partnership between Koç University and the University of Bradford, a group of students from Koç University's Global Learning and Leadership for Sustainability program attends the University of Bradford, School of Management - International Masters Summer School, which will take place 12-16th June 2023. This year's theme is The Circular Economy: Leading the way to fix a fragmented world. Following GLLS objectives, this program supports the students' awareness of the ongoing environmental problems and aims to foster their ability to develop global solutions. Thus, this summer school teaches the students how to build a resilient and sustainable economy.

As Bradford welcomed Koç students, Koç University will host a student group from the University of Bradford in our university on July 2023. The students will take seminars from Koç professors, attend extracurricular activities, and have a chance to experience Koç University and Türkiye.



KU welcomes University of Nevada, Reno

As International Projects and Education Programs, we aim to contribute the Koç University's internationalization policy by organizing custom-made programs for our partner universities worldwide. In this respect, this semester, we work with the University of Nevada, Reno, to bring a program into being to strengthen our partnership. "Entrepreneurship & Business Program" will take place on the first of July 2023 at Koç University with the participation of students from the University of Nevada, Reno. The program aims to develop insights for the attendees on the business world and entrepreneurship. It seeks to have lectures by KU faculty members on Entrepreneurship and Business, Corporate visits to support the given seminars, and guided tours of historical Istanbul to increase the participants' knowledge of Türkiye.



SPECIAL PROJECTS & PROGRAMS NEWS

Banuu: Startup Projects Training

BANUU - Designing new pathways for employability and entrepreneurship of Iraqi students in Archaeology and Cultural Heritage project's "Training on Entrepreneurial Startup Projects" took place in Istanbul between 5-18 February. Koç University hosted 17 students from the following institutions: the University of Kufa, the University of Mosul, the University of Al-Qadisiyah and the University of Baghdad. While taking workshops titled: "New Perspectives of Leadership"; "Design Driven Innovation for Cultural Heritage"; "Open Access Sources Useful for Cultural Heritage Related Startup Projects" they also had the chance to discuss and develop their startup project ideas with KWORKS (Entrepreneurship Research Center).



MS-PCC Project: Transnational Project Meetings @ Istanbul & @ Copenhagen



Based on a collaboration between Koç University, the Universities of Oldenburg (Germany) and Copenhagen (Denmark), Edinburg (UK), the State Archaeology Department of Schleswig-Holstein (Germany), and the Ocean Decade Heritage Network (Denmark), this Erasmus Mundus Design Measures project will establish a Joint Master's program combining principles of Maritime Cultural Heritage Management, Marine Spatial Planning, and Climate Change. Istanbul (23-24 February) and Copenhagen (2-4 May) Project Meetings took place to design the new joint master's degree "Sustainable Ocean Management". As a result of fruitful discussions, the framework of the degree was established and the team will write a proposal for the EMJM call.





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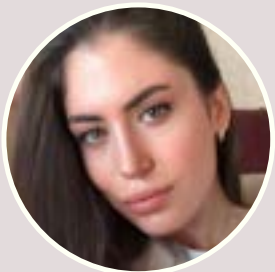
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