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IAPS-CS Culture & Space Meetings V (2026)

Organized by **Hülya Turgut, Güliz Özorhon, Didem Boyacıoğlu, Ekin Girgin, Hülya Yavaş, Eda Kış, and Beril Özelçi**, this year's Culture & Space Meetings will take place between April-December 2026, including article selection, student workshops, competitions, and a final exhibition and award ceremony.

FAD Bulletin: 10th Year Edition



This year marks the 10th anniversary of our Faculty Bulletin, a meaningful milestone that reflects a decade of shared achievements, cherished memories, and collective growth within the Özyeğin University Faculty of Architecture and Design.

On March 30, 2026, we held a memorial ceremony in honor of our esteemed colleague Prof. Dr. Orhan Hacıhasanoğlu on what would have been his birthday. It was a deeply moving gathering in which colleagues, students, friends, and family came together to honor his memory through heartfelt reflections and shared stories.

The ceremony was attended by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Mr. Hüsnü Özyeğin, and began with speeches by our President Prof. Dr. Barış Tan, and our Dean, Prof. Dr. Aslıhan Ünlü. The program continued with an emotional tribute by his beloved daughter, İlgi Hacıhasanoğlu Toprak, whose words deeply touched everyone present.

In recognition of Prof. Dr. Orhan's lasting contributions and to

Societal Impact: Seed Program Funding

Dr. Luca Orlandi received funding for his project The Living Heritage Route: A Sustainable Framework for Sinan's 16th-Century Infrastructures on the Edirne-Istanbul Sultan's Road.

Patent Filed for Outdoor Climate Sensor



A patent application was submitted for a modular outdoor temperature and humidity sensor developed as part of **Dr. Beyza Şat's Seed Fund Project**.

Interdisciplinary Encounters with Anthropology,



During Özyeğin University Anthropology Days, **Şebnem Timur and Bora Sezer** participated as speakers in the panel, contributing perspectives on design, ethnography, and interdisciplinary research. The panel was moderated by **Ali Sipahi**.

preserve his legacy, the G25 Assembly Hall, located at the entrance of our faculty building, has been named in his honor. For those who wish to share their memories or condolences, a digital condolence book is available at:

<https://taziye.ozyegin.edu.tr/>

Alongside this moment of remembrance, we also begin the year with encouraging news from the Özyeğin FAD family. Our faculty members continue to achieve success across a wide range of academic fields, competitions, and creative endeavors, reflecting the vibrant, dynamic, and collaborative spirit of our community.

As we celebrate the 10th year of this bulletin, we remain committed to documenting, sharing, and celebrating the evolving story of our faculty.

Prof. Dr. Aslıhan Ünlü
Dean

L'Atelier Bleu Renovation Competition: Winners Announced



Organized in collaboration between the Faculty of Applied Sciences and the Faculty of Architecture and Design, the L'Atelier Bleu Renovation Project Competition invited students to rethink the restaurant's spatial identity. The competition was launched through the work of **GARM 324 students (M. Abdülhamit Asan, Haymi Behar, İpek Bintaş, Aslı Sena Karagöl, Zeynep Sude Karagöl, İrem Nur Sönmez, Selin Lara Suna)** and was supported throughout by alumni **Ceren Karaakın, Begüm Şevval Acar, Ece Erdemli, Gülen Şahin, Elnur Kayaoğlu, Aslı Kılınç**. Following mentorship and jury reviews, awards went to **Lara Su Açar (1st Prize), Benan Yavuz & Ceren Öztürk (Honorable Mention), İlknur Bakır (Honorable Mention), and Joud Mansour (H. Mention)**.



AI: Rival or Partner? Workshop

Hosted by the Department of Interior Architecture and Environmental Design as part of the Design for Interiors Seminars, the workshop was organized by **Dr. Mine Özoğuz Arbay** and **Dr. Ezgi Çiçek** in collaboration with Habif Architecture, and led by **Çağrı Kaan Çetin** and **Doğancı Uysal**. The session explored the evolving role of AI in creative practice.

Architect Talks: A Critique of Information Theory in Architectural Design

Prof. Dr. Alper Ünlü delivered a seminar examining the role of information theory in architectural design as part of the Architect Talks series organized by the Chamber of Architects.

International Jury Participation: Nidos de Agua Competition



Dr. Mine Özoğuz Arbay was invited to serve as a jury member for the international design competition “Nidos de Agua,” organized by Terraviva Competitions. The competition addresses the relationship between water, landscape, and public space in Valencia’s Albufera wetlands.

Industry–Academia Collaboration: Basketball Development Center Studio



The final jury of the INAR 301–302 studios was conducted in collaboration with Teğet Architectural Office. The studio was led by Selin Üst, Pınar Artıkoğlu, Armağan Yüksekaya, and Ayşenur Canitez, providing students with professional exposure and academic feedback.

Book Launch & Exhibition: Traces of Diplomacy



The launch of *Traces of Diplomacy: Italian Representation in Türkiye*, authored by **Dr. Luca Orlandi** and **Mario Magnarelli**, was held as the first official event of ARCHITHE. The event was moderated by **Dr. Didem Boyacıoğlu**, and supported by the Italian Cultural Center and ARCHITHE.

New Book: Culture of Architecture



The digital edition of *Culture of Architecture*, edited by **Assoc. Prof. Dr. Murat Şahin** and **Hande Tunç**, is now available. A printed edition is forthcoming. <https://online.fliphtml5.com/vvnba/xsxf/#p=1>

IM2025 Interior Architecture Student Competition Finalists



Students **Zeynep Lal Aker**, **Zülal Ayla**, **Serra Çelik**, **Bendegül Çelik**, **Nilsu Dönü Tulukçu**, and **Celina Melis Dorsey** were selected as finalists in the IM2025 Furniture/Lighting Design category, organized by the Chamber of Interior Architects and hosted by Atılım University.

Guest Lecture: Boğaçhan Dünderalp



Architect Boğaçhan Dünderalp delivered a seminar titled "The Journey of an Architect / A Book: Exploring What Architecture is Capable Of" on February 19, at the Orhan Hacıhasanoğlu Hall.

New Year Tree on Campus



A new Eastern Black Sea fir has been planted on campus and labeled with both its Latin and local names, marking a new tradition for the faculty.

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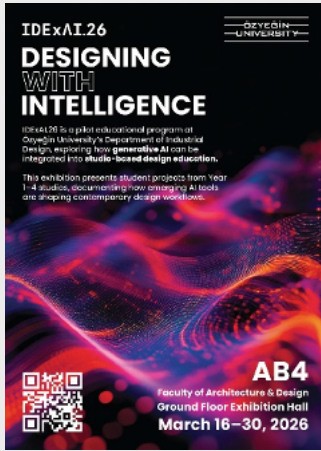
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Exhibition: Designing with Intelligence (IDExAI.26)



Organized under the leadership of **Prof. Dr. Alpay Er**, with **Serdal Korkut Avcı** as project advisor and **Res. Asst. Ulaş Tigin** as coordinator, this exhibition presented 126 student works exploring generative AI in design education.

Guest Lecture: Lee Skolnick



Invited by Fiba Holding, **Lee Skolnick** delivered a lecture titled *Working for the Common Good: Children's Museums and More*.

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