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Winner of Best Campus Shot 2025

Dean's Address



Dear Colleagues, Students, and Friends,

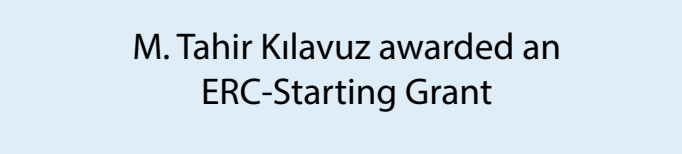
I am delighted to present the 2025 newsletter reflecting on major developments, multiple news, and achievements at FASS, where we rely on open channels of communication, teamwork, mutual respect, and sincere dedication to educational and scientific excellence. Our latest newsletter is a testimony to that.

Since our last newsletter in December 2024, new faculty members joined our ranks, new projects and grants were accepted, and national and international awards were bestowed upon our faculty members. In September 2025, we have welcomed Tahir Kilavuz, Alexander Rodivilov, Kenan Sharpe, and Hüseyin Kuyumcuoğlu as Faculty members, and Nühket Varlık as a network faculty member from Rutgers University. Our new faculty members left their tenure track positions in leading US and Turkish universities to join us.

In terms of national and international recognition, 2025 has been another prolific year. Specifically, Ayşe Betül Çelik was awarded the Outstanding Achievement Award from Kadir Has University, in recognition of her work in conflict resolution and analysis. Cenk Özbay was the proud recipient of the essay award for the Sakip Sabancı International Award in social sciences. Eren Günseli received the TÜBA-GEİP award in 2025, bringing the TÜBA-GEİP recipients at FASS to a total of 10 faculty

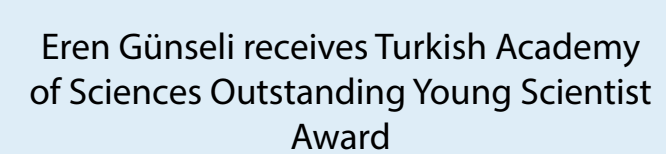
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Highlights



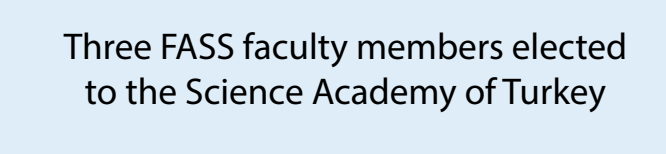
M. Tahir Kilavuz awarded an ERC-Starting Grant

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Eren Günseli receives Turkish Academy of Sciences Outstanding Young Scientist Award

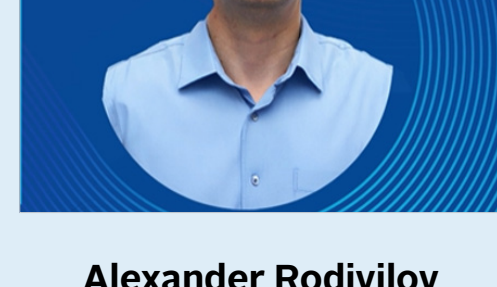
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Three FASS faculty members elected to the Science Academy of Turkey

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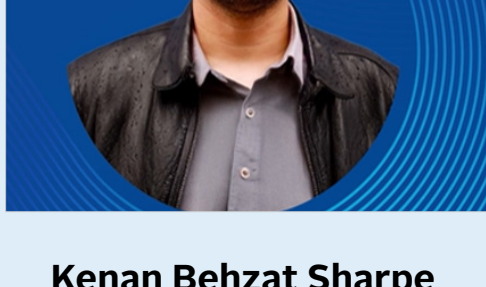
New Faculty Members



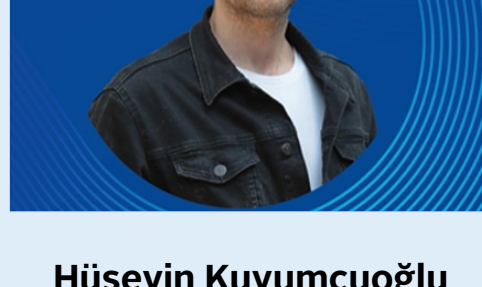
Alexander Rodivilov
Economics



M. Tahir Kilavuz
Political Science and International Relations



Kenan Behzat Sharpe
Cultural Studies and Literature



Hüseyin Kuyumcuoğlu
Philosophy and Cultural Studies

New Network Faculty Member

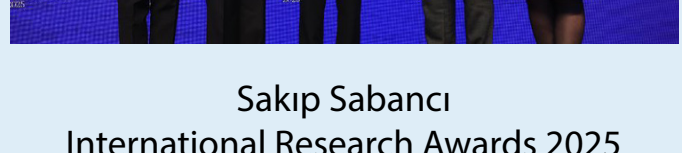


Nühket Varlık
Rutgers University, History

Upcoming Events

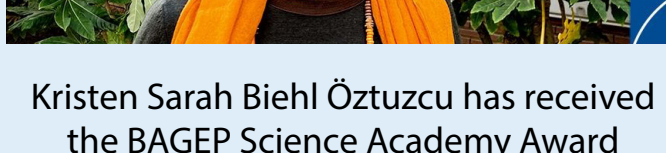
- *VIU Upcoming Events**
The PhD Academy: Preventing and Combating Violence Against Women-the Istanbul Convention after EU accession (January 26-30, 2026)
The Graduate Seminar: Mediterranean History and National Historiographies (June 22-26, 2026)
The Venice Multidisciplinary World Conference on Republics and Republicanism (June 22-28, 2026)
- *FASS Search Conference (March 27, 2026)**
- *Cambridge Global Humanities Network Summer Forum (June 10-12, 2026)**
- *FASS Advisory Board Meeting (Early Summer 2026)**
- *International Society for Intellectual History Conference (September 18-20, 2026)**

Faculty News & Events



Sakip Sabancı International Research Awards 2025

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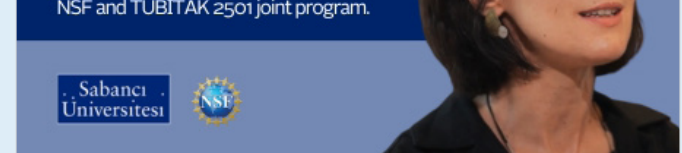
Kristen Sarah Biehl Öztüzcu has received the BAGEP Science Academy Award

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New TÜBİTAK 1001 project supports

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Grant Awarded to Çağla Aydın through National Science Foundation (NSF) and TÜBİTAK 2501 Joint Program

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Eren İnci appointed Research Affiliate at MIT ITS Lab

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Ayşe Betül Çelik receives the Outstanding Achievement Award at the 20th Kadir Has Awards

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Gül Günaydin appointed Interim Director of The Love Consortium (TLC)

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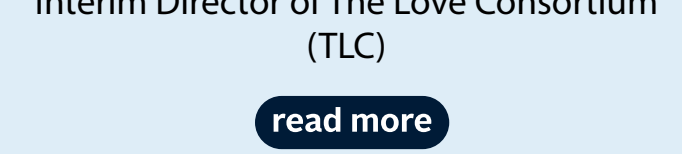
Banu Turnaoğlu-Açan awarded Bye-Fellowship at Cambridge's Lucy Cavendish College

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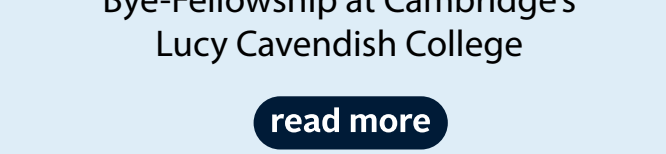
Ayşe Kadioğlu spent a semester at European University Institute, Florence as a senior fellow

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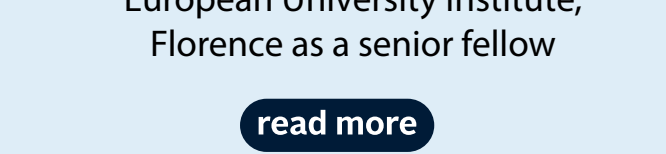
Emrehan Aktuğ appointed as the director of TÜSİAD-Sabancı University Competitiveness Forum

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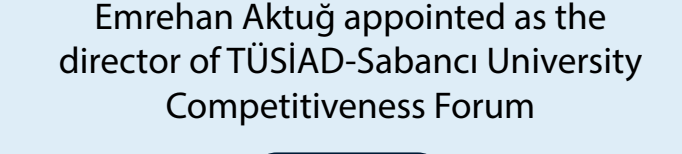
Our Faculty Members participated in the Annual Conference of the Siyasi İlimler Derneği

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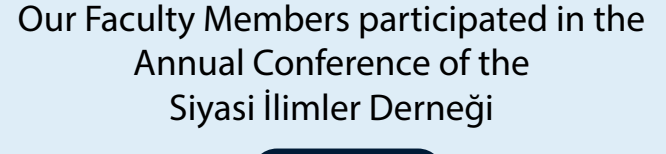
Banu Turnaoğlu-Açan awarded the British Council ISPF Grant

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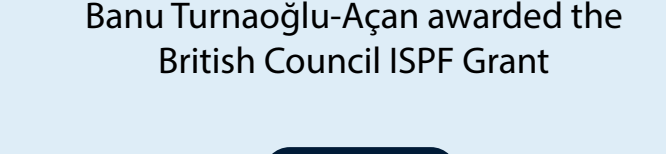
Sabancı University at the Cambridge University Global Humanities Forum

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Foreign Policy in the Light of European Values: EU-VALUES Conference held at Sabancı University

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Best Campus Shot 2025 Photography Competition

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The FASS Advisory Board has been established

*The first physical meeting will be held in early summer 2026.

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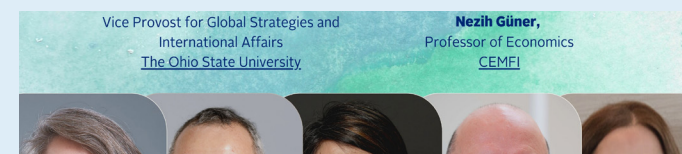
"Prof. Dr. Fuat Keyman: Bilimin İzinde Bir Ömür" Commemoration Meeting

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Lecture at the Sakip Sabancı Center for Turkish Studies, Columbia University by Zeynep Güllü Gökçer

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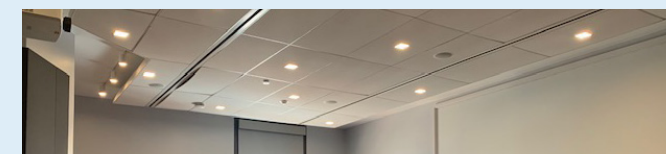
Memorandum of Understanding with Durham University

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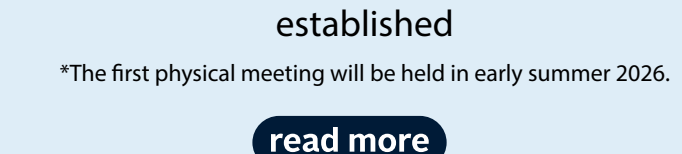
Memorandum of Understanding with University of Hong Kong (CityU)

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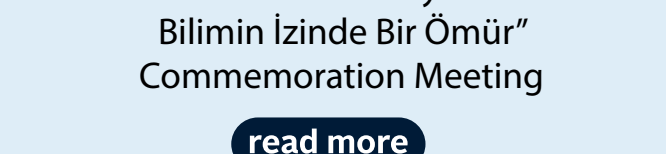
Memorandum of Understanding with Northwestern University

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The 3rd International Conference on Gender Studies in Türkiye

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Sound Installations Exhibition, Seichiro Matsumura

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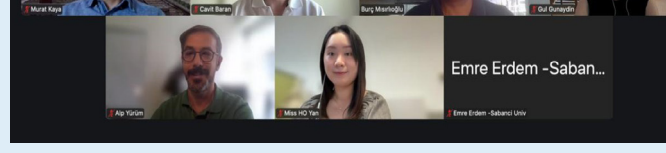
FASS Welcomed External Accreditation Teams for Undergraduate Programs

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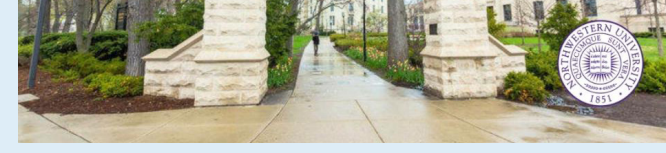
Ayşe Betül Çelik, recipient of the Societal Impact Award at Sabancı University's Science and Arts Awards

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Faik Kurtulmuş receives Teaching Award Based on Student Evaluations

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Emre Erol and Mehmet Kuru receive Honor Award in Teaching

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Highlights from the Seminar Series



Global Racial Capitalism & the Politics of Refusal



"Europe and Türkiye in an Increasingly Transnational World: New Challenges and Prospects"



Cultural Studies Speaker Series



Riccardo Olocco

Student & Alumni News



Yasemin Tosun receives 3501 TÜBİTAK Career Support

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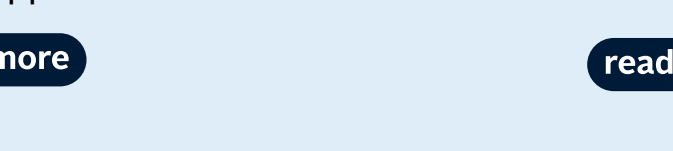
Fatih Doğan awarded Best Master's Thesis in the Field of Ottoman Studies

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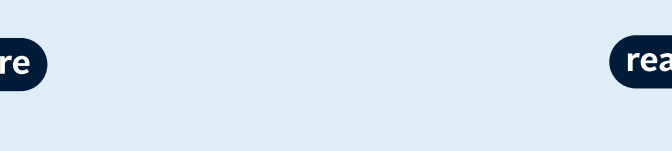
Graduate Student Paper Award Results

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A Creative Workshop Gathering with the University of the Arts London

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ISA Annual Convention in Chicago

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Videos



Gül Günaydin and Emre Selçuk describe their courses and joint research on social ties and happiness



Feyza Çorapçı shares her work in child mental health and her clinical psychology courses



Junko Kanero describes her cross-cultural research on false memory



Sabancı University Establishes a Special Chair in Memory of Prof. Fuat Keyman!