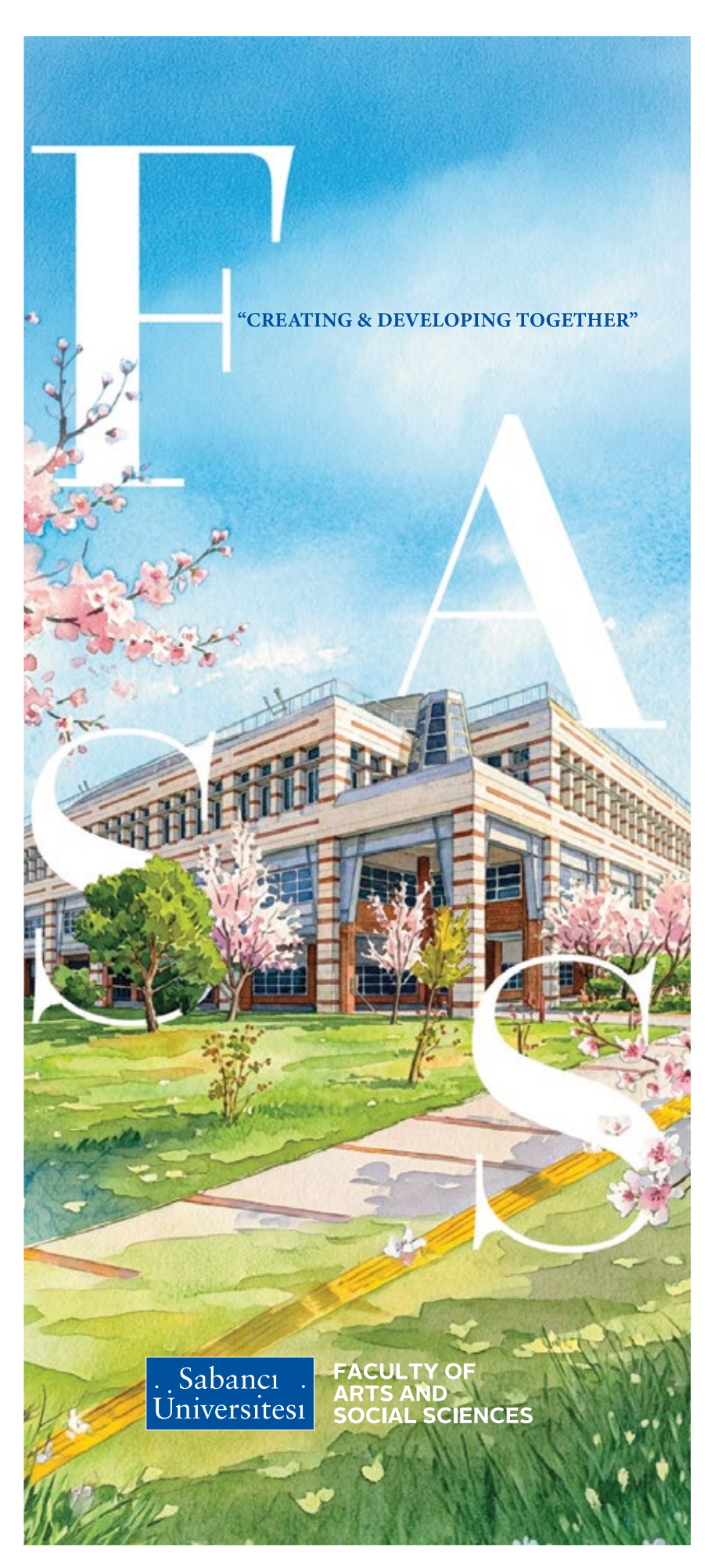




“CREATING & DEVELOPING TOGETHER”

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FACULTY OF
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OUR VISION

- Promote a vibrant interdisciplinary education around a strong core curriculum.
 - Scholarly excellence gauged by international standards.
 - Solid core foundation along with the fluidity of porous disciplinary borders, collaboration along with independence, answers along with questions, and ideas along with practices.
 - Strong commitment to nurturing a culture of research excellence within our faculty, devoted to advancing knowledge, fostering new ideas, and empowering our academic community to make enduring contributions to the world.
- 4 Undergraduate Programs & 5 Minor Programs
 - 6 Master's Programs
 - 4 PhD Programs
 - ~58 Full-time Faculty Members
 - ~650 Undergraduate & ~200 Graduate Students
 - 12% International Student Body
 - +60 Global Partners in 25 Countries

**“Elevate your career in
a highly ranked research university”**

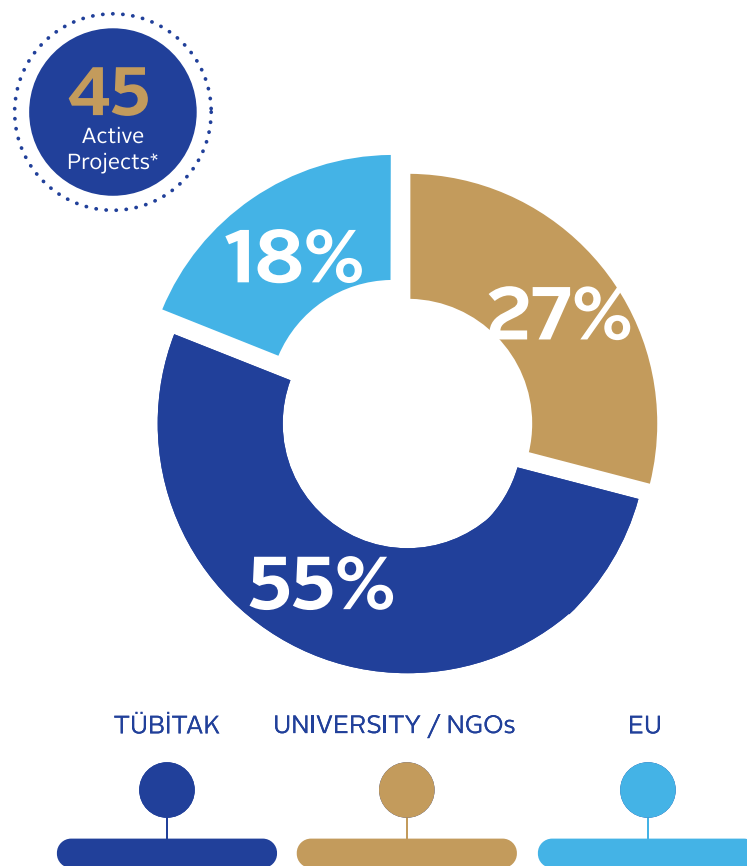
Ranked at the 151-175 band in Social Sciences field in 2026, ranked first among universities in Türkiye.

Sabancı University has a unique education system arising from its mission to use innovative trans-disciplinary research to develop internationally competent and confident individuals who advance and foster knowledge in the social sciences.



**Types of publications included and indexed in Scopus: Articles, reviews, conference papers, books, and book chapters.*

One of the highest recipients of European funded projects among Turkish universities



**as of June 2026*

RESEARCH CENTERS AFFILIATED WITH FASS

Istanbul Policy Center

Istanbul Policy Center (IPC) is a global policy research institution that specializes in key social and political issues ranging from democratization to climate change and transatlantic relations to conflict resolution and mediation. IPC organizes and conducts its research under six main clusters:

- The Istanbul Policy Center - Sabancı University - Stiftung Mercator Initiative
- Climate Change
- Democratization and Institutional Reform
- SHURA Energy Transition Center
- Urbanization and Local Governance
- Conflict Resolution, Mediation, and Living Together

SUGender

Sabancı University Gender and Women's Studies Center of Excellence produces cutting-edge research on gender and sexuality and is home to many international and national-scale projects conducting gender-focused research on social and political issues including but not limited to urbanization, migration, labor-market participation, governance, gender mainstreaming, education, ecology, health, among others. The center also implements numerous gender equality and diversity training programs geared towards educational institutions, civil society organizations, and the private sector, and frequently conduct dissemination and outreach activities e.g. conferences, workshops, webinars, summer/winter schools, film screenings, and performances, in close collaboration with diverse societal actors.



Psychology Program Research Labs

- Group Testing Lab
- Robot Lab
- Cognition & Behavior (Mind) Lab
- Eye-Tracking Lab
- EEG Neuroscience Labs
- Social Psychology Lab
- Image Processing Studio (observational social & developmental research)
- Multipurpose Psychology Space
- Experimental Testing Cubicles



Interdisciplinary Research Labs

- Computational Social Sciences Lab
- Digital Humanities Lab

Visual Arts & Visual Communication Design Program Studios

- Art Studios Building (SUSAM)
- 3D Design Studio
- Computer-Aided Design Studios
- Photography & VFX / Motion Capture Studio
- Interaction Sound Design Lab Studio
- SUSAM Art Gallery
- KASA Gallery



Undergraduate Programs

- Economics
- Political Science & International Relations
- Psychology
- Visual Arts & Visual Communication Design

Minor Programs

- Decision and Behavior
- Philosophy
- Art Theory and Criticism
- Society, Culture, and Politics
- International Studies

Graduate Programs

✓ MA / MS

- Cultural Studies
- Economics
- History
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Visual Arts & Visual Communication Design

✓ PhD

- (Experimental & Social) Psychology
- Economics
- History
- Political Science

GRADUATE ADMISSIONS

Time Line

- March - Applications Call
- End of May / Early June - Applications Deadline
- June - Interviews, Decisions & Offers
- September - Registrations and Start of the Academic Year

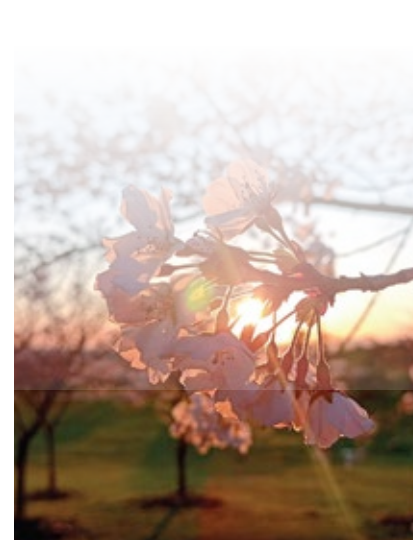
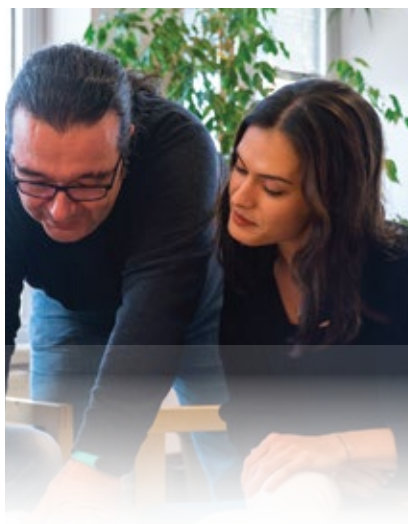
Scholarships & Benefits

- Full & Project Scholarships: Monthly stipends + housing / transportation support
- Tuition waivers
- Private health insurance
- International conference travel funding for paper presentation
- Erasmus + Short-term PhD Mobility

Application Requirements

- GRE / ALES Scores
- English Proficiency
- Statement of Purpose
- Letters of Recommendation
- Transcripts

**Graduate Education Entrance Exam in Türkiye (for Turkish citizens)*



SELECT PARTNERSHIPS

- Columbia University - Sakıp Sabancı Chair for Turkish Studies
- Cambridge University, as a partner university of "Global Humanities Network"
- Oxford University, "Dahrendorf Programme at the European Studies Centre"
- University of California, Berkeley
- University of Bergen, Faculty of Fine Art, Music and Design
- Durham University
- Northwestern University
- Tokyo University of Technology, School of Design
- Loughborough University School of Social Sciences & Humanities
- European University Institute, Florence
- European University St Petersburg
- Venice International University
- Ohio State University
- City University, Hong Kong
- Diego Portales University – Santiago, Chile

FASS AWARDS

TÜBİTAK Science Awards

- Mehmet Baç (2008)

TÜBA-TÜBİTAK Encouragement Awards

- Meltem Müftüler-Baç (2002)
- Özgür Kıbrıs (2003)
- Eren İnci (2018)
- Gül Günaydın (2019)
- Emre Selçuk (2020)
- Çiğdem Bağcı (2022)
- Eren Günseli (2024)

TÜBA GEBİP (Distinguished Young Scientist) Award

- Meltem Müftüler-Baç (2003)
- Mehmet Yörükoğlu (2004)
- Özgür Kıbrıs (2006)
- Abdurrahman Aydemir (2009)
- Ayşe Parla (2011)
- Eren İnci (2014)
- Mert Moral (2020)
- Mustafa Oğuz Afacan (2020)
- Çiğdem Bağcı (2022)
- Eren Günseli (2025)

Sakıp Sabancı International Research Awards

- Berk Esen (2018)
- Mert Moral (2022)
- Banu Turnaoğlu (2023)
- Cenk Özbay (2025)

Other Selected Awards

- 3 Jean Monnet Chairs, Meltem Müftüler-Baç (2006), Bahri Yılmaz (2010), Ahmet Evin (2011)
- Jean Monnet Center of Excellence Meltem Müftüler-Baç (2011)
- Brian Perry Prize, The British Academy, Faik Kurtulmuş (2024)
- The Richard von Weizsäcker Fellowship, Robert Bosch Academy (2023), Senem Aydın-Düzgit
- Official Order of the Star of Italy (Ufficiale Ordine della Stella d'Italia) Ayşe Betül Çelik (2021)
- Societal Impact, Sabancı Awards in Arts and Science, Ayşe Betül Çelik (2026)

Other Selected Awards

- 14 BAGEP Awards

FACULTY PROFILES

Eren İnci

Economics Faculty Member



Eren İnci is a Professor of Economics at Sabancı University. He received his BSc in Management Engineering from Istanbul Technical University in 2002, his MA in Economics from Boston College in 2004, and his PhD in Economics from Boston College in 2007. His research lies at the intersection of urban economics and transportation economics, with a particular focus on the economics of parking, traffic congestion, and urban mobility. His work examines how parking policies, pricing mechanisms, and transportation systems shape the livability, efficiency, and sustainability of cities. He has published widely on urban parking policy and has contributed to the development of parking economics as an interdisciplinary research area. In 2014, he received both the TÜBA-GEBİP Outstanding Young Scientist Award from the Turkish Academy of Sciences and the BAGEP Young Scientist Award from the Science Academy. In 2018, he was awarded the TÜBİTAK Incentive Award. He served as Vice Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at Sabancı University from 2017 to 2024 and was a member of the Executive Committee of the International Transportation Economics Association from 2016 to 2024. He is currently a Research Affiliate at the Intelligent Transportation Systems Lab at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a researcher at the Smart Mobility and Logistics Lab at Sabancı University.

Abdurrahman Atçıl

History Faculty Member



Abdurrahman Atçıl is an Full Professor of History at Sabancı University. He received his PhD from the University of Chicago in 2010. He is particularly interested in questions of law, religion, and politics in the early modern Ottoman Empire. Atçıl is currently leading two major research projects. The first, OTTOLEGAL, funded by the European Research Council, examines religio-legal opinions and sultanic decrees to investigate the formation of law in the Ottoman Empire between 1450 and 1650. The second project, Digital Tabaqat, funded by the Centre for Islamic Studies (ISAM) in Istanbul, introduces a groundbreaking approach to biographical data collection and analysis through its database, which allows researchers to identify and display associations between people, events, dates, and places across a range of biographical dictionaries.

FACULTY PROFILES

Ayşe Betül Çelik

*Political Science and
International Relations Faculty Member*



Ayşe Betül Çelik is a Full Professor of Political Science at Sabancı University, İstanbul, and Honorary Faculty Member at the University of Warwick. She specializes in ethnic conflict, peace processes, gender and peacebuilding, forced migration, and reconciliation, with a particular focus on Türkiye's Kurdish issue. She is a principal researcher on a European Research Council advanced grant transferred to UKRI (PEACERETURN) and an EU Horizon project (EXPRESS). Her work appears in journals such as Security Dialogue, Cooperation and Conflict, and Third World Quarterly. Recipient of the Italian Order of the Star (Ufficiale, 2021), the Kadir Has Outstanding Achievement Award, and Sabancı University's Social Impact Award (both 2025), she also co-founded the Türkiye Antenna of the Mediterranean Women Mediators Network.

Zeynep Gülru Göker

*Political Science and
International Relations Faculty Member*



Zeynep Gülru Göker is an Associate Professor of Political Science and The Director of SU Gender (Sabancı University Gender and Women's Studies Center of Excellence). She is among the first graduates of Sabancı University, where she received her B.A. in Social and Political Sciences in 2003, and went on to earn her Ph.D. in political science, with a specialization in political theory, from the City University of New York Graduate Center (2011). She joined Sabancı University in 2017 as a researcher and has been a faculty member since 2021. Her research interests are feminist political theory, gender and politics, participatory and deliberative democracy, the politics of gender equality, and care ethics. Her work has been published in, among others, Social Politics, Gender, Place & Culture, Third World Quarterly, and the European Journal of Women's Studies. Dr. Göker has held several roles as lead and co-lead investigator in European Commission and TÜBİTAK (the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye) projects on themes including gender and politics, gender equality in institutions, youth, political participation, and urban governance.

Selçuk Artut

*Visual Arts & Visual Communication Design
Faculty Member*



Selçuk ARTUT's artistic research and production focus on theoretical and practical dimensions of human-technology relations. Artut's artworks have been exhibited at Sonar İstanbul (2023), AKM (İstanbul, 2022), Dystopia Sound Art Festival (Berlin, 2018), Moving Image NY (New York, 2015), Art13 London (London, 2013), ICA London (London, 2012), Art Hong Kong (Hong Kong, 2011), İstanbul Biennale (İstanbul, 2007).

An author of seven books and an editor of one, Artut is a Full Professor at the Visual Arts and Visual Communication Design Program at Sabancı University, İstanbul where he mainly teaches Sound and Interaction Courses.

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www.selcukartut.com

Çiğdem Bağcı

Psychology Faculty Member



Çiğdem Bağcı is a Full Professor of Social Psychology at the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. After completing her BSc degree in psychology at Boğaziçi University, she continued her academic career at the University of Surrey (MSc in Research Methods) and Goldsmiths, University of London (PhD) in the United Kingdom.

Çiğdem Bağcı likes to conduct both theoretical and applied research in the field of intragroup and intergroup relationships. She is interested in exploring relationships between various intergroup processes among both majority and minority-group-status children and adults. Her main research areas include intergroup contact and cross-group friendships, prejudice and discrimination, social identity, and psychological well-being. She has received the TÜBA-GEBİP and TÜBİTAK Teşvik awards both granted in 2022.

Please visit her groupsy lab at:
<https://www.groupsy-lab.com/>

ALUMNI STORIES

- **Selahattin Selşah Paşalı**
(BA SPS'08)
MA - Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS)
PhD - Geneva Graduate Institute
Social Affairs Officer at United Nations ESCAP (Bangkok)
- **Cihan Kılıçcıoğlu**
(BA VACD'08)
Senior Animator at Frame Store (England)
- **Salih Keçoğlu**
(BA ECON'12)
MA - Stanford University (Economics)
Investment Professional at Intera Investments
- **Esin Eryüksel**
(BA PSY'22)
MA - Özyeğin University (Couple and Family Therapy)
Teaching Assistant at Özyeğin University

~2000

UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI

%40

pursue
graduate studies

%34

professional career in
“executive” roles

~1250

GRADUATE ALUMNI

77

PhD Alumni

%54

of our PhD alumni hold
“faculty member” positions

- **Beste İrem Köse**
(MA CULT'22)
Goethe University, Frankfurt, Ph.D. Student
- **Emine Zeren Taşpınar**
(PhD ECON'16)
Assistant Professor, MEF University
- **Hilal Cemile Tümer**
(MA HIST'21)
University of California, Berkeley, Ph.D. Student
- **Aylin Ece Çiçek**
(PhD PS'20)
Assistant Professor, Istanbul University
- **Mustafa Oğuz Afacan**
(MA ECON'08)
PhD - Stanford University
Associate Professor, Mohamed bin Zayed University of Artificial Intelligence
- **Arzu Kıbrıs**
(PhD PS'10)
Associate Professor, University of Warwick
- **Zeynep Deniz Özden**
(BA PSY'19)
MA - Sabancı University (Psychology)
Project Consultant, IPSOS Türkiye
- **Heymi Behar**
(BA PSIR'08)
MA- Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS)
International Energy Agency – Senior Analyst (Paris)



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