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Dean's Address

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Dear colleagues, students, and friends,

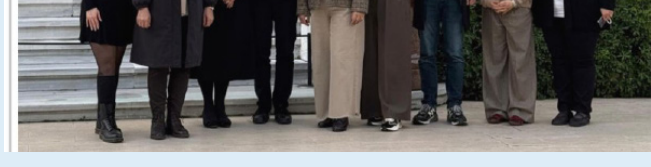
It is with great delight that I share our latest newsletter with you.

First, let me begin by sharing the wonderful news about our accreditation process. One of the most important milestones since our last newsletter is the formal accreditation of three of our undergraduate programs. Our Psychology undergraduate program received accreditation from the Türkiye Psikologlar Derneği, Economics from STAR Accreditation, and Visual Arts and Visual Communication Design from ILAD. All three undergraduate programs were accredited for five years, from 2026 to 2031. This is a significant step in recognizing the excellence of our undergraduate programs, providing external validation of our teaching quality. It was also a particularly difficult feat to accomplish. We are proud of our programs, faculty members, administrative staff, and students for achieving this critical milestone.

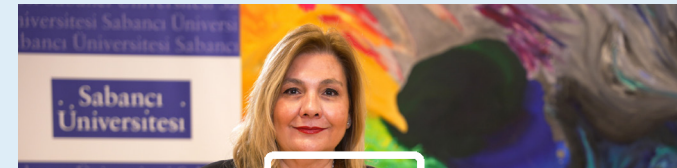
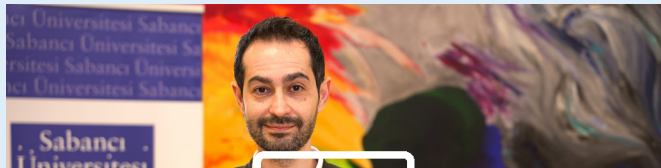
Over the last eight months, we have organized numerous workshops and conferences and launched new research and mobility projects. Our visitors included leading social scientists and artists from around the world, who met with our students and collaborated with our faculty members. Stephen Frosh from Birkbeck, University of London; Sofian Merabet from the University of Texas at Austin; Sara Algoe from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Bilge Yilmaz from the University of

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Highlights

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Psychology, Economics and VAVCD receive
Accreditation for 5 years (2026-2031)[read more](#)FASS hosted the Annual Summer Forum
for Cambridge Global Humanities Network
in June 2026[read more](#)

Times Higher Education (THE) Rankings 2026

Meltem Müftüler-Baç on Faculty of Arts
and Social Sciences Ranking in the
THE 2026Emre Selçuk on the Psychology
Program Ranking in the
THE 2026Three New International
Partnership Agreements in progressAgreements of academic cooperation,
student and staff exchange and
future collaborative activities are in
progress with*European University St Petersburg
*Ohio State University
*Diego Portales University - Santiago, Chile

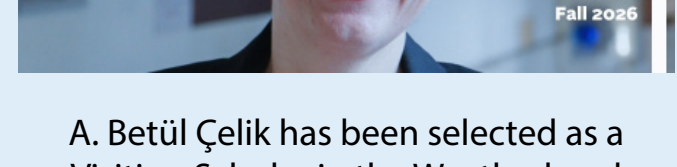
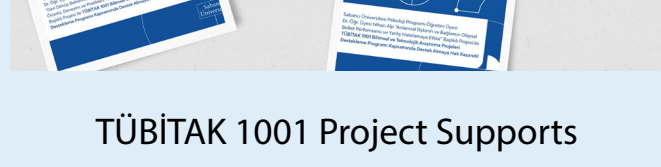
A New Category of Faculty Members: Adjunct Faculty Members

Ayşe Zarakol,
University of Cambridge,
International RelationsAyşe Üskül,
University of Sussex,
Social and Cultural PsychologyMustafa Kutlay,
City University of London,
International Politics

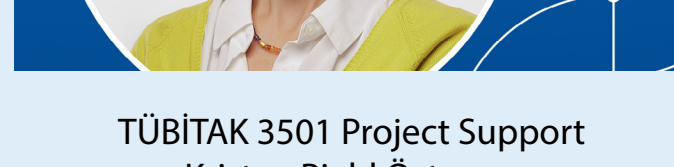
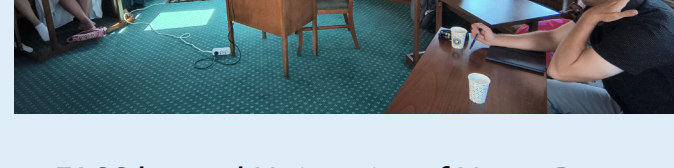
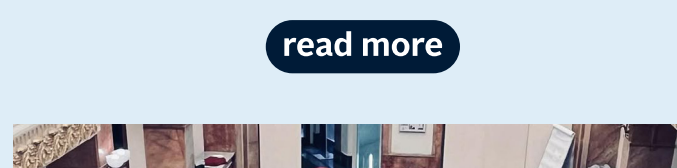
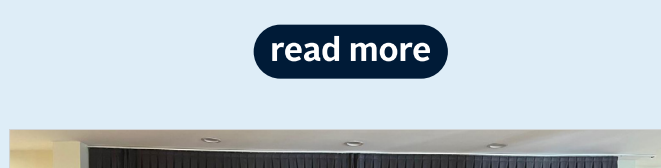
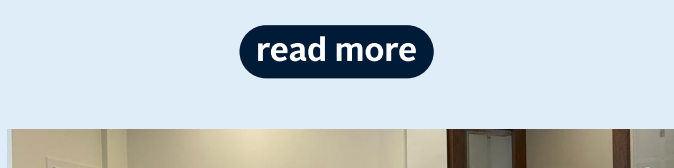
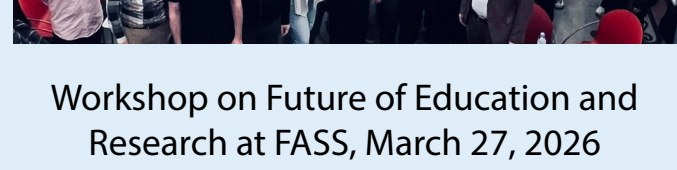
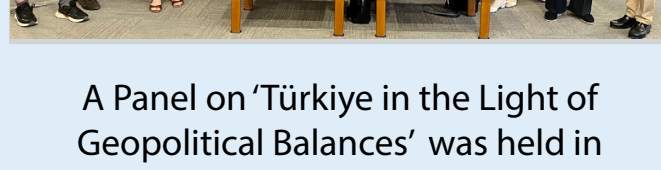
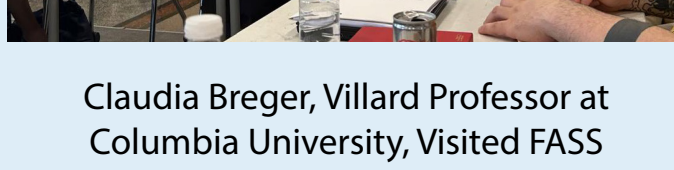
Faculty News & Events



World University Rankings (QS) 2026

[read more](#)QUEST Project Receives Support from
Horizon Europe[read more](#)Ayşe Kadioğlu on her appointment as
the Sakıp Sabancı Visiting Professor at
Columbia University[read more](#)A. Betül Çelik has been selected as a
Visiting Scholar in the Weatherhead
Scholars Program at Harvard University[read more](#)

TÜBİTAK 1001 Project Supports

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Kristen Biehl Öztuzcu[read more](#)Sakıp Sabancı, Honorary Chair of
Sabancı University, Commemorated with
International Research Awards[read more](#)Peter Katzenstein visits Sabancı University:
A Day on Uncertainty, Power, and
Academic Journeys[read more](#)FASS hosted University of Notre Dame
Istanbul Summer Study Abroad Program[read more](#)Workshop on Future of Education and
Research at FASS, March 27, 2026[read more](#)A Panel on 'Türkiye in the Light of
Geopolitical Balances' was held in
Honor of Ahmet Evrim[read more](#)Claudia Breger, Villard Professor at
Columbia University, Visited FASS[read more](#)Varak Ketsemanian, the first Cambridge
Global Humanities Network Mobility
Scheme Scholar at FASS[read more](#)Sabancı University 2026
Graduation Ceremony was held[read more](#)FASS Advisory Board Meeting held on
Tuzla Campus[read more](#)Ateş Altınordu visited
the Sakıp Sabancı Center for Turkish
Studies, Columbia University, Spring 2026[read more](#)"Ottoman Mobilities and Interactions"
Symposium held at Sabancı University[read more](#)Elif Dalkır joined FASS as Visiting Faculty in
Spring 2026[read more](#)

FASS faculty members organize activities at the Venice International University Consortium

The Venice International University PhD
Academy: "Preventing and Combating
Violence Against Women – the Istanbul
Convention after EU accession"[read more](#)Mediterranean History Seminar at
Venice International University[read more](#)Venice Multidisciplinary World
Conference on Republics and
Republicanism[read more](#)

FASS participates in Cambridge Global Humanities Summer School, 2026

Global Humanities Network Summer
School featured Kerem Ozan Bayraktar's
Workshop on Urban Micro-Ecologies[read more](#)History PhD Student Necati Ege Keklik
Attended Cambridge Global Humanities
Summer School[read more](#)

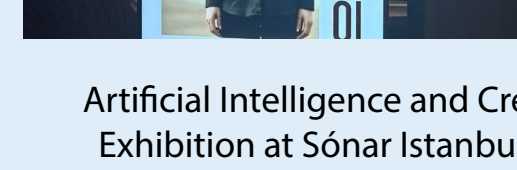
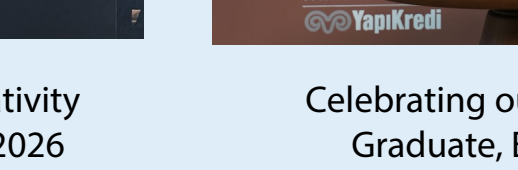
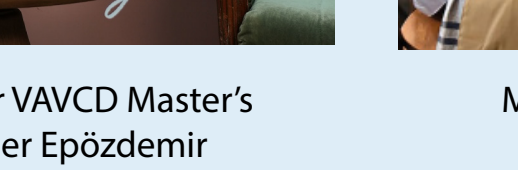
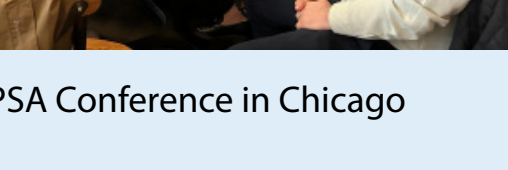
Highlights from the Seminar Series

Psychology Seminar
Everyday emotions and social behaviors
that promote social bondsECON Seminar by Huseyin Yildirim
Modeling Behavioral Specific Firm Training with
Career-Governed WorkersCultural Studies Speaker Series
Prof. Dr. Nergiz Arslan: Testing for the Ottoman Past in TurkeyPolitical Science and International Relations
Brown Bag Seminar Series
by Ulas Eroglu (Northwestern University)Design is the message
The Graphic Art of Felice Tosi

Student & Alumni News

Artificial Intelligence and Creativity
Exhibition at Sönar İstanbul 2026[read more](#)Celebrating our VAVCD Master's
Graduate, Eser Epözdemir[read more](#)

MPSA Conference in Chicago

[read more](#)Crossing Lines: Transdisciplinary
Encounters on Psychosocial and
Mental Health Conference[read more](#)Nihat Muğurtay presented at the
European Security Workshop[read more](#)VAVCD students participated in
Borderless Artbook Days[read more](#)We Successfully held our FASS
Graduate Open House Event[read more](#)

Videos

Gül Günaydin and Emre Selçuk
describe their courses and joint
research on social ties and happinessFezra Çorapçı shares her work in
child mental health and her clinical
psychology coursesJunko Kanero describes her
cross-cultural research on false
memoryWe remember
our esteemed
professor,
Sabri Sayarı, with
love and respect.

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