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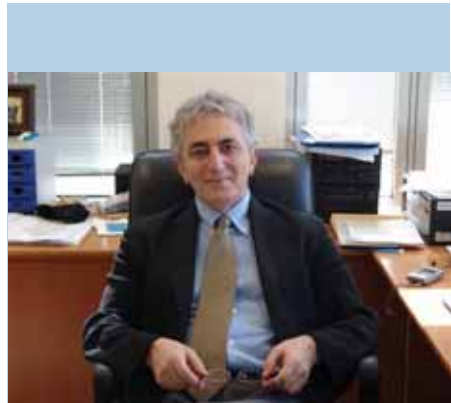
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### Dean's Address

I am very happy to present our first newsletter, inaugurating a twice yearly series, where we intend to bring together selected events and news from the stream that regularly appears on our websites. These will reflect the unique mix of disciplines that make up our Faculty, from Humanities and History to Social, Cultural and Political Studies, from Art to Economics, bearing witness to our commitment to academic excellence along with our concern for reaching out.

With warmest regards,

**Ahmet Alkan**



## Faculty News

→ **Ersin Kalaycıođlu** has returned to Sabancı University after serving as the Rector of Iflk University from 2004 to 2007. He is a professor of Political Science. Most recently he authored *Turkish Dynamics: A Bridge Across Troubled Lands* (New York: Macmillan-Palgrave, 2005), and co-authored with Ali arkođlu *Turkish Democracy Today: Elections, Protest and Stability in an Islamic Society*, (London: I. B. Tauris, 2007). Currently, Ersin Kalaycıođlu is carrying out studies of socio-political orientations and attitudes toward politics and voting behavior in Turkey in collaboration with Ali arkođlu.

# Faculty News



→ **Ayhan Akman** received Greek State Scholarship Foundation (I.K.Y) postdoctoral fellowship award from September 2006 to March 2007 and a postdoctoral fellowship at the Chicago Center for Contemporary Theory at the University of Chicago in Spring 2007.

→ **Halil Berktaş** has been a Visiting Scholar at the Center for Middle Eastern Studies at Harvard University since December 2006.

→ **fiükrü Haniođlu**, a well-known historian from Princeton University, offered a course titled "Reform and the History of Ideas in the Ottoman Empire" at Sabancı University in Summer 2007.

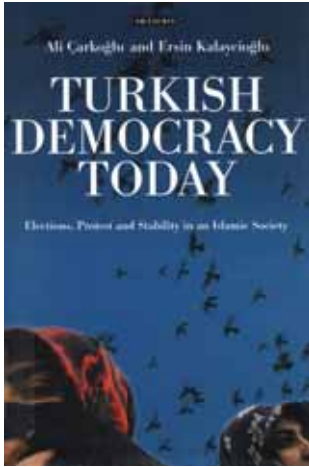
→ Sabancı University's Economics program and its faculty members ranked highly in a recent study supported by TÜBİTAK. The results can be accessed from the link below:

<http://www.rotahaber.com/haber/20070918/TUBITAK-destegiyle-ekonomist-arandi.php>

→ **Murat Germen** was interviewed by the online French graphic design magazine Immersion Graphique. <http://immerg.com>



## Books by Faculty Members



# Books

→ **Ali Çarkoğlu and Ersin Kalaycıoğlu. Turkish Democracy Today: Elections, Protest and Stability in an Islamic Society. London: I. B. Tauris, 2007.**

The authors of this volume combine cutting-edge theory with in-depth empirical research to address the key issues in contemporary Turkish politics; the rise of democratic Islamist parties and the implications of their ascendancy for political stability and democratic governance. They offer important conclusions on voter decision-making in Turkey, and provide a rigorous theoretical framework for identifying trends and anticipating future developments.

→ **Sumru Altuğ and Alpay Filiztekin (eds.). The Turkish Economy: The Real Economy, Corporate Governance, and Reform. New York: Routledge, 2006.**

Including contributions from noted international scholars, this collection of papers provides a strong theoretical and empirical underpinning for the discussion of major public policy issues facing Turkey today. The matters addressed include determinants of growth and productivity; education and human capital accumulation; income inequality; corporate control and government; performance of the government sector; and the impact of major public policy issues on the future growth prospects of the Turkish economy. This volume relates the impact of major public policy issues on the future growth prospects of the Turkish economy. At a time when Turkey is currently attempting to gain membership to the European Union, this pertinent reference questions whether the country's economy is in fact ready for EU accession and membership.

# Books



→ **Hülya Canbakal. Society and Politics in an Ottoman Town: Ayntâb in the 17th Century.** Leiden: Brill, 2006.

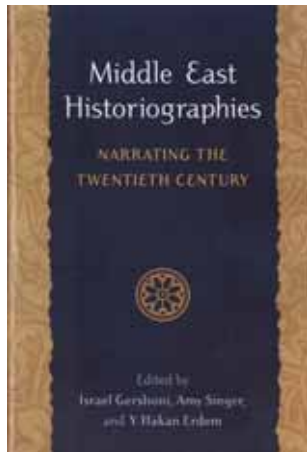
This book deals with a provincial town attending to its day-to-day business against the backdrop of an exacting war fought far a field against the Habsburgs (1683-99). The dynamics of long-term economic growth were temporarily disturbed by the wartime economy while realignment in center-periphery relations affected the local power structure and practices of status management. Meanwhile, the local elite continued to dominate public life, hence the lives of commoners. This study opens a window onto this world through a close examination of the court records of the town.



→ **Cemil Koçak. Belgelerle İktidar ve Serbest Cumhuriyet Fırkası,** İstanbul: Letiflim Yayınları, 2006.

This book deals with the history of the Republican Free Party using a methodology of historiography based on a rigorous analysis of the official documents of its time. It contributes to our understanding of Turkish political history from a critical perspective.

# Books



→ **Hakan Erdem et al. (eds.). Middle East Historiographies: Narrating the Twentieth Century. Seattle and London: University of Washington Press, 2006.**

This collection of ten essays focuses on the way major schools and individuals have narrated histories of the Middle East. The distinguished contributors explore the historiography of economic and intellectual history, nationalism, fundamentalism, colonialism, the media, slavery, and gender. In doing so, they engage with some of the most controversial issues of the twentieth century.



→ **Ayşe Betül Çelik et al. (eds.). Coming to Terms with Forced Migration: Post-Displacement Restitution of Citizenship Rights in Turkey. İstanbul: TESEV Publications, 2007.**

TESEV's Internal Displacement and Social Rehabilitation Project has recently published the English edition of the book initially published in Turkish in June 2006. The book compares Turkey's experience of internal displacement with other country examples, situates it in the international framework and offers policy proposals. She contributed to it on the theoretical framework to analyze the issue from a conflict resolution perspective, reviewed the literature on the EU and U.S.A.'s role in changing Turkey's position on the issue, and evaluated the situation in Batman, one of the internally displaced-producing cities.

# Books



→ Hasan Bülent Kahraman. **Türk Sağı ve AKP**. İstanbul: Agora Kitaplığı, 2007.

This book analyzes first, the usually evasive and ambiguous notion of the formation of the Turkish political right in its historical contextuality. The main axis of the analysis is the ideological content of this political flank, concentrating on the notion of conservatism and partly on nationalism. Second, the book examines AKP as a party with Islamic roots attempting to establish a new political realm. The book argues that AKP's success could be considered in relation with the problematic character of Turkish modernity.

# Exhibits

## Exhibits by Faculty Members

→ **Elif Ayiter**, "**The Bridge Project**," Computational Aesthetics 2007, Eurographics Exhibition, Banff, Canada, 2007 and "**Deconstructing the Palace/ground**" the Planetary Collegium Summit, Montreal, Canada, 2007.

→ **Murat Germen**, "**Brid6e/Köprü6 - Photographers in Galata**," Group Exhibit, İstanbul Modern 2007, and "**Virtual Architecture; Reconstructing Architecture through Photography**," Siggraph Art Gallery, San Diego, 2007.



→ **Selçuk Artut**, "**Substairs**," Installation Piece, 10th International İstanbul Biennial, 2007.



→ **Selim Birsnel**, "**Time Present Time Past - Highlights from 20 years of the International İstanbul Biennial**," İstanbul Modern, 2007; "**Modern and Beyond, 50 Years of Modern and Contemporary Art in Turkey 1950-2000**," Santralİstanbul, 2007; "**Off The Record/ Kayıtdışı**" Port 07 International Art Festival, Çetin Emeç Art Gallery, İzmir, 2007; and "**Next Code: Love**" Steirischer Herbst Festival of New Art, Gleisdorf, Austria, 2007.

# Exhibits

→ **Erda Aksel**, "**NEV/Tepebaşı**," Group Exhibit, Galeri Nev, İstanbul, 2007; "**Modern and Beyond, 50 Years of Modern and Contemporary Art in Turkey 1950-2000**" Santralistanbul, 2007, and "**Installation Pieces**" Port 07 International Art Festival, <KSEV Building, İzmir, 2007.



→ **Alex Wong**, "**Multicultural Land Form**," The Photographers Gallery, Starhill Plaza, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 2007.



→ **Wieslaw Zaremba**, "**A Journey to Self Expression within Figure**," Roman Gajewski Group Exhibit, Limkokwing University of Creative Technology, Malaysia, 2007.





## Awards/ Grants

### Awards and Grants by Faculty Members

→ **Ayfle Gül Albnay** was awarded the TÜBİTAK Young Researcher Career Award in 2006. As part of this award, Albnay will conduct a research project titled "Redefining 'Women's Place' in Eastern and Southeastern Anatolia; The Case of KA-MER". The project focuses on the multifaceted work done by KAMER, a women's organization that operates in Eastern and Southeastern Turkey in the field of women's empowerment, the struggle against gender-based violence (including honor killings), pre-school education for girls and boys, and women's entrepreneurship.  
[http://www.tubitak.gov.tr/tubitak\\_content\\_files/Kariyer051206.pdf](http://www.tubitak.gov.tr/tubitak_content_files/Kariyer051206.pdf)



→ **Aziz Nazmi Shakir** was awarded a US government grant to participate in the University of Iowa's International Writing Program. Shakir is one of 17 participants to be awarded an all-expenses paid grant from the US government to participate in the three-month program that allows writers from different cultures to embrace issues of global relevance together. Since 1967, over 1000 writers from 120 nations have participated in the University of Iowa's International Writing Program.

<http://www.uiowa.edu/~iwp/>

<http://www.uiowa.edu/~iwp/WRIT/WRITmain.html>

→ The interdisciplinary SU research group consisting of **Selim Balçoşoy** from Computer Science program, **Elif Ayiter** and **Murat Germen** from Visual Arts and Communication Design program were awarded the IBM Faculty Award for their 3D Information Visualization Project in the Services Science category. IBM Faculty Award is the most prestigious among the IBM Global University Awards which provide financial support to academicians selected from the competing candidates applying from all over the world.



→ **Alex Wong** received 1st place in Architecture/Interiors categories with his "Art vs Trash-The Destroyer," 3rd place in the Nature/Sunset category with "Enchanting Breath of Sunset" and 4 honorable mentions in other categories at the International Photography Awards in 2007.

<http://photoawards.com/07/contests/2007winners.asp>



## Awards/ Grants

→ **Murat Germen** received 2nd place in the Advertising/Catalogues category with his "Istanbul Modern" series and 8 honorable mentions in other categories at the International Photography Awards in 2007.

<http://photoawards.com/07/contests/2007winners.asp>



→ **Selçuk Artut** received 3rd prize in the Tourism category at the Altın Örümcek (GoldenWeb) Internet Award with [www.bozcaadarehberi.com](http://www.bozcaadarehberi.com) in 2007.

<http://www.altinorumcek.com/Kazananlar.aspx>

<http://www.bozcaadarehberi.com>



# Sponsored Research

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### The European Commission. 6th and 7th Framework Programs

→ RECON: Meltem Müftüleri-Baç is participating in the Project "RECON: Reconstructing Democracy in Europe," under the 6th Framework program. The consortium member states of the RECON Project are Norway, Belgium, Germany, Italy, Hungary, United Kingdom, Netherlands, Luxembourg, and Turkey. The project is under the leadership of ARENA from Oslo. The research team consists of Meltem Müftüleri-Baç, Yaprak Gürsoy, Nora Fisher (Ph.D. candidate at Oxford University), Evrim Taflkøn and Selin Türkefl (both are the Ph.D. students in Political Science at Sabano University)

<http://www.reconproject.eu/projectweb/porta/project/Index.html>

→ GO-EuroMed: Bahri Yılmaz is participating in the project "GO-EuroMed: The Political Economy of Governance in the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership" as a part of the 6th Framework program. The main purpose of this Project is to focus on the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership, in the context of EU efforts to improve governance throughout its neighborhood. The consortium member states of the GO-EuroMed Project are Germany, Egypt, Jordan, Tunisia, Morocco, Turkey, Spain, France, and Poland. The research team includes Sabano University M.A. students Sibel Oktay and Ezgi Özgöl Öztürk.

→ EUROSPPHERE; Ayfle Öncü, Ayfle Gül Albnay and Ahmet Öncü are participating in the project "Eurospheres" as part of the 6th Framework program. EUROSPPHERE is a European Commission-funded Integrated Project within the 6th Framework Programme. The EUROSPPHERE Consortium comprises 17 European universities and research institutes and approximately 150 researchers are working in the project which is coordinated by the University of Bergen. The 2nd Annual General Assembly Meeting of the EUROSPPHERE Project will be held in 7-9 December, 2007 in Istanbul



<http://www.eurosphere.uib.no/>

# Sponsored Research

## Tübitak Projects

→ Dicle Koçaklı was awarded a TÜB-TAK Research Grant for a project entitled "Access to Justice at Crossroads: Sociological Perspectives". In recent years efforts of law faculties, transnational law offices, non-governmental organizations, and international funding agencies have added to the existing work of bar associations in facilitating the reach of disadvantaged social groups to legal venues.

→ Ayfle Parla was awarded a TÜB-TAK Research Grant for a project entitled "Forms of Organization among New Migrants: A Comparative Analysis of Bulgarian Turks, Iraqi Turkmens and Moldavians in Turkey". The project began in January 2007 and will be completed in June 2008.

→ Ayfle Gül Albay and Yeflim Arat (Boşaziçi University) have recently completed their TÜB-TAK-sponsored research project on "Violence against Women in Turkey". This joint research project analyzes the twenty years of resistance to violence against women in Turkey and discusses the approaches and experiences of married women regarding violence in the family. A major report resulting from this research will be published in November.

→ Ahmet Alkan, Alpay Filiztekin, Ali Çarkoğlu and Fırat Kıncaoğlu's TÜB-TAK sponsored research project entitled "Measuring Value Added in Secondary Schooling in Turkey" aims to quantify and disaggregate the educational achievements of students attending secondary schooling in Turkey.

## The European Commission's Jean Monnet Projects

→ Bahri Yılmaz has been a Jean Monnet Chair on European Economic Integration since 2002.

→ Meltem Müftüler-Baç has been a Jean Monnet Chair ad personam in European Political Integration since 2004.

→ Meltem Müftüler-Baç teaches the course POLS 592-The European Union: Policies, Politics and Governance which has been supported by the European Commission as a Jean Monnet Permanent Course since 2002.

→ Bahri Yılmaz teaches the course ECON 407/ES 507- The Economics of European Integration which has been supported by the European Commission as a Jean Monnet Course Module since 2005.

→ Ali Çarkoğlu teaches the course POLS 462/562- The Analytical Approaches to European Integration which has been supported by the European Commission as a Jean Monnet Course Module since 2006.

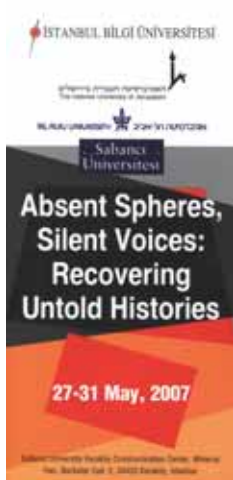
## Other International Projects

→ Yaprak Gürsoy is participating in the "Evaluating International Influences on Democratic Transitions" project headed by the Center on Democracy, Development and Rule of Law at Stanford University. The Turkish leg of the project involves assessing international influences on the 1983 Turkish transition to democracy.

## Events

→ Professor Feroz Ahmad, a prominent historian and political scientist, gave a lecture "The Young Turk Revolution, 1908-1918, Revisited" at our faculty as part of the SPS Speaker Series on 16 May 2007.

→ "Absent Spheres, Silent Voices: Recovering Untold Histories" was organized by Tel Aviv University, the Institute for Advanced Studies at Hebrew University, Sabancı University and İstanbul Bilgi University on 27-31 May 2007. Organizing Committee members are **Yusuf Hakan Erdem**, Israel Gershoni, Christoph Neumann, Amy Singer and **Selçuk Akflin Somel**.



→ Chris Patten, former European Commissioner and the current Chancellor of Oxford University, and Kalypso Nicolaidis, Director of the European Studies Center at Oxford University, gave a joint lecture titled "Europe@50, Turkey@84: Is Membership Still an Issue?" on 31 May 2007. The lecture, hosted by the European Studies Program, was held at the Sakıp Sabancı Museum.

→ The 18th European Regional Conference of the International Telecommunications Society (ITS) took place in İstanbul on 2-5 September 2007. The Conference was hosted by Sabancı University and the Telecommunications Authority of Turkey. The Conference focused on the most pressing developments and stimulated discussions on how to enhance policy making, research approaches, laws and regulation in order to improve market performance and consumer welfare in the fast changing electronic communications industry. Türk Telekom was the main sponsor of the event.

→ The international conference titled "Symbiotic Antagonisms in Turkey: Sources, Discourses and Changing Nature of Turkish, Kurdish and Islamic Nationalisms" was held on 5-6 November 2007 at Sabancı University's Karaköy Communication Center. The organizers were **Ayfle Kadıoğlu**, Sabancı University, and Fuat Keyman, Koç University.

# Student News & Activities

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### Publications, awards and completed Ph.D. Dissertations

→ **Çpek Gürsel Tapk**, Ph.D. student in Economics published her first paper, "Revealed Incomplete Preferences under Status-Quo Bias," *Mathematical Social Sciences*, Vol. 53, 274-283, 2007 (SSCI).

→ **Heymi Bahar**, Social and Political Sciences undergraduate student, published his paper, "The Real Winners and Losers of Turkey's July 2007 Elections," *MERIA (Middle East Review of International Affairs) Journal*, Vol.11, No.3, September 2007.

→ Fulbright Awards: Social and Political Studies students **Ece Özkan**, **Candan Türkkkan**, **Emrah Keskin** and Cultural Studies student **Çpek Ulusoy** received Fulbright Awards for graduate study in the USA for the 2008-2009 Academic Year.

→ Jean Monnet Scholarships: Social and Political Studies students **Elif Çavuşflu**, **Sarp Tunçay** and **Damla Cihangir** received the European Commission's Jean Monnet Award and Scholarship for European Studies for the year 2007-2008.

→ Ph.D. degree awarded in History: **Selçuk Dursun**, "Forest and the State: History of Forestry and Forest Administration in the Ottoman Empire," defended in February 2007.

→ Ph.D. degree awarded in History: **Candan Badem**, "The Ottomans and the Crimean War (1853-1856)," defended in August 2007.

### Activities, conference participation and exhibits

→ European Studies M.A. students visited European institutions, the Commission, the Council of the EU and the European Parliament in April 2007. This visit was part of the Master's program designed to provide on-site training for the students.



→ Conflict Analysis and Resolution M.A. students took part in facilitating two international conferences organized by the İstanbul Policy Center: the Turkey-U.S. Public Policy Initiative May 2007 conference and the Turkey- EU Observatory May 2006 conference.

→ **Claudius Schulze**, M.A. student in Conflict Analysis and Resolution, created a powerful exhibition about the ways in which conflict is dealt with in the Middle East by returning to the bomb site of the Jordanian hotels targeted by terrorist attacks one year later. His exhibit, "Bombsite Revisited," at the Gaf Theater in Istanbul's Beyoğlu district, caught the attention of the Turkish Daily News, which featured an interview with Schulze in October.  
<http://al-musafir.de/>

→ Social and Political Sciences B.A. students coordinated and participated in the international project, *Leaving Places, Shaping Places*, sponsored by the Anna Lindh Foundation and Kreizau Initiative. The project involves the active participation of Turkish, German, Polish and Israeli students, NGOs and academicians. The Turkish part of the project was coordinated by SPS student **Melis Bitlis** and the participants from the SPS program are **Irmak Özer**, **Candan Türkkkan**, **Emre Tunçalp**, **Emir Gönel** and **Heymi Behar**. Cultural Studies B.A. students **Ada Parisyan** and **Constranze Kolbe** also were among the participants.

→ **Sinan Erensü**, Ph.D. student in Political Science, presented his paper, "Neo-Liberal Transformation of Islamism in Turkey: Changing Conceptions of Social Justice," at the Conference on Re-Thinking Cultural Economy organized by the Centre for Research on Socio Cultural Exchange (CRESC), Manchester, 5-7 September 2007.

→ **Alper Bilgili** and **Nazlı Çağın fiahin**, Ph.D. students in Political Science, presented their paper, "The Place Attributed to Islam in Turkish Nationalism on the Party Level," at the Midwest Political Science Association 65th Annual Conference, Chicago, 12-15 April 2007.

→ **Hasret Dikici Bilgin**, Ph.D. student in Political Science, presented her paper "Civil Society and State in Turkey from a Gramscian Perspective: Civil Society against the Turkish State or on behalf of the Turkish State," at the 4th European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) General Conference, Pisa, 6-8 September 2007.

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→ **Nazan Maksudyan**, Ph.D. student in History, presented her paper "A Contested Terrain: Abandoned Children in the Nineteenth Century Ottoman Empire," at the 8th Mediterranean Social and Political Research Meeting, organized by European University Institute, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, and the Mediterranean Program, Florence, Montecatini Terme, 21-25 March 2007.

→ **Berfin Varflı**, Ph.D. student in Political Science, presented her paper, "Was "Euroscepticism" an Issue for the New Comers? The Public Opinion of the (former) Candidate Countries of the European Union Prior to Their Accession to the European Union," at the 2nd Annual South East European Doctoral Student Conference, Thessalonica, 22 June 2007.

→ **Evrım Taflı**, Ph.D. student in Political Science, presented her paper, "A Theoretical Inquiry into the Theories of European Integration: Turkey's Accession to the European Union", at 11th Annual MAGES Conference organized by Georgetown University, Washington D.C, 1-4 February 2007.

→ **Evrım Taflı**, Ph.D. student in Political Science, presented her paper, "Turkey's Accession to the European Union; Two Logics of Action," at the 2nd EU-CONSENT Ph.D School, Dublin, 18-23 February 2007.

→ **Uğur Peçe**, M.A. student in History, presented his paper, "The Story of a Transformation: Ömer Seyfettin before and after the Balkan Wars (1912-1913)," at the 22nd Annual Middle East History and Theory Conference organized by University of Chicago, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Chicago, 11-12 May 2007.

→ **Özgül Akıncı**, M.A. student in Cultural Studies, presented her paper "Conscientious Objection in Turkey: Declaring Not to Support Rather Than Not to Obey," at the 8th Essex Graduate Conference in Political Theory organized by Essex University, Department of Government, Colchester, 21-22 June 2007.

→ **Ümit Kurt**, M.A. student in European Studies, presented his paper "EU-Turkey Relations from the Security Perspective," at the 4th Annual East European Conference organized by the University of Warsaw, Poland 19-22 July 2007.

→ **Hasan Salih Ay**, M.A. student in Visual Arts and Visual Communication Design, has been invited by the "Association Internationale pour la Biennale des Jeunes Createurs de l'Europe et de la Mediterranee" (BJCEM), Cittadellarte-Fondazione Pistoletto, Biella, Italy, 2007.

[http://www.bjcem.org/en/puglia2008/workshops/workshop\\_1029.htm](http://www.bjcem.org/en/puglia2008/workshops/workshop_1029.htm)

→ **Serkan Yolaçan**, B.A. student in Cultural Studies, presented his paper "On the Edge of 'Urban Transformation': Politics of Resistance and Political Subjectivity," at the 1st International Conference of Young Urban Researchers (FICYUrb), 11-12 June 2007, Lisbon.

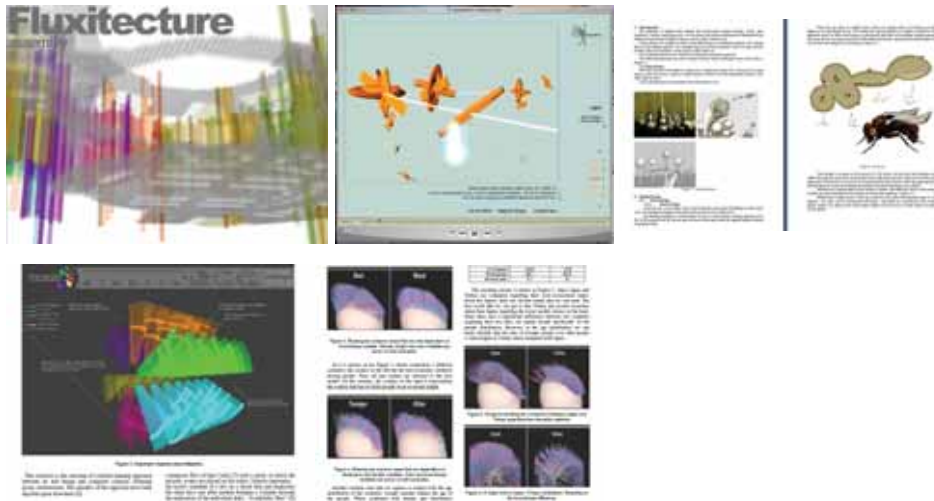
→ **Gökhan Okur**, VACD graduate student, was interviewed by the French newspaper Liberation on the "**Movie Assembly**" project, 2007, France.



<http://www.ecrans.fr/spip.php?article1135>  
<http://www.movieassembly.com/interview.htm>  
<http://www.movieassembly.com>

# Student News & Activities

→ Student teams from CS 450 Arts and Computing (Visual Arts and Visual Communication Design and Computer Science interdisciplinary course) presented their work at the following conferences; [Damla Tamer](#) (VACD undergraduate)/ [Emrah Kavlak](#) (CS undergrade/VACD graduate); "Synaesthesia, "Siggraph 2007, San Diego, California, USA, 2007; [Mehveli Çetinkaya](#) (VACD graduate)/ [Billur Engin](#) (CS undergraduate); "Maestro; Design Challenges for a Group Calendar," Info Vis 2007, Sacramento, California, USA, 2007; [Berkay Kaya/ Can Çeçen](#) (CS undergraduate): "Hairograph: Synthesizing Statistics with Hair Style," Info Vis 2007, Sacramento, California, USA, 2007; [Gökhan Okur](#) (VACD graduate)/ [Tolga Eren](#) (CS undergraduate): "Designing a Virtual Architecture," MX Design Conference 2007, Iberoamericana University, Mexico City, Mexico.



[http://www.dis.uia.mx/conference/2007/ponencias\\_i.php](http://www.dis.uia.mx/conference/2007/ponencias_i.php)

→ VACD undergraduate student [Erdem Tafdelen](#) was selected as a finalist in an international photography competition organized by Young Photographers United and his work will be included in their annual directory.



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