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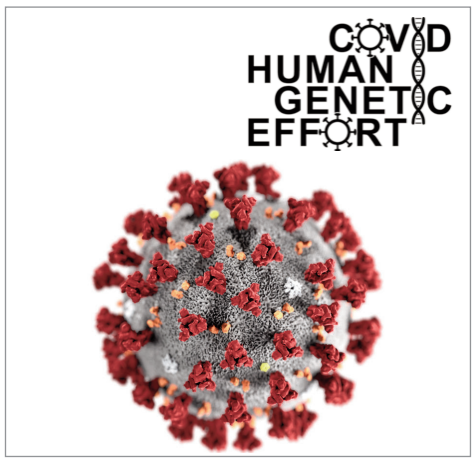
Happy May 19th Commemoration of Atatürk, Youth and Sports Day!

Bilkent Researchers Participating in International Effort to Investigate the Genetics of COVID-19

Prof. Tayfun Özçelik, dean of the Faculty of Science, is serving as a member of the steering committee of the COVID Human Genetic Effort, an international consortium recently established to investigate the genetic basis of COVID-19.

The consortium includes more than 50 institutions from 22 countries. Researchers and clinicians from Bilkent University and the Ministry of Health's Dr. Sadi Konuk Training and Research Hospital are among the scientists from Turkey participating in the effort.

The researchers who have joined the effort have experience – in some cases as much as a quarter-century – in studying the human genetic basis of life-threatening diseases that strike previously healthy human beings. In particular, they and others have identified monogenic (involving a single gene) inborn errors of



immunity (IEI) that selectively underlie life-threatening or lethal viral diseases in previously healthy children or adults.

Now, looking at the wide variability among the outcomes of those who have been infected by the novel coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 – from asymptomatic infection to lethal cases of COVID-19 – the consortium participants have hypothesized that "life-threatening COVID-19 in previously healthy individuals younger than 50 years, and perhaps even in older individuals without any overt co-morbidities, can be caused by monogenic IEI."

They are therefore focusing their research on: (1) attempting to discover monogenic IEI underlying severe forms of COVID-19 in previously healthy individuals; and (2) searching for monogenic variations that make certain individuals resistant to infection by SARS-CoV-2.

By means of these two avenues of exploration, the COVID Human Genetic Effort will aim "to discover truly causative monogenic variations, rare or common, and decipher in depth the molecular, cellular, and immunological mechanisms by which they actually cause resistance to viral infection or predisposition to severe disease."

Bilkent Achieves "Zero Waste" Milestone



Last year, a "Zero Waste" regulation was published in Turkey's Official Gazette, with the aim of reducing the volume of nonrecyclable waste produced in the country. Under the regulation, universities were given until December 31, 2020, to qualify for Zero Waste certification at the basic level. On April 20, Bilkent became the first university in Turkey to attain this certification, which it received from the Ankara Provincial Directorate for the Environment and Urbanization.

The Zero Waste model calls not only for reuse and recycling, but also, crucially, for reducing and preventing the production of waste in the first place.

Library Implements COVID-19 Module to Support Education and Research

The Bilkent University Library is continuing to provide service during the COVID-19 pandemic by reaching out to users online. As previously announced, the Library instituted a live chat service, available from **9 a.m.** to **5 p.m.** seven days a week, where users can ask questions concerning research topics, library resources or library policies. Outside of those hours, librarians can be reached by using the "ask a librarian" form on the Library web page (**https://library.bilkent.edu.tr/**), or by sending an email to **reference@bilkent.edu.tr**.

Now, the Library web page has a new feature, designated the COVID-19 module, whose purpose is to support educational and research activities, enable more effective use of library services and resources, and provide information about the pandemic. The module includes the following:

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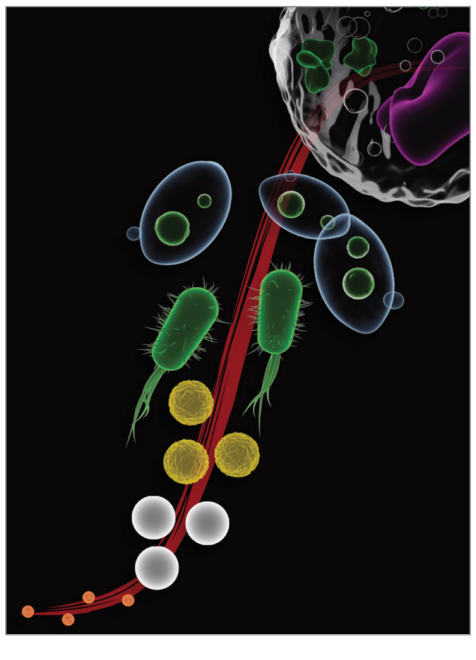

Photograph by Aydın Ramazanoğlu, April at Bilkent

UNAM Research Team Uncovers Principles of Universal Self-Assembly

The world around us, both animate and inanimate, has been built up atom by atom through a process of self-assembly. For years, researchers have searched for the working principles of self-assembly that can build a cell – the basis of a complex biological organism – or a crystal – a far simpler inorganic structure – in the same way.

Now, a team of scientists led by Asst. Prof. Serim İlday of the Bilkent University National Nanotechnology Research Center (UNAM) has demonstrated the fundamental principles of a universal self-assembly process that acts on a range of materials, starting from a few atoms

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Self-Regulating Robotic Plant Created by Bilkent Researchers



Imagine a world of plant-, animal- and human-like robots no different from living organisms – they respond to stimuli from the environment, work autonomously, self-regulate through artificial metabolism, self-repair when injured.

This might seem like science fiction, since today's robots are typically rigid, robust machines with "computer brains," with the transition from machine to organism complicated, if not impossible.

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NEWS

New Late-Night Program From Radio Bilkent: LoFi



Due to the closure of campus in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Radio Bilkent stopped broadcasting its regularly featured special-interest programs as of March 16. However, the station has continued to broadcast music, both online at **radyobilkent.com** and over the airwaves at 96.6, and share its new playlists to help listeners relieve the boredom of being stuck at home.

Now, with the approach of online exams, Radio Bilkent is offering a new nighttime program for students staying up late to study. "LoFi" can be heard from **1** to **3 a.m.** every night except Friday and Saturday.

In addition to its broadcasts, the station has podcasts of some of its programs available on Spotify. These include the sports program "Tie Break" and the psychology program "Deli Divan"; they can be accessed via the Radio Bilkent podcasts page on Spotify.

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• Message From the Library: Information about changes in library services due to the COVID-19 pandemic
• Formal Resources: Information from national and international institutions concerning the pandemic
• COVID-19 Trial Databases: A list of trial database offerings from publishers and content providers that are providing free access for Bilkent University to support distance learning and teaching during this period
• Supportive Publishers and Content Providers: A list of open-access database offerings from publishers and content providers that provide free access to educational materials, such as textbooks, scholarly books and journals, archival documents, streaming videos and educational technologies, for the use of students and faculty members
• At-Home and Online Arts and Entertainment: Various options from some of the art, music and hobby databases that the Bilkent Library subscribes to, including virtual tours of world-famous museums and exhibitions; online or live concerts by various musicians and ensembles; and film, theater, opera and ballet performances
• Home Office and Open Education: Content from a number of publishers and academic institutions offering introductory information about a variety of topics – such as their products, publishing operations and editorial processes; the effective use of databases and learning/research tools; and ways of increasing the visibility of publications – as well as free webinars on many other topics
• Open-Access Platforms and Digital Archives: A list of open-access platforms and archives providing free online access to books, journal articles, digitized primary sources and archival materials, digital cultural artifacts, reference resources, gray literature such as theses and dissertations, government resources, institutional repositories, etc.

Self-Regulating Robotic Plant Created by Bilkent Researchers

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However, the picture changes when you start building robots not with hard parts and electronic circuits, but with elements that nature uses to build its organisms: organic soft materials that operate according to biochemical rules.

Very recently, a team of researchers at Bilkent University, led by Asst. Prof. Bilge Baytekin of the Department of Chemistry, has shown that the creation of "soft robots" that act like living organisms is feasible, at least in the case of plant robots. In a recent publication in the journal Soft Robotics (DOI: 10.1089/soro.2019.0036), she and coauthors S. Doruk Cezan, also of the Department of Chemistry, and Dr. H. Tarık Baytekin of UNAM report the first soft robotic plant that is self-regulated.

Describing the project, Dr. Baytekin said, "The robot plants follow the sunlight at any elevation, maximizing the solar output of the solar cells attached to their leaves. They do it all by themselves, without a battery, without any electronics, without any tether or external control. We (humans) do not interfere; the system is self-regulated through a simple built-in mechanism whose design was inspired by living plants.

"In all organisms, reactions to internal and external stimuli are controlled by a biochemical feedback mechanism. Plants use transpiration to transport water from their roots to their leaves, where it evaporates; we have integrated this into our plant robots. Continuous transpiration regulated by the positioning of the plant leaves creates feedback."

The group's simple design of a plant robot, involving nothing more than folded paper cutouts and sugar gels, is sufficient to achieve this complicated behavior, which demonstrates high tracking efficiency. "We wanted our robot to be like living plants, which are extremely energy efficient. Without central controls or motors, they can perform complicated tasks," noted Dr. Baytekin. Using this approach, her research group succeeded in reproducing two plant behaviors: heliotropism (solar tracking, i.e., turning toward the sun) and nyctinasty (opening/closing up of leaves or petals in the presence/absence of light).

"It's always exciting to see the autonomous action of a nonliving object," declared Dr. Baytekin. "However, we want to go beyond 'magic tricks' and achieve some useful purpose, which is what robots are intended for. The self-regulated solar tracking of the plants is thus used to maximize the output from their solar panels – a tracking plant has an efficiency boost of 120 percent in comparison to a non-tracking one. This is no surprise; apart from the well-known example of the sunflower, many other plant species are solar trackers. We will continue to get our inspiration from living organisms as we take steps toward building a new kingdom of artificial analogues."

The Baytekin group leads a pilot project on responsive and self-healing robots within the RoboCom++ consortium, an initiative supported by the EU's ERA-NET scheme. The Turkey-based part of this European project is funded by TÜBİTAK.

Career Activities Continue Online



Throughout the time during which education must take place at a distance, the Bilkent University Career and Alumni Office is continuing to serve students and conduct online career activities.

Virtual face-to-face interviews and resume-checking meetings are being held via Zoom. Students may make an appointment at a convenient date and time by logging in to the Bilkent University Resume Database at **https://stars.bilkent.edu.tr/kariyer/**. All invitations will be sent to email addresses registered with the database.

Over the past three weeks, a number of seminars, company presentations and other activities have taken place online. On Tuesday, April 21, an online interview simulation by HSBC Bank was held for new graduates and third- and fourth-year students, while on the following day, the first online career seminar took place, with a presentation by Bilkent alumna and Meteksan Savunma Senior Human Resources Specialist Begüm Gül (ECON '14) on the topic "Interview Techniques."

From April 27 through May 8, an "Online Interview Adventure" with Mavi was conducted. On April 27, Doğuş Teknoloji held a sectoral discovery seminar on the topic "Importance of RPA Technology in Digital Transformation," and on May 5, TEB offered a sectoral discovery seminar on "Careers in Banking and Future Economics."

Other online events during the period included corporate presentations by Deloitte (April 28), TCMB (April 29, on the topic "Being a Central Banker") and PwC (May 6, in conjunction with PwC Career Day).

Please follow the Career and Alumni Office's social media accounts and BAIS announcements to learn about future online career activities and opportunities. Also see Page 5 of this issue of Bilkent News for some upcoming events.

OPINIONS



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Hello, *Uncertainty*, My Old Friend

Somewhere or other, you've probably come across those "there are two kinds of people" groupings. Let me offer another one: people who enjoy uncertainty and the mystery that it brings, and people who run away from it – or at least *try* to run away from it.

I remember, years ago, being part of a group of kids standing in front of the cinema, debating whether or not to go to the new Spiderwick movie. Even then, I wasn't that enthusiastic about mystery films, or thrillers and crime novels either. But when you're a child, you're exposed to fiction like Spiderwick so much that it becomes pretty popular among your peers. Many of my friends actually liked mystery. Bowing to conformity, after we got out of the cinema that day I faked it to my friends about how I kind of enjoyed the movie too. (A thing I still do from time to time; herd mentality, what a shame.)

Psychology says that especially in some contexts, people may find uncertainty really attractive. This is kind of the case when you've just met someone; since you don't really know your future with them, it's like you can't wait to learn more about that person and about where your relationship with them may go. The unknown can be really exciting. Moreover, uncertainty-inducing activities like the kids-going-to-a-movie example I mentioned above are also attractive to a lot of people. Watching sports, gambling, participating in competitions, commenting on social media giveaways: none of the above are really enjoyable if you take the uncertainty factor away.

On the other hand, studies show that people may avoid uncertainty at any cost, especially in financial decision making. One very famous experiment by Kahneman and Tversky found that when given a choice between getting $1,000 with 100 percent certainty or having a 50 percent chance of getting $2,500, most people went for the certain option.

As I said, the inclination to embrace or avoid uncertainty varies from person to person, and also from context to context.

Being uncertain is fundamentally a metacognitive state, which means that it includes an awareness and understanding of one's own thought processes, in this case especially of one's ignorance. But it's also very different from simple ignorance, because in the case of uncertainty, you actually know that you don't know. To me, this awareness can be really uncomfortable at times. I wish I'd never known about the existence of the unknown. It would be so much easier that way.

Not so long ago, I met someone I felt really connected to and from whom I actually got the inspiration to write about uncertainty. He told me how he was considering options to extend his time as a student here at Bilkent, since his future after graduation appears completely uncertain to him. "I've never been very much into the uncertain," he said – which, you can probably guess by now, is an attitude I could relate to. I know that some of you who are reading this can probably relate to it as well.



As they taught us in middle school, any measurement will never be totally perfect and the actual value of anything will always include some degree of uncertainty. You can't escape from the unknown in life. It's part of everything, everywhere, at all times. Like that math problem, all of your plans will always include an uncertainty in the measurement. You make plans, and each time, life persists in surprising you. Or, you try as hard as you can to put off making plans, like that friend of mine; that's the other option.

Here are two things to consider:

First, we're too young to be certain about everything. And we're too young not to be afraid of the unknown sometimes, especially when we consider the crazy rush toward a career that we seem to be compelled to make. (Hello, seniors.)

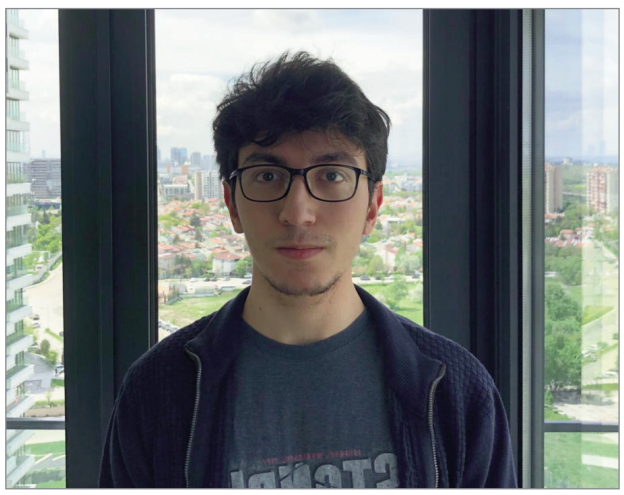
The second is that at one point or another, we should somehow learn to make peace with uncertainty. Which meshes with the first point, because knowing that you can't always be certain may help you in doing that. When you know that it's normal to be overwhelmed by the uncertain sometimes, and that so many people so often have similar feelings, uncertainty can show you its friendly face. It appears as a companion who walks with you throughout life, and it may even remind you that most of the time there is nothing you can do but live in the moment.

Faces From Home

BY ALEYNA GÜRBÜZ (PSYC/II)



Name: Ahmet Yavuz Akpınar (IR/IV)
What's your favorite quintuple?
a) Movie: "Ölümlü Dünya"
b) Book: "Diplomacy" by Henry Kissinger
c) Song: "8-9 Senedir Kendimi İyi Hissetmiyorum" by Feyyaz Yiğit
d) Food: Karışık bazlama
e) City: Denizli
What would be your dream job? "Watcher"
If you were a superhero, what super power(s) would you have? "Graduating"
The place on campus where I feel happiest is... "the third tree in the Spring Fest area"
My favorite thing about Ankara: "AŞTİ"
If I were an animal, I would be... "a Sivas kangal"
I have never... "seen 'Star Wars' or 'The Lord of the Rings'"



Name: Mehmet Sanisoğlu (CS/IV)
What's your favorite quintuple?
a) Movie: "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind"
b) Book: "Aylak Adam" by Yusuf Atılgan
c) Song: "Dolunay" by Enes Batur
d) Food: Noodles with walnuts and cheese
e) City: Prague
What would be your dream job? "Watcher"
If you were a superhero, what super power(s) would you have? "An unbreakable heart"
The place on campus where I feel happiest is... "the lawn in front of Dormitory 76"
My favorite thing about Ankara: "The cold dry air"
If I were an animal, I would be... "a koala"
I have never... "climbed to the top of the spotlights on the East Campus field"



Name: Aysu Özer (POLS/III)
What's your favorite quintuple?
a) Movie: "Perfect Sense"
b) Book: "Winter Journal" by Paul Auster
c) Song: "Nostalgia" by Doe Paoro
d) Food: French fries
e) City: Ankara
What would be your dream job? "Cultural-activity organizer"
If you were a superhero, what super power(s) would you have? "Making loved ones happy"
The place on campus where I feel happiest is... "the Fiero tables outside A Building"
My favorite thing about Ankara: "Exploring new places with my friends"
If I were an animal, I would be... "a border collie"
I have never... "woken up for morning classes"

NEWS & OPINIONS

UNAM Research Team Uncovers Principles of Universal Self-Assembly

(Continued from Page 1) or large quantum dots, up to nearly 100 trillion atoms or large human cells. An article describing their method was published in Nature Physics on April 20.

"To initiate self-assembly, either you force the system to deliver a specific outcome, or you use its inner dynamics to your advantage for universal outcomes. We followed the second approach," said Dr. İlday.

The researchers not only demonstrated the self-assembly of simple as well as complex constituents more than four orders of magnitude different in size and mass, which all come together following a sigmoid function, commonly known as the S-curve. They also observed that, curiously, the individual deviations from the S-curve occur in accordance with the statistics of the Tracy–Widom distribution, which is manifested in diverse social, economic and physical systems.

Assoc. Prof. F. Ömer İlday of UNAM and the Departments of Physics and Electrical and Electronics Engineering at Bilkent, a coauthor of the paper, described the genesis of the project. "Serim and I were attending a math seminar, where we first saw this particular distribution. Serim looked at me and said, 'That's it; we need to search for it'; and we did."

Asst. Prof. Gökhan Yıldırım of the Bilkent Department of Mathematics, who gave the seminar and would eventually be another coauthor of the paper, continued the story. "After the seminar, they approached me. The idea was fascinating, and we started working on it immediately."

The first author of the paper was Dr. Ghaith Makey, a postdoctoral researcher at UNAM and the Department of Physics. "What motivates us nowadays is to predict and study new examples of systems in Tracy–Widom universality, and understand why it manifests in so many different systems," he explained.

The team further demonstrated how their method could be useful for practical applications, as highlighted by another coauthor, Asst. Prof. E. Doruk Engin of the Biotechnology Institute at Ankara University. "The possibilities are endless. For instance, an unknown infection is detected in a hospital's ICU. Instead of waiting for hours or even days to identify the culprit pathogen, within minutes you can take a sample, add candidate drugs and see if they put an end to the infection."

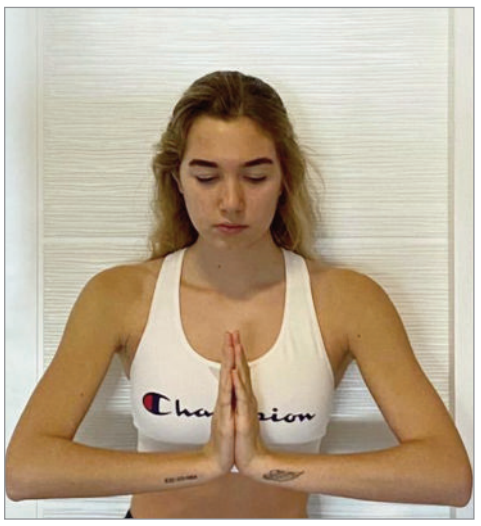
"It was unbelievable to see how easily living organisms could be manipulated within seconds," commented Assoc. Prof. Özgür Şahin of the Bilkent Department of Molecular Biology and Genetics and the University of South Carolina in the US. "Such instant control over tiny, speedy quantum matter is in many ways beyond the capabilities of current technology," added another coauthor, Prof. Hilmi Volkan Demir, director of UNAM and a member of Bilkent's departments of Physics and Electrical and Electronics Engineering, who also holds an appointment at NTU Singapore. "It can have a real impact on nanotechnology."

The researchers caution that this is by no means the end of the story, noting that self-assembly research has a long, rough road ahead in order to discover and put into practice the principles of nature. But they are optimistic about its potential impact. "Possible practical uses aside, our method is a great tool for exploring the physics of how driven systems evolve far from equilibrium," stated Dr. Serim İlday. "This includes epidemics; in fact, our preliminary analysis of COVID-19 data suggests that its fluctuations may be following the Tracy–Widom statistics, just like our system."

"Even more interestingly," added Dr. F. Ömer İlday, "our analytical model fits COVID-19 data better than the S-curve does. Seeing all this, we promptly decided to investigate the physics of the pandemic."

The Sporting Life at Home

Name: Deniz Pazarcı
Department: IAED
How often do you exercise?
Four times a week.
How has regular exercise affected your life?
Exercise makes me motivated and helps me organize anything that's on my schedule.
What do you suggest to those who are just taking up a sport or starting to exercise?
I would suggest that they start with stretching to adapt their body to sports, and with Zumba to exercise and have fun at the same time.
What are the first three things that come to mind when you hear the word "sports"?
Motivation, dedication and success.
What are your #stayhome sports or exercises?
Normally, I go to the campus Sports Halls and take many of the sports courses; I've also attended almost all of the master classes. Since we're home for now, that isn't possible, but I still try to participate in the online exercise sessions being offered by the Physical Education and Sports Center.



Sports Classes at a Distance



To suit the current conditions, in which everyone must stay close to home and instruction is conducted at a distance, the Physical Education and Sports Center has prepared some exercise videos that you can use to train your basic muscle groups. Best of all, these five-minute workouts can be done between classes.

Other videos include strength training, stretching and cardio exercises that can help you maintain your existing muscle strength.

To view the workout videos, go to **https://w3.bilkent.edu.tr/bilkent/physical-education-and-sports-center/exercise-videos/**.

The International Chronicles

BY YAREN SAĞLIK (TRIN/III)

Bilkent News

Name: Veronika Gerič Škopac
Department: Economics
Country of Origin: Slovenia
What do you like best about Turkey?
The food is amazing, and the people are always so kind to me. When I forgot my shoes on a boat in Fethiye, the owner sent them back to me by post!
Are there any similarities between Turkey and your home country?
We have some connections to Turkey because of the Turkish invasions in the past, but generally I chose to come here because it was the most different country I could choose to go to.
What will you miss most about Bilkent/Turkey?
The people and the friends I've met; because we all live on campus, they've become my family, and I love that. Also the long, warm summer days.
What's your favorite place on campus, and why?
Either the grass area in front of Bilka or that below Dorm 52; both have an amazing view of the city day and night.
What's your favorite Turkish food and/or favorite part of Turkish culture?
I love İskender, and also hamams, which are such an interesting experience; I'd never been scrubbed that well by another human being.
Where do you expect to see yourself 10 years from now?
I want to be a professor of economics and be with a guy who I know will love me and my children even more than me. I want to be happy.



What's the hardest challenge you've handled in Turkey?
I'm taking a really hard course that I didn't know would be this difficult, but I love the challenge.
What places have you visited in Turkey, and which one is your favorite?
İstanbul, Antalya, Alanya, İzmir and Beypazarı. Anything with the sea next to it is amazing to me.
Do you have any hidden talents?
I'm naturally very flexible. Also I have weirdly good control of the movement of my ears.
What's an interesting question or comment you hear frequently about Bilkent/Turkey?
We have a saying in Slovenia; when someone smokes a lot, we say they smoke like a Turk.

Bilkent CALENDAR



Photograph by Aydın Ramazanoğlu, April at Bilkent

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CAREER AND ALUMNI OFFICE

The Career and Alumni Office is continuing its campus activities program by means of online events. To participate in either of the activities below, go to **https://stars.bilkent.edu.tr/kariyer/**.

Monday, May 18
HSBC Corporate Presentation (in Turkish): "Life at HSBC and Career Opportunities," by Müge Yıldız, at **5:30 p.m.**

Thursday, May 21
STM Corporate Presentation (in Turkish): "STM and Career Opportunities," by Nihan Memiş and Yağmur İncedal, at **5:30 p.m.**

STUDENT CLUBS

Friday, May 15
Student club application deadline: **http://www.bilkent.edu.tr/bilkent-tr/admin-unit/dos/okk/formlar.html**.

EXHIBITIONS

Until May 17
IAED students' "Distinguished Works," **https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1S_PBmG-9Cvefw7gZ7-YCMOdk6aOn6XkZ**.

Until May 31
IAED Virtual Photography Exhibition: "Spring at Bilkent University," by Dr. Mais Aljunaidy. Organized by Asst. Prof. Mohamad Nadim Adi, it may be viewed at **https://sites.google.com/view/spring-on-campus/home**.

MEETINGS

Wednesday, May 13
"Examined Life Meetings: Happiness." Organized by the Bilkent Philosophical Society, the Applied Philosophy Committee and the Bilkent Psychological Counseling and Development Center. Please fill out this form by **May 12**: **https://forms.gle/GKXD7pMGWQJHJbGp8**.

SEMINARS

Tuesday, May 12
"Empirical Measures, Geodesic Lengths, and a Variational Formula in First-Passage Percolation," by Erik Bates (University of California, Berkeley), at **4 p.m.** Organized by MATH. To obtain the event link, please send a message to **goncha@fen.bilkent.edu.tr**.

Monday, May 18
"Store Disorderliness Effect: Shoppers' Competitive Behaviors in a Fast-Fashion Retail Store," by Merve Coşkun (University of Illinois), in the MAN Meeting Room MR-104, **5 p.m.** Organized by MAN. Zoom Meeting ID: 337 069 8252 Password: 18051700

Department of Performing Arts Streams Plays Online



Last month, the Department of Performing Arts began streaming prerecorded performances of some of its plays on the department's YouTube channel, reaching a wide audience in Turkey and abroad. The plays, staged by senior students as their graduation projects, were recorded over the course of the past several years. The first streaming, which took place on April 16, featured the production from the 2019–2020 academic year, "Küçük Tekneler İçin Fırtına Uyarısı" (Small Craft Warnings).

The streamings, which will continue this week and next, are aimed at bringing the Bilkent theater community together during this period of distance learning and sheltering at home. "Whether artists and audiences come together in the theater or remotely, we still experience art as a community," declared Performing Arts department chair Jason Hale.

"Küçük Tekneler İçin Fırtına Uyarısı" will have two more online showings this month, on **May 15** and **22** (Fridays) at **8 p.m.**

Senior project plays from previous years are being streamed on **Thursdays**. "Kuvâyi Milliye Destanı" and "La Ronde," from the 2018–2019 academic year, were shown on April 23 and April 30, while "Öfke" (Look Back in Anger), from 2017–2018, was streamed on May 7. Still to come are two plays from 2016–2017: "22. Madde" (Catch-22), on **Thursday, May 14**, and "Lefty'i Beklerken" (Waiting for Lefty) on **Thursday, May 21**, both at **8 p.m.**

The remaining performances can be seen on the Bilkent Tiyatro Bölümü YouTube channel, starting at the times indicated above. For more information, please see **instagram@bilkenttiyatro**.