

## 10. REDUCED INEQUALITIES

The University is committed to reducing inequalities by offering merit-based and need-based scholarships, meal grants, and inclusive educational programs for disadvantaged students. Outreach projects focus on empowering underrepresented groups, including youth from socioeconomically challenged backgrounds and migrant communities. Through initiatives such as Wikipedia gender-gap editing, E-Gen modules for young men, and partnerships with civil society organizations, KHAS fosters awareness of social equity and the importance of inclusion in both local and global contexts.

### 10.1. Events

- Conference: Symposium on the Undermining of Freedom to Seek Legal Remedies, organized by Kadir Has University Faculty of Law in collaboration with the Public Law Scholars Platform (18 October 2024).<sup>51</sup>
- CCLLab Seminar: Asst. Prof. Dr. Seda Yurtcanlı Duymaz, Climate Crisis, Forced Migration, and Human Rights (16 May 2024).<sup>52</sup>
- Conference: Disability Rights Conference I, organized by Kadir Has University Faculty of Law and the Istanbul Bar Association Disability Rights Center (17 November 2023).<sup>53</sup>
  - o Prof. Dr. Nilay Arat, Accessibility of Public Services
  - o Prof. Dr. Başak Baysal, Disability Rights from the Perspective of Legal Capacity
  - o Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ahmet Ayar, The Right of Persons with Disabilities to Found a Family
  - o Asst. Prof. Dr. Gizem Arslan, Form Requirements in Law and Disability Rights
- Conference: Disability Rights Conference II: Disability Rights in Working Life, organized by Kadir Has University Faculty of Law and the Istanbul Bar Association Disability Rights Center (19 April 2024).<sup>54</sup>
  - o Asst. Prof. Dr. Deniz Ugan Çataalkaya, Disability-Based Discrimination in Working Life
  - o Asst. Prof. Dr. Hande Heper Aykaş, Working Conditions and Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities
  - o Assoc. Prof. Dr. Canan Ünal Aldanır, Overview of Social Security Rights for Persons with Disabilities
  - o Atty. Deniz Yazgan Şenay, Sheltered Workshops and Their Application in Türkiye
- Conference: Disability Rights Conference III: Rights of Consumers with Disabilities, organized by Kadir Has University Faculty of Law and the Istanbul Bar Association Disability Rights Center (2–3 December 2024).<sup>55</sup>
  - o Assoc. Prof. Dr. Özge Uzun Kazmacı, Informing Consumers within the Framework of Disability Rights
  - o Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ayşe Coşkun, The Inclusive Power of Universal Design Principles
  - o Asst. Prof. Dr. Alara Efsun Yazıcıoğlu, The Importance of State Support in Access to Life-Easing Products
  - o Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hamide Bahçeci, Health and Disability Rights
  - o Atty. Mustafa Keskin, Disability Rights in the E-Commerce Sector
  - o Dr. Davut Gürses, Disability Rights in the Banking Sector

<sup>51</sup>[https://www.instagram.com/p/C\\_fqIY8MZMB/](https://www.instagram.com/p/C_fqIY8MZMB/)

<sup>52</sup><https://www.instagram.com/p/C6yj5KUKIU4/>

<sup>53</sup>[https://www.instagram.com/p/CzbXGmkq4\\_j/?utm\\_source=ig\\_web\\_copy\\_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFlZA==](https://www.instagram.com/p/CzbXGmkq4_j/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFlZA==)

<sup>54</sup>[https://www.instagram.com/p/C5TJ\\_WWs4vM/?img\\_index=2](https://www.instagram.com/p/C5TJ_WWs4vM/?img_index=2)

<sup>55</sup>[https://www.instagram.com/p/DCrKdxwM44G/?img\\_index=1](https://www.instagram.com/p/DCrKdxwM44G/?img_index=1)

- Lecture: Identity of Europe and Immigrants – Władysław Zuziak (19 April 2023)
- Lecture: Imagining Borders, Race and Labour in Times of Crises: The Case of Europe – Martina Tazzioli & Itamar Mann (29 September 2023)
- Faculty: Faculty of Art and Design | Unit: In Prague Quadrennial of Performance Design and Space | Event Type: Panel | Presenter: Gizem Aksu | Event Date: 16 October 2024<sup>56</sup>
  - o Summary: Presentation with Türe Zeybek, Bodily Augmentation in Dance and the Question of Artistic Autonomy at the PQ Symposium: Technologies, sharing the research questions and methodology on supporting body and movement with mechatronic designs.
- Faculty: Faculty of Art and Design | Department: Industrial Design | Course: IND382 – Social Innovation | Activity: Seminar–Workshop Collaboration | Title: Design for Child’s Rights and Sustainable Play | Period: May 2024
- Prof. Dr. Başak Baysal – Disability Rights from the Perspective of Legal Capacity (Presentation, Disability Rights Conference I, 17 November 2023)
- Asst. Prof. Dr. Gizem Arslan – Form Requirements in Law and Disability Rights (Presentation, Disability Rights Conference I, 17 November 2023)

## 10.2. Projects

- Equal Access for All (2023): Unlimited, long-term loan options and courier delivery services ensured continuous, barrier-free access to learning resources.
- Service to External Users (2023): Library facilities were opened to society at large, particularly to members of other universities; 48 external users visited in 2023.
- Democratising Access to Information (2024): An “Open Door and Democratisation of Information Access” policy for external users was adopted in June 2024.
- Equal Access for All (2024): Unlimited, long-term loans and courier shipping services continued.
- Volkswagen Foundation and Novo Nordisk Foundation–funded international project led by Asst. Prof. Dr. Sibel Karadağ.
- Doctors on the Move: Transnational Research into Healthcare Migration (TREATMi) – Project Director: Sibel Karadağ – July 2024.
- Faculty: Faculty of Art and Design | Unit/Center: TÜBİTAK 1001 | Project Title: Gender Dynamics of Skilled Migrant Women’s Labour Migration and Urban Life Experiences: The Case of Istanbul | Program Code: 1001 | Project No: 221K001 | Project Director: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ezgi Tuncer | Fellows: Ela Gök, Liana Kuyumcuyan, Sare Nur Avcı – MA in Architecture and Urban Studies | Project Period: 01.04.2022 – 01.11.2023 |
- Project Summary: This research investigates the socio-spatial dynamics shaping the migration, settlement processes, daily practices, and urban spatial experiences of highly educated (skilled) migrants living and working in Istanbul. The study focuses on middle-class transnational communities from both the Global North and Global South, examining their reasons and processes of migration, urban life experiences (housing, work, and socialization), and intersections of gender, nationality, and ethnicity (identity and origin). It argues that highly educated migrants, often perceived as “expats,” also include transnational middle classes who face precarity, economic crises, wars/conflicts, and oppressive regimes. The project aims to reveal the discriminatory practices they encounter in Istanbul and to contribute to the development of new urban and legal policies to improve migrants’ living conditions.

<sup>56</sup><https://alandakidoy.com/class/kadir-has-universitesi-genclik-festivali/>

- ISG Projects: Kadir Has University carried out renovation works on accessibility ramps to ensure that individuals with disabilities can move safely and comfortably around the campus.



- Artistic Research Project | ACT – Artistic Freedom and Children’s and Youth’s Perspective in the Arts in Türkiye | Project Director: Lecturer Özlem Özhabes | Project Researchers: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Zeynep Günsür Yüceil, Asst. Prof. Dr. Özlem Hemiş | Project Start Date: 01.06.2022 | Project End Date: 31.05.2024 | Funded by the Swedish government and initiated by the KHAS Theatre Department, “ACT” is a research and educational project focused on children’s and youth theatre. Conducted in collaboration with Sweden’s Unga Klara – the Swedish National Children and Youth Theatre – as well as Mordem Sanat (Diyarbakır) and K2 Contemporary Art Association (İzmir), the project spans two years and aims to train current and future creative practitioners working in this field.<sup>57</sup>
- Artistic Education Research Project | Boundary Crossing – Artistic Research in Context | 20.03.2023 – 12.05.2023 | Partners: HKU (University of the Arts Utrecht), Glej (Theatre-Production / Ljubljana), Kadir Has University Theatre Department (Istanbul) | This pilot project, focusing on interdisciplinary artistic production, aims to encourage young artists to diversify their creative practices and production tools, conduct research through cross-disciplinary collaborations, and open new areas of critical and creative thinking. It emphasizes and promotes collective working and exploration.
- Artistic Education Research Project | Boundary Crossing – Artistic Research in Context | 23.09.2024 – 18.10.2024 | Partners: Glej Theatre (Ljubljana, Slovenia), HKU University of the Arts Utrecht, and Kadir Has University (Istanbul) | This project, which started as a pilot in 2021, continues into 2025 as an experimental educational program connecting young theatre makers from the participating countries. Boundary crossing reflects not only geographical and theatre practice exchanges but also the negotiation of individual creative processes and working methods. Its methodology supports participants in developing theatre-making practices across multiple contexts, enabling them to evaluate work from diverse perspectives, roles, and cultural frameworks.

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- Faculty: Faculty of Art and Design | Financial Manager, Member of the Türkiye Management Committee | Erek, A. | CA 18204 “Dynamics of Placemaking and Digitization in Europe’s Cities,” EU COST Project | 2019 – 2024
- Free textbooks and course materials were provided to disadvantaged and economically vulnerable students through sponsorships from publishers, ensuring equal access to educational opportunities for all.
- To support the academic life of students with disabilities and facilitate their learning experience, several inclusive practices were implemented:
  - o Courses are held in accessible, barrier-free classrooms.
  - o When needed, students take exams in quiet, separate environments with specially prepared formats to prevent any disadvantage in evaluation processes.
  - o Guidance and counseling support are provided to ensure the full and effective participation of students with disabilities in university life. (School of Foreign Languages – YDYO)

### 10.3. Publications

- **Acceptable ‘expats’ versus unwanted ‘Arabs’: Tracing hierarchies through everyday urban practices of skilled migrant women in Istanbul**  
Author(s): Tuncer, E.  
Year: 2024
- **Rethinking de facto autonomy? A multi-policy area approach and the regulatory policy process**  
Author(s): Coban, M.  
Year: 2024
- **Examining actor–partner effects between social dominance, relationship power, sexism, and marital quality**  
Author(s): Ymamgulyyeva, A., Kafescioğlu, N., and Harma, M.  
Year: 2024
- **International migration and the NGOs working in the field of migration in Türkiye**  
Author(s): Özçetin, B. and Emre, P.  
Year: 2024
- **REFLECTION AND INTUITION IN A CRISIS- RIDDEN WORLD: Thinking Hard or Hardly Thinking?**  
Author(s): Saribay, S. and Yilmaz, O.  
Year: 2024
- **Global solidarity**  
Author(s): Sevinç, T.  
Year: 2024
- **Editorial Boards of Finance Journals: The Gender Gap and Social Networks**  
Author(s): Będowska-Sójka, B., Tarantola, C., Mare, C., Paccagnini, A., Ozturkkal, B., Pisoni, G., Shala, A., Perri, R., and Skaftadótti, H.  
Year: 2024
- **ENFORCED DEPARTURES, ANXIOUS ARRIVALS: A Turkish Diaspora in Israel**  
Author(s): Valansi, K.  
Year: 2024

- **Türkiye's rushed liberalization: wartime neutrality and the devaluation of 1946**  
Author(s): Hirst, S. and Isci, O.  
Year: 2024
- **Is precarity a fate for women in Türkiye? Rethinking energy poverty from a gender perspective**  
Author(s): Ucal, M. and Günay, S  
Year: 2023
- **Green central banking under high inflation—more of a need than an option: An analytical exposition for Türkiye**  
Author(s): Ünüvar, B. and YELDAN, A.  
Year: 2023
- **Can the Prosumer Economy be a Posthumanist Economy?**  
Author(s): Çevirme, E., Satıcı, E., and Özesmi, U.  
Year: 2023
- **Engineered migration at the Greek–Turkish border: A spectacle of violence and humanitarian space**  
Author(s): İşleyen, B. and Karadağ, S.  
Year: 2023
- **The Political Economic Sources of Policy Non-design, Policy Accumulation, and Decay in Policy Capacity**  
Author(s): Coban, M.  
Year: 2023
- **Little Aleppo: The neighbourhood experiences of Syrian refugees in Adana, Türkiye, 'poor to poor, peer to peer'**  
Author(s): Akçali, E.  
Year: 2023
- **Introduction: Economy and Foreign Policy in A Multipolar World**  
Author(s): Kutlay, M. and Karaoğuz, H.  
Year: 2023
- **Development and Foreign Policy: State of the Art**  
Author(s): Kutlay, M. and Karaoğuz, H.  
Year: 2023
- **Reconsidering labour coercion through the logics of Im/mobility and the environment**  
Author(s): Bernardi, C., Shahid, A., and Özbek, M.  
Year: 2023
- **Feeling Imagined Spaces: Emotional Geographies in the EU–Türkiye Relations**  
Author(s): Karamık, İ. and Ermihan, E.  
Year: 2023
- **Poverty and income distribution incidence of the COVID-19 outbreak: investigating socially responsible policy alternatives for Türkiye**  
Author(s): Tekgüç, H., Unsal, E., and YELDAN, A.  
Year: 2023
- **The political consequences of dependent financialization: Capital flows, crisis and the authoritarian turn in Türkiye**  
Author(s): Apaydin, F. and Coban, M.  
Year: 2023

#### 10.4. Courses

- KHAS105 “Critical Thinking” In-depth discussions on the universal ethical principle of justice and its modern social reflections.
- KHAS110 Social Responsibility Project
  - o Collaboration with TİDER (Temel İhtiyaç Derneği): Students volunteered at municipal food banks in Şişli and Beyoğlu, supporting food distribution and logistics after receiving training on food waste and urban poverty.
  - o Workshops in IMM Neighbourhood Houses: Students conducted creative and educational workshops for children and women.
- LAW313 – Human Rights Law (Core)
- Content: Historical development, international human rights systems, ECtHR application process, non-discrimination, equality, freedom of expression and association, minority and educational rights, and EU human rights.<sup>58</sup>
- LAW346 – Gender and Law (Elective)
- Content: Introduction to feminist theory, queer studies, and LGBTI+ research; critical concepts such as patriarchy and heteronormativity; law’s role in reproducing gender roles; analysis of feminist and LGBTI+ legal struggles.<sup>59</sup>
- LAW374 – Politics of Human Rights (Elective)
- Focuses on human rights as political phenomena, emphasizing the interaction of law, politics, and social movements; addresses identity-based rights and the limits of legal frameworks.<sup>60</sup>
- LAW376 – Disability Rights (Elective)
- Includes study of the UN Disability Rights Convention, case-based discussions, and group legal analyses on practical challenges and solutions.<sup>61</sup>
- KH518 – Cultural Rights (Elective)
- Covers the emergence of minority rights, their application in international law, and the evaluation of Türkiye's position within these frameworks.<sup>62</sup>
- KH 523 – European Convention on Human Rights and the Constitution (Elective)
- Focuses on ECtHR jurisprudence, historical development of human rights, and mechanisms of international human rights supervision.<sup>63</sup>
- KH541 – ECHR and State’s Positive Obligations (Elective)
- Analyses state duties regarding life, privacy, and expression under ECtHR case law.<sup>64</sup>
- LW570 – Gender and Human Rights (Graduate)
- Explores the historical, conceptual, and legal framework of international human rights, feminist and queer theories, and the legal implications for gender and LGBTI+ rights, with analysis of case law and Turkish practice.<sup>65</sup>

<sup>58</sup><https://bologna.khas.edu.tr/ders/30004243/program/50000736>

<sup>59</sup><https://bologna.khas.edu.tr/ders/30003150/program/50000736>

<sup>60</sup><https://bologna.khas.edu.tr/ders/30004429/program/50000736>

<sup>61</sup><https://bologna.khas.edu.tr/ders/30004430/program/50000736>

<sup>62</sup><https://bologna.khas.edu.tr/ders/30000436/program/50258384>

<sup>63</sup><https://bologna.khas.edu.tr/ders/30000627/program/50258384>

<sup>64</sup><https://bologna.khas.edu.tr/ders/30002293/program/50258384>

<sup>65</sup><https://bologna.khas.edu.tr/ders/30001222/program/50258384>



- LW571 & LW566 – Social Rights and Safeguards in International Human Rights
- Study of ILO, EU, Council of Europe, ECHR, and the European Social Charter, including relevant jurisprudence and constitutional integration (Art. 90/5).<sup>66</sup> <sup>67</sup>
- KH536 – Contemporary Theories of Rights (Graduate)
- Critical examination of liberal rights theory, queer theory, and identity-based rights movements; explores challenges to mainstream human rights frameworks.<sup>68</sup>
- KH524 – Human Rights, Social Movements, and Politics (Graduate)
- Adopts a political approach to human rights, focusing on civil society, activism, and identity-based struggles as key drivers of rights expansion.
- GEN650 – Gender and Law: Theories & Methodologies (Doctoral, Women’s Studies)
- Focuses on methodologies in feminist and queer legal studies, connecting political struggles to legal theory and application.<sup>69</sup>
- KHAS1736 – Politics of Human Rights (Core)
- Analyses human rights at the intersection of politics and law, emphasizing social movements, identity-based struggles, and international standards.<sup>70</sup>
- Architecture and Design Modules:
  - o ARC302: Architectures of Transiency: Impermanent Dwelling in Insecure Times (2024–2025 Fall)
  - o ARCH503: Thesis Preparation Seminar (Multiple sessions, 2024)
  - o ARCH504: Architecture and Urban Studies Thesis (Multiple sessions, 2024)
  - o ARCH511: Readings on Space and Society (2024)
  - o ARCH518: Space, Politics, and Power (2024)
  - o Law School Graduate & Elective Modules:
  - o KH537: Current Issues in Criminal Law
  - o KH542: Contemporary Issues in International Tax Law
  - o KH556: Legal Theory, Political Theory, and Neuroscience
  - o LW564: Administrative Jurisprudence in Decisions
  - o LW537: Interpretation of ECtHR Judgments

<sup>66</sup><https://bologna.khas.edu.tr/ders/30001216/program/50258384>

<sup>67</sup><https://bologna.khas.edu.tr/ders/30001220/program/50258384>

<sup>68</sup><https://bologna.khas.edu.tr/ders/30000438/program/50258384>

<sup>69</sup><https://bologna.khas.edu.tr/ders/30003199/program/50303141>

<sup>70</sup><https://bologna.khas.edu.tr/ders/30004097/program/50302032>