



## THE IDEAL SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT FOR THE TRNC DISCUSSED AT WORKSHOP



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Business and Economics and the Dr. Fazıl Küçük Foundation hosted the first workshop in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) to discuss the best system of government. The opening ceremony of the "Ideal System of Government for the TRNC, Presidential System and Parliamentary System Debate" workshop took place on Friday, the 4th of May 2018 at

Kyrenia Oscar Hotel at 10:00. Present at the highly attended workshop were top government representatives as well as Cypriot and foreign academicians. The workshop commenced with the national anthem, a moment of silence and opening speeches.

### "Firstly The System Must Be Improved"

In her opening speech, Former TRNC Parliamentary Speaker and Dr. Fazıl

Küçük Foundation Honorary President Dr. Sibel Siber noted that the workshop aims to raise for discussion the problems of the current system whilst comparing it with alternative models with the goal of forming opinions about the best model for the country.

Speaking at the opening of the workshop, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam stated that the current system has its flaws but it is up to them

to try and improve the system, before changing it. Prof. Dr. Osam indicated that EMU will do its part based on its vision and mission. EMU Faculty of Business and Economics Vice Dean Assoc. Prof. Dr. Deniz İşçiöğlü drew attention to the workshop aiming to create a more stable government system, public administration structure and stronger local governments. >>>p.2

## EMU REPRESENTED TRNC AT INTERNATIONAL TIMES HIGHER EDUCATION SUMMIT



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector's Office represented Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) at Research Excellence Summit with the theme "New Europe 2018" which was organized by Times Higher Education (THE), a United Kingdom based higher education ranking board. The summit was organized between 24th – 26th April 2018 at Palacky Olomouc University in Olomouc city of Czech Republic. Earning the privilege to be announced on THE 2017-2018 Academic Year World University Rankings being the only university from TRNC on the list, EMU was represented in the summit by EMU Rector

Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam and Vice Rector for International Relations and Promotion Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova. THE Research Excellence Summit is one of the 8 summits that are organized annually by THE.

Some of the best world universities including Oxford, California Institute of Technology, Stanford, Cambridge, MIT, Harvard and Princeton also featured on the list. The ranking considers factors such as teaching, research, and knowledge transfer, references to academic publications, international academic personnel, and number of international students, social activities and community service.



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## “The Biggest Problem is Patronage”

In his opening speech, TRNC Parliamentary Speaker Teberrükten Uluçay stated that the economic and political state of the TRNC will shed light on future governmental system discussions. TRNC Prime Minister Tufan Erhürman noted

that the country’s biggest problem is patronage indicating that this problem which is reflected in culture must be eradicated. TRNC Minister of Education and Culture Cemal Özyiğit stated that all of these systems can be discussed but that everyone is informed about coalescence of laws and implementation. Minister of Finance Serdar Denктаş stated that he has always been one to support the presidential system, indicating that as a community we are familiar with

this system as it has been used before. Following the opening speeches, the first session titled “Different Government Models in the International Arena” moderated by Prof. Dr. Hamza Ateş from İstanbul Medeniyet University took place. The first session was followed by the sessions “Division of Strength in the American Presidential System: A Valuable Precaution or Obstacle Towards Good Governments” and “Are We Sure That President and

Government in the Presidential System are more Powerful than the Parliament in the Parliamentary System” moderated by Prof. Dr. Donald Munroe Eagles from Buffalo University and Prof. Dr. Massimu Balducci from the University of Florence respectively.

On Saturday the 5th of March 2018, the second day of the workshop, participants will divide into groups to discuss a range of problems.



# 8TH EMU INTERNATIONAL DESIGN WEEK COMPLETED



The 8th annual Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Architecture International Design Week took place between the 2nd and 4th of May 2018. The opening ceremony of the 8th EMU International Design Week took place at the Faculty of Architecture yard on Wednesday, the 2nd of May 2018 at 10:00. Speaking at the opening ceremony, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam drew attention to the “existHence” theme of the event stating that all people should be happy about diversity and live together in solidarity. Indicating that EMU values diversity Prof. Dr. Osam stated that the EMU family is comprised of people from 106 different countries. Prof. Dr. Osam concluded by stating “We are an international university recognized by institutions such as Times Higher Education and QSTAR ”

### “We Can Only Exist Together”

EMU Faculty of Architecture Dean Prof. Dr. Özgür Dinçyürek thanked all participants from the TRNC and abroad. Providing information about the 8th EMU International Design Week Prof. Dr. Dinçyürek stated that the goal of the event which brought together many architecture professionals, artists, academicians and design students is to encourage the exchange of ideas and production at an international platform. Prof. Dr. Dinçyürek stated that the “existHence” themed event emphasizes that everyone is special, unique and

important whilst underlining that we can only exist together. Prof. Dr. Dinçyürek continued to highlight that design uses liveliness and ontology as tools for a better world, indicating that people’s differences can be abolished via design.

### Different Universities Participated in the Event

Students and academic staff members from over 15 Architecture Schools (Yıldız Technical University, Middle East Technical University, TOBB University of Economics and Technology, İstanbul Technical University, Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University, Başkent University, Polytechnic University of Tirana, Holy Spirit University of Kaslik-Lebanon, Özyeğin University, Final International University, Cyprus International University, Bilecik Şeyh Edibali University, Mustafa Kemal University, Medipol University and Near East University) are attending the 8th EMU International Design Week. In addition to approximately 20 workshops, important designers from Turkey and Europe will be delivering seminars and participating as speakers at panels.

After workshops that commenced following the opening speeches, prominent and successful Turkish architect Gürhan Bakırkürte delivered the opening speech of the event taking place at 14:30 at the Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Hall, sponsored by Kalebodur group.



### Presentations Delivered by Important Architects

On Thursday, the 3rd of May 2018, the second day of the 8th International Design Week Dana Behrman from Europe’s respected and successful architecture office UN STUDIO delivered a presentation at the Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Hall. The week then continued with a

range of workshops and presentations by successful academicians and award winning architects Dr. Kerem Yazgan and Dr. Devrim Çimen. The presentations that took place at the Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Hall on Friday, the 4th of May 2018 were moderated by Prof. Dr. Güven Arif Sargin.



## “GENERAL SAFETY EDUCATION” CERTIFICATES PRESENTED TO EMU PERSONNEL



The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Personnel Office Directorate organized a certificate ceremony at Mehmet Tahiroğlu Hall on Monday, the 30th of April 2018 for those who participated in the 2017-2018 Academic Year “General Safety Education” In-Service Training Program that was organized with TRNC Police Department’s contributions. The TRNC Police Department, Police School offered training for a total of 252 EMU personnel from the Security Affairs Unit and other units on topics such as “Explosive material and Bombs, Security of Critical Facilities, Crowd Management, Fire Protection, Narcotics, Traffic and Forensics”.

### Prof. Dr. Osam: “Very Important for us”

Delivering the opening speech of the certificate ceremony, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam stated “We are very happy to have completed this important course”. Indicating that EMU is more serene than previous years Prof. Dr. Osam thanked everyone who contributed to the

course. Also extending his gratitude to the TRNC Police Department Prof. Dr. Osam highlighted that when needed they make sensitive timely interventions. In a speech of his own Police Chief Süleyman Manavoğlu emphasized that the three week collaboration between EMU and the TRNC Police Department has informed and raised the awareness of EMU personnel. Manavoğlu stated “Noticing incidents as a result of the information you obtained will enable you to help your family and people around you.” Following the opening speeches, Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam presented Süleyman Manavoğlu a plaque of appreciation. Course instructors were also presented plaques and certificates by Süleyman Manavoğlu and Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam. EMU Personnel were presented their certificates by Police School Director (a.) Hüseyin Sağıroğlu, Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova and Prof. Dr. Tanju Besler as well as EMU Personnel Office Director Özlem Avcı. The ceremony came to a close with cocktail after the certificate presentation.



## EMU DR. FAZIL KÜÇÜK MEDICINE FACULTY RELEASES WORLD IMMUNIZATION WEEK STATEMENT



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty academic staff member and pediatrics expert Dr. Umut Altunç released a 24 April-1 May World Immunization Week statement which reads as follows:

Vaccines are made of substances that resemble disease causing microorganism or weakened microbes that provide active acquired immunity to particular diseases. The only known protection method for

diseases such as Influenza, Hepatitis B, Measles, Rubella, Pertussis, Tetanus, Chickenpox, Hepatitis A and Meningitis is vaccination. As a result of vaccination one of the most commonly seen types of cancer in women; cervical cancer is now classified as a preventable disease. Vaccination programs prevent the death of approximately 2-3 billion children each year. Diseases such as smallpox are eradicated thanks to vaccination programs. Every year 19.5 million babies cannot

be vaccinated because of social, cultural or economic reasons. In many developing regions, vaccines cannot be effectively provided to children and in some developed countries anti-vaccination campaigns and biases prevent children being vaccinated at the correct times and intervals.

To this day, no hypothesis of the anti-vaccination discourse which appeared for commercial reasons has been scientifically proven. It was claimed by anti- Mumps Measles

& Rubella (MMR) vaccination campaigns that its vaccine causes autism. Studies carried out show no difference in the number of autism cases between children who received and didn't receive MMR vaccination.

It is not legal or ethical for people to turn to vaccination alternatives such as 'Homeopathy' or other experimental methods. The side-effects of the influenza vaccine is another point of dispute. The possible side-effects of this vaccine are a lot less serious than the health problems an individual might face if they become sick. According to 2017's data, globally over 650 thousand people have died of influenza related reasons. The World Health Organization has recommended that next year influenza vaccinations are given to a large part of the public especially children over 6 months old and those who are pregnant.

Adults and individuals who are going to regions with epidemics need to renew their vaccinations at certain intervals. In our country it is recommended that Hepatitis B, Diphtheria-Pertussis- Tetanus and Chickenpox (if it hasn't been contracted) vaccines are received at certain intervals. The HPV vaccine for cervical cancer can be a lifesaving precaution for young women who don't carry the disease.

## AEGEE FAMAGUSTA EUROPEAN STUDENT FORM ATTENDS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Operating under the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Social and Cultural Activities Directorate, AEGEE Famagusta is an internationally recognized non-governmental organization. AGORA, the general assembly and most important meeting within AEGEE that takes place twice a year recently took place at Krakow University in Poland. 9 members of AEGEE Famagusta attended

the event that was attended by 800 members from all around Europe. AEGEE Famagusta is the only member of AEGEE in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC). Since its formation, AEGEE Famagusta has participated in and organized numerous events at which it has represented the Turkish Cypriot community, Famagusta and the Eastern Mediterranean University.





## ROCK FEST TAKES PLACE AT EMU



The eight annual “Rock’n EMU” event organized by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Social and Cultural Activities Directorate took place on Friday, the 27th of April 2018 between 16:30 – 01:00 at the EMU Stadium. This year’s event featured unforgettable performances by the EMU Music Group and Turkey’s famous artist and groups Vera, Son Feci Bisiklet, Adamlar, Aylin Aslim, Yüksek Sadakat, Manuş Baba, Feridun Düzağaç and Bulutsuzluk Özlemi. There was congestion at the entrance of the concert that was free of charge as people from all over the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) stormed to EMU to watch the performances.

### EMU Rector Presents Plaques to Groups

Addressing the audience, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam stated that as a global university with over 20 thousand students from 106 different countries EMU is hosting a world standard Rock’n EMU event at the end of the exam period. Relaying his gratitude to all performers and the TRNC public who showed great interest in the event, Prof. Dr. Osam wished everyone an enjoyable night. The performers were presented plaques of appreciation by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam and Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Halit Tanju Besler.



## EMU DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC RELATIONS AND ADVERTISING STUDENTS ORGANIZE 23RD OF APRIL ENTERTAINMENT FOR SOS CHILDREN’S VILLAGE



The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Community Involvement Center has carried out another social responsibility project. Within the scope of the Graduation Project course delivered by EMU Faculty of Communication, Department of Public Relations and Advertising Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Anil Kemal Kaya, students Sevinç Kahveci, Batuhan Bilgehan, Kaan Vechi, Eren Kızıltan and Aysun Zabitler carried out a very meaningful event.

Within the scope of the 23rd of April National Sovereignty and Children’s Day EMU students visited children

aged 1-6 at the SOS Children’s Village in Nicosia. After informing the children about the importance and meaning of the day, the students carried out face painting and dancing events which the children and their teachers thoroughly enjoyed. At the end of the event, SOS Nursery and Kindergarten Headmistress Ebru Efendi stated: “It is very good for the children to participate in such events. They become happy when they participate in different activities organized by different people. Children love face painting, balloons and music”. Ebru Efendi concluded by thanking EMU Public Relations and Advertising program students.



## PALESTINIAN CULTURE WEEK CELEBRATED AT EMU

Hosted by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) International Office “Palestinian Culture Week” organized by the Palestinian Students Society was recently celebrated with a range of events. Unlike previous years where a “Palestinian Night” event took place, this year’s celebration was spread over a week. The first event took place on Tuesday, the 24th of April 2018 with a campus marathon run by over 150 Palestinian EMU students. On the 25th of April

approximately 100 EMU students feasted on local Palestinian dishes as part of the “Palestine on a plate” event organized by the Palestinian Students Society. An awareness walk took place on campus highlighting the problems being faced in Palestine.

### Great Interest Towards Palestinian Night

On Monday, the 28th of April 2018 “Palestinian Night” took place at the Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture



and Congress Hall. The night was attended by EMU Vice Rector for International Affairs and Promotion Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova, Nicosia Turkish Embassy Counsellor Yasin Temizkan, EMU personnel and Palestinian students. The night commenced with a video screening showing events taking place in Palestine. Speaking at the opening of the event, EMU Palestinian

Students Society President Ahmed Toma thanked everyone participating in the event. EMU Vice Rector for International Affairs and Promotion Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova wished all Palestinians a happy Palestinian Week and an enjoyable night. The opening speeches were followed by a traditional Palestinian music performance from the group Dalal Abu Amneh.

## GAMBIAN NIGHT CELEBRATED AT EMU



### This Week’s Academic Publications

Source: *Web of Science*

#### Faculty of Tourism

1 - Hamed Rezapouraghdam, Habib Alipour, and Mahlagha Darvishmotevali. “Employee workplace spirituality and pro-environmental behavior in the hotel industry.” *Journal of Sustainable Tourism* 26, no. 5 (2018): 740-758.

#### Faculty of Engineering

1 - Farzaneh Ferdowsi, Hamid Reza Maleki, and Sadegh Niroomand. “A credibility-based hybrid fuzzy programming approach for a bi-objective refueling alternative fuel

vehicles problem under uncertainty.” *Journal of Intelligent & Fuzzy Systems* 34, no. 4 (2018): 2385-2399.

#### Faculty of Business & Economics

1 - Fatma Güven Lisaniler, Gulcay Tuna, and Ikechukwu Darlington Nwaka. “Sectoral choices and wage differences among Nigerian public, private and self-employees.” *International Journal of Manpower* 39, no. 1 (2018): 2-24.

Eastern Mediterranean University’s (EMU) Gambian students participated in an unforgettable “Gambian Night” hosted by the International Office on Saturday, the 28th of April 2018 at the EMU Beach Club. Gambian students explored Famagusta and participated in a football tournament before relieving tiredness at the “Gambian Night” event. Speaking on the night, EMU Gambian Students Society President

Sainabau-laye Ndure thanked all participants and Gambian students in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) for their interest in the event. Guest participant, Lefke European University Gambian Students Society President Bakari Badjie advised Gambian students to be in communication and solidarity. Students were witnessed to be thoroughly enjoying the joyous event.



## THIS WEEK IN TURKEY'S PROMOTION



Our university was represented by İzmir Liaison Officer Cansu Okyay at the Balıkesir Educaturk Fair on the 2nd and 3rd of March 2018.



Our university was represented at the Erzurum Unilook University Promotion and Selection Fair on the 2-3-4 May 2018 by Şanlıurfa Liaison Officer Faruk Öncel.



Ankara Liaison Officer Ahmet Ümit Ünal set up an EMU stand at the Ankara Eryaman Okyanus College Career Day which took place on the 3rd of May 2018.



Our university was represented by İstanbul Liaison Officer Çağla Kucur at the Kırklareli University Selection Day on the 3rd of May 2018.



Education expert Süleyman Beledioğlu delivered seminars titled "How to be more successful with the new exam system" in Sivas, Tokat and Amasya on the 2-3-4 May 2018. Before the seminars Samsun Liaison Officer Nazan Sicimoğlu delivered promotional university presentations.



Our university carried out presentations in Hatay on the 2-4 May 2018 aimed towards high school students. During the event Faculty of Education Dean Asst. Prof. Dr. Eda Kargı delivered a presentation titled "Exam Stress and Motivation". Assoc. Prof. Dr. Zehra Öngül, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Asu Tozan and Asst. Prof. Dr. Kamil Güley from the Faculty of Architecture delivered the presentation titled "Awaken Your Inner Designer". Faculty of Tourism Dean Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç delivered a seminar titled "Gastronomy and Culinary Arts – Civil Aviation and Cabin Services". Before the said events Hatay Liaison Officer Mete Ünsal delivered a promotional presentation.



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