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Sustainable Development Goal 11:

Sustainable Cities and Communities



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SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities – Disaster Resilience, Cultural Heritage and Green Campus

THE IMPACT RATINGS 2026

12.

World Rankings

89.5 points at the global scale among 865 universities, ranking at the top in Türkiye and the world

8.4 sec

Early Warning Time

30 stations in Marmara, 0.2 sec delay and 3–6 sec target

$1M Grant

Google AI Fund

Kandilli KOERI Artificial Intelligence-Supported Earthquake Early Warning Project

LIBRARY RESOURCES AND OPEN ACCESS DIGITAL HERITAGE

4.18 Million Resources | 58,000+ GETEM Works

581,403 printed books, 3,220,359 e-publications, 29,678 rare works and an e-library with 10,000 members

5 Billion TL

Earthquake-Resistant Library and Laboratory Investment

UNESCO "Tsunami Ready" Leadership
International Tsunami Ready City designation for Seferihisar with CoastWAVE 2.0

DISASTER RESILIENCE AND URBAN MODELLING

Tomorrow's Cities & İBB

UKRI Istanbul Office, MIT flood model and disaster training for 25,000 people annually

HISTORICAL HERITAGE AND CULTURAL LIFE

Europa Nostra and 500 Concerts

Restoration of the Gözlükule Factory, 112-year-old organ and Albert Long Hall series

SAFE HOUSING AND MOBILITY

3,897 Dormitory Beds | 65 Shuttles

Full accommodation guarantee for the top 1,000, 93% shuttle occupancy and Boun Car Sharing

Sustainable Standards at Urban and Campus Levels

4 LEED Buildings	115 Years	1,332 Trips	6 Stations	916 Athletes
Hamlin & UDİM	Kandilli Climate Memory	Free Shuttle Network	Electric Vehicle Charging	45th International Fest

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Public Access to Boğaziçi University Buildings

Boğaziçi University opens its culturally significant buildings and natural heritage sites to visitors as part of public events. By offering free and by appointment access to these sites, the university aims to encourage local communities and visitors to interact with cultural heritage.

Boğaziçi University Promotional Activities

Within the scope of the “Boğaziçi University Introduction Days” programme, which is organised every year for prospective students who will make university choices, prospective students and their families have the opportunity to visit the campus, meet the faculty members, get information about the undergraduate programmes offered by the departments and take a campus tour. In addition, secondary education institutions can make a special application during the semester and organise visits that enable their students to get to know the academic and social opportunities of Boğaziçi University.



Click here for school trip application:
https://haberler.bogazici.edu.tr/tr/news/kampus/2/turkiyenin-en-iyileri-yine-bogazicinde-bulusu/2921

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Historical and Architectural Richness of South Campus

The foundations of Boğaziçi University were laid with the establishment of Robert Collegein **1863**, and the South Campus stands out with its architecture of historical and cultural significance. All historical buildings on the South Campus were built before the First World War and were constructed using blue limestone quarried from the quarry located on the campus. Hamlin Hall, the first building of Robert College, was completed in 1871. It was followed by Kennedy Lodge, which was built as the president's house in 1891, Albert Long Hall, which was completed in 1892, Theodorus Hall, which served as a preparatory building in 1902, Dodge Gymnasium, which opened as a gymnasium in 1904, Washburn Hall in 1906, Anderson Hall in 1913 and Sloane Hall, which was used as a dispensary in 1914. These buildings are among the important artefacts that symbolise the historical depth and unique cultural heritage of Boğaziçi University. The historic Albert Long Hall is open to the public throughout the year, hosting events such as concerts and conferences.



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Nazım Hikmet Culture and Art Research Centre

Nazım Hikmet Culture and Art Research Centre is another important building contributing to the cultural heritage of the university. The Centre aims to perpetuate the memory of Nâzım Hikmet, one of the most influential, talented and world-renowned poets of recent times, by creating an extensive archive and researching his widespread influence on Turkish literature and national culture and arts policies. Hosting panels, seminars, workshops and public cultural events in the historical buildings of Boğaziçi University, this centre allows visitors to interact with the rich cultural heritage of the university.

Click here to visit the Nazım Hikmet Culture and Art Research Centre

website: https://nazimhikmetmerkezi.com/

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Kandilli Observatory and Earthquake Research Institute

Kandilli Campus carries the legacy of the Kandilli Observatory, which was established in 1868 and affiliated to Boğaziçi University in 1982 and renamed Boğaziçi University Kandilli Observatory and Earthquake Research Institute (KRDAE). Kandilli Observatory was established in 1868 as Rasathane-i Amire at the suggestion of the French government to transmit weather forecasts to certain centres by telegraph. The Observatory, which first started its operations on a 74-metre high hill in Pera, was later moved to a telegraph office opposite the Artillery School in Maçka. However, during the 31 March Incident of 1909, the Observatory in Maçka was destroyed. Following this incident, the Observatory started to operate at its present location on İcadiye Hill in Vaniköy in 1911. In1936, the name of the institution was changed to Kandilli Astronomy and Geophysics Observatory, and in 1982, it was affiliated to Boğaziçi University and started to carry out scientific research and education activities under the name of Boğaziçi University Kandilli Observatory and Earthquake Research Institute.

Click here to go to KRDAE web page:

> http://www.koeri.boun.edu.tr/new/en

History of Observatory Science

The Observatory Science History Collection is exhibited in the historical Seismological Building, the foundation of which was laid in 1930 and the construction of which was completed in 1934. Various scientific instruments used by the Observatory in the fields of astronomy and earth sciences are exhibited in the building. In this building, samples of Kandilli manuscripts related to astronomy, astrology, mathematics and geography in the Observatory Archive are also exhibited.

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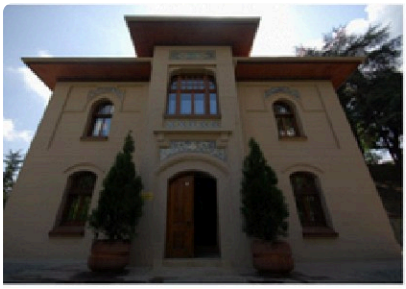
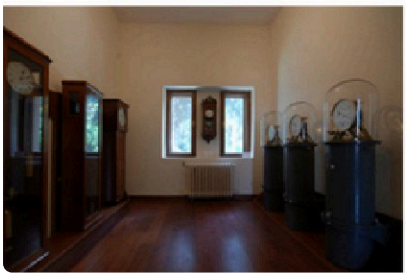
This collection consists of observation instruments invented by Turkish scientists in the Ottoman period, books and calendars on astronomy, seismographs and various astronomy, geodesy, magnetics, meteorology and time instruments, most of which were imported from Europe and the United States, which were used in the Observatory - i Amire established in 1868 and used after the observatory was moved to Kandilli in 1911.

Scientific instruments include:
Sextants, octants, telescopes, theodolites, pontographs, artificial horizons, barometers, clocks, sundials, thermographs, observation record reports, maps, calendars, large seismographs which are earthquake recording instruments, maritime clocks, measuring and calculating machines, auxiliary instruments for determining time, rubu boards, astrolabes, earth globes, celestial globes, solar system, meridian telescopes, qiblenumas.





For more information click here:
http://koeri.boun.edu.tr/new/en/bilim_tarihi

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Observatory Excursion

Kandilli Observatory and Earthquake Research Institute accepts groups of visitors from primary, secondary and high schools by appointment system. The 80-minute excursion programme, which is free of charge for groups of up to 30 people, covers three main parts:

Disaster Preparedness and Earthquake Park Visit: Participants are given basic disaster awareness training in line with pedagogical data and practical applications are made in Deprempark.

Astronomy Laboratory: Visitors have the opportunity to learn about general astronomy and solar observations.

Meteorology Laboratory: Basic information about meteorology is shared, meteorological measuring instruments are introduced and weather forecasting processes are explained.



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This rich-content programme provides the participants with both theoretical and practical knowledge and scientific awareness, as well as the opportunity to see the campus and buildings. In addition, ABCD Basic Disaster Awareness Training is given open to the public at the Disaster Preparedness Laboratory (AHLAB) as part of the 'Public Day' events organised every Tuesday. For individual visitors, the Astronomy Laboratory provides information about laboratory work and astronomy-related topics of interest, as well as hosting events for popular astronomical events such as eclipses and planetary transits.

Click here for observatory trip application:

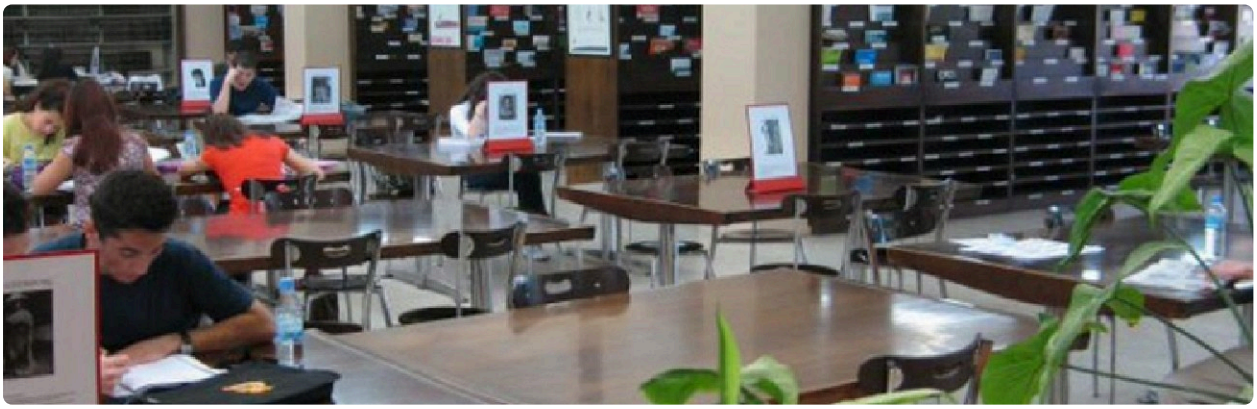
https://ahlab.bogazici.edu.tr/tr/pages/gezi-basvurusu/4186

Click here for maps of the campuses and locations of the buildings:
https://harita.bogazici.edu.tr/

Boğaziçi University Library: Public Access Facilities

Boğaziçi University supports research and learning by providing access to information resources and training opportunities to researchers and private companies outside the university. Graduate students, academics, alumni, and commercial and industrial organisations who wish to use the university library can become members by filling out individual or institutional membership application forms. When the membership procedures are completed, they are offered the opportunity to benefit from the services and resources offered by the library in accordance with the membership type.





Click here to go to the library user transactions page:
https://library.bogazici.edu.tr/tr/pages/kullanici-islemleri/4807

Boğaziçi University Library: Public Access Facilities

Library Resources	Quantity
Book	581,403
Printed Periodical Publication	162,609
Doctoral Theses	1,871
Master's Theses	14,649
Electronic Publication	3,220,359
Number of Periodicals	162,609
Other Printed Materials	39,353
Total Library Resources	**4,182,853**

Archive and Documentation Centre Digital Archive

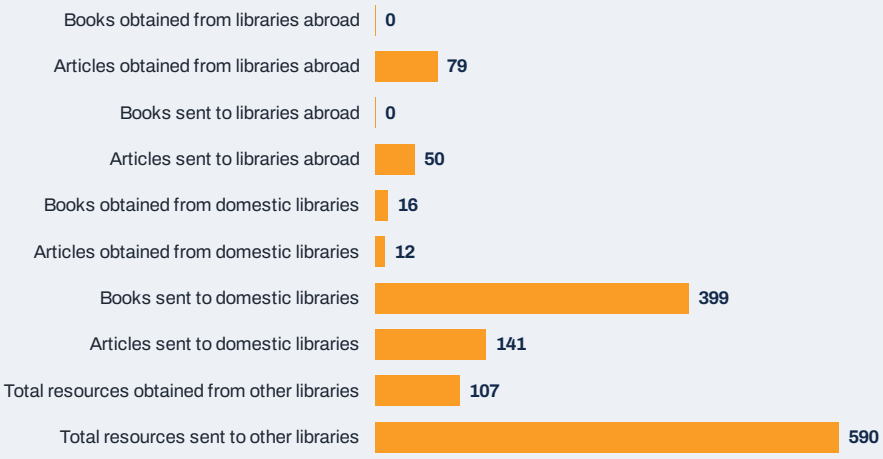
Boğaziçi University Library has open access digital collections in addition to printed and electronic resources. The University's Archive and Documentation Centre digitises institutional archive and special collection materials in accordance with international standards and makes them open access in accordance with copyright. The Digital Archive makes rare artefacts, manuscripts and other important documents accessible to a wide audience. This digital platform provides a valuable resource for researchers and enthusiasts.

Click here to see the digital archive collections:
https://digitalarchive.library.bogazici.edu.tr/home

Boğaziçi University Library: Public Access Facilities

Interlibrary Loan Service (ILL)

Interlibrary Loan Service (ILL) allows libraries to obtain resources from other libraries that are not in their own collections. Boğaziçi University Library started this service in 1993 by only bringing books from abroad, and since 2008, it has also started sending books to other libraries. This development has made the library a valuable resource centre for academic institutions both at home and abroad.



Boğaziçi University Library – 2025 Interlibrary Loan (ILL) Statistics

Boğaziçi University Library: Public Access Facilities

Nâzım Hikmet Research Library

Established as an academic unit of Boğaziçi University, the Nâzım Hikmet Culture and Art Research Centre acquired almost all published works of Nâzım Hikmet, except for a few first editions and rare foreign editions, all articles on Nâzım Hikmet, and all books on Nâzım Hikmet published in Turkish in 2017. Researchers can work in the library by appointment.







Click here for detailed information:
https://arastirma.bogazici.edu.tr/sites/arastirma.boun.edu.tr/files/users/apk/sdg11_-_nhksam_2020.pdf

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Nâzım Hikmet Online Bibliography and Database

The Nâzım Hikmet Bibliography was created with the contributions of Boğaziçi University Library and consists of 7 categories: Nâzım Hikmet's Turkish Publications, Nâzım Hikmet's Foreign Language Publications, Nâzım Hikmet's Translations, Nâzım Hikmet's Turkish Works, Nâzım Hikmet's Foreign Language Works, Articles and Theses. In the database, which is constantly updated and whose beta version is open to everyone, researchers can examine the bibliography of the great poet consisting of 1233 works.

> **Click here for bibliography search:**
> https://nazimhikmetmerkezi.com/bibliyografya-tarama/

Public Access to Boğaziçi University Museums and Exhibitions

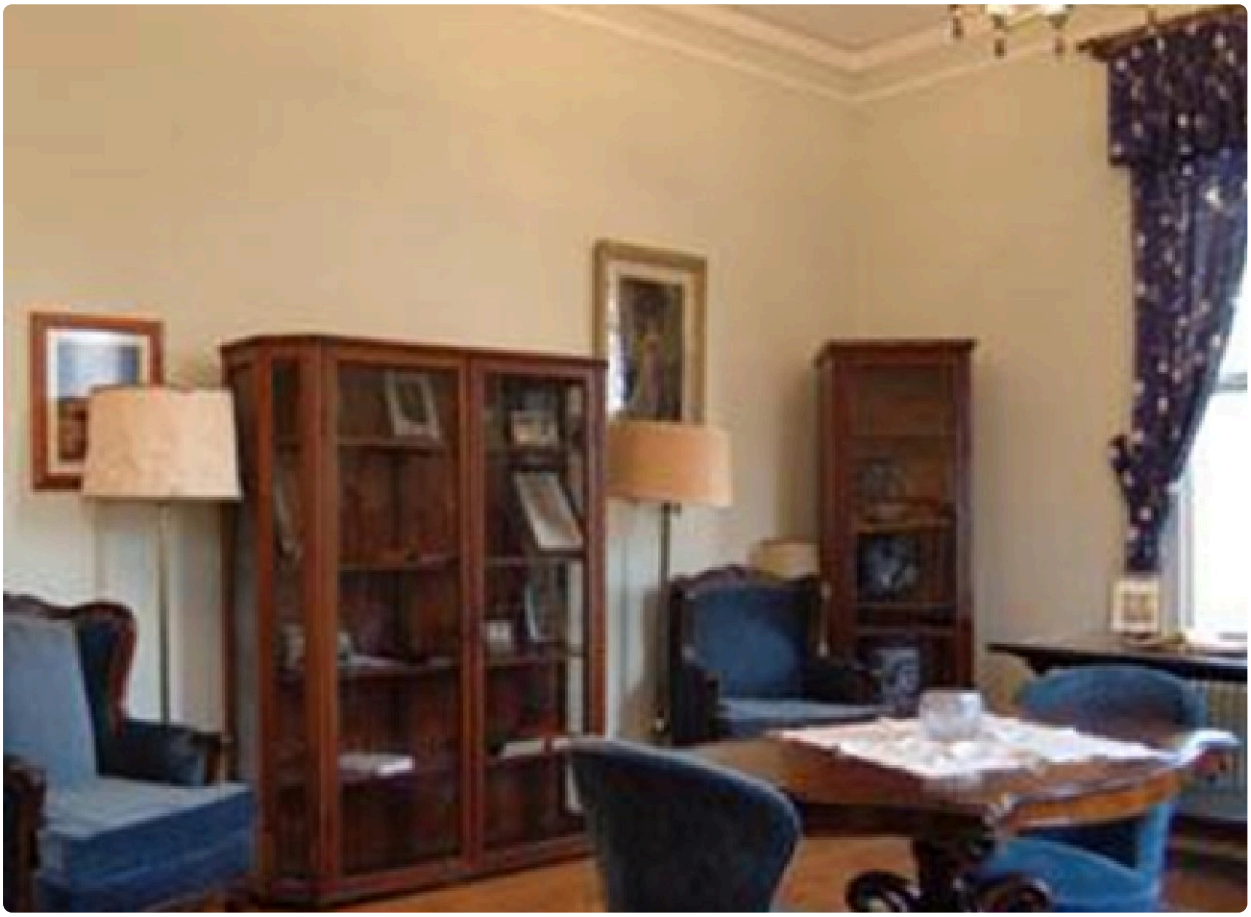
Boğaziçi University provides free public access to museums, exhibition spaces and artworks. Through this access, the University aims to bring the community together with art, culture and history.

Boğaziçi University Cultural Heritage Museum

Located on the South Campus of Boğaziçi University, the Cultural Heritage Museum is a rare place that sheds light on the rich history and cultural heritage of the university. One of the rare examples of 19th century American architecture in Istanbul, this wooden building has hosted many important people throughout its history. In 1917, Queen Maria of Romania and in 1932 the Queen of Yugoslavia were hosted in the building, which was later donated to the university by the family in memory of David Alexander Scott, who lost his life in World War II.

Boğaziçi University Library: Public Access Facilities

The museum is a valuable source of information and documents that shed light on the history of Robert College and Boğaziçi University. The core of the collection consists of furniture, documents and books donated by the Scott family. Also on display inside are furniture from the early 20th century, various ceramic plates, and works of art such as Japanese ceramics with Chinese figures. Researchers can utilise the documents, books, videos and tapes in the museum to gain a detailed insight into the cultural heritage of the university and its surroundings. Visitors have the opportunity to explore the university's past and see a rich collection of historical artefacts in this unique space.



Click here for more information about the museum:
https://bogazici.edu.tr/en-S/Content/About_BU/History/Museum.aspx

News

Classic cars met in South Square

The Classic Car Exhibition, organised by Boğaziçi University Culture, Arts and Activities Branch Directorate, was held in Güney Meydan. In the event organised with the contributions of the Classic Mercedes-Benz Club, prominent models produced between 1950 and 2000 were exhibited. In the exhibition, which attracted great interest, club member car owners informed the participants by answering questions about classic cars.



Click here to read the news:
https://haberler.bogazici.edu.tr/tr/news/kampus/2/klasik-otomobiller-guney-meydanda-bulustu/2819

Earthquake Resistant Cities Exhibition by Boğaziçi University

'Earthquake Resistant Cities of Tomorrow' exhibition, prepared under the leadership of Boğaziçi University Kandilli Observatory and Earthquake Research Institute (KRDAE) Earthquake Engineering Department, met with visitors hosted by Salt Beyoğlu. The 'Earthquake Resistant Cities of Tomorrow' exhibition, the project management of which was undertaken by Prof. Dr. Eser Çaktı and Dr. Emin Yahya Menteşe, faculty members of Boğaziçi University Department of Earthquake Engineering, and the coordination of which belongs to Emine Öner, was realised in cooperation with Pattu Architecture. The exhibition, organised within the scope of the 'Cities of Tomorrow' project supported by the Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF) of the United Kingdom Research and Innovation (UKRI) unit, examined the earthquake phenomenon after the earthquakes of 6 February 2023 from angles that will shed light on the scientific background of the earthquake phenomenon, and addressed the principles of urban design and planning of tomorrow from a social, structural, institutional and spatial perspective.



Click here to read the news:
https://haberler.bogazici.edu.tr/tr/news/diger/6/bogazici-universitesinden-depreme-dayanikli-s/2735

Boğaziçi University Library Ex-libris Books Exhibition Opened

The Rare Works collection of Boğaziçi University Library includes Islamic manuscripts and works printed in various Ottoman printing presses, as well as many different types of Western works, the oldest of which dates back 500 years. Some of the books stand out with their artistic bindings, some with their special printing techniques, and some with their signatures, notes and ex-libris. With the exhibition, where criteria such as printing types, artistic designs, visual diversity and reflecting the history of the University are taken into consideration in the selection of samples, it is aimed to introduce the ex-libris art, which is an important art branch, and the ex-libris works that stand out in the collection.







Click here to read the news:
https://haberler.bogazici.edu.tr/tr/news/kampus/2/bogazici-universitesi-kutuphanesi-ekslibrisli/2639

Digital Exhibitions

Boğaziçi University Library Rare Works and Historical Archives Branch Directorate offers a series of digital exhibitions to bring its rich collections together with art lovers. These exhibitions, which are open to everyone, shed light on the lives and works of important figures and shed light on cultural and historical heritage. Among the digital exhibitions presented on the Rare Works and Historical Archives website are the following:

- Aziz Ogan: An Archaeologist and Museologist on the Trail of Cultural and Historical Treasures
- Traugott Fuchs: A German Exile in Istanbul
- Traces of an Intergenerational Friendship: Ismayıl Hakkı Baltacıoğlu and Haldun Özen
- An Anglo-American Family in Istanbul from the Empire to the Republic: The Scott Family
- A Scholar at the Intersection of Humanities and Architecture: Aptullah Kuran
- A Short Journey to Education Life in Istanbul American Colleges
- Science Dervish Feza Gürsey

Click here to access the digital exhibitions:
https://buarchives.bogazici.edu.tr/tr/pages/dijital-sergi/6860

Public Access to Green Spaces

The campuses of Boğaziçi University are open to visitors by appointment within the framework of certain security procedures and offer visitors the opportunity to enjoy the natural heritage as well as green areas.

The University organises promotional events to welcome 12th grade students from schools affiliated to the Ministry of National Education and school visitors from various regions of Turkey. These events, organised by the Promotion Office, provide students with the opportunity to explore the natural beauties and green areas of the campus. In addition, public events such as Graduate Programme Presentation Days are also organised; participants have the chance to spend a pleasant time in the green areas while getting information about the opportunities offered by the university. Thanks to these practices, visitors to Boğaziçi University have the opportunity to experience the peaceful atmosphere of the university by interacting with the green areas and natural landscape of the campuses.



Click here to make a visit appointment:
https://tanitim.bogazici.edu.tr/okul-basvurusu

Art and Cultural Heritage Contributions

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Boğaziçi University fulfils its mission of preserving and disseminating its artistic and cultural heritage through student societies and events organised within the university. The University actively contributes to the local art scene by organising numerous public art and cultural events each year. The University's contributions to the public arts are summarised below:

Boğaziçi University Albert Long Hall Classical Music Concerts

Boğaziçi University has been organising Albert Long Hall Classical Music Concerts since 1996, bringing music lovers together. With its unique acoustics, 2000 pipe organ, two Steinway pianos and a capacity of 500 people, Albert Long Hall stands out as a distinguished venue that hosts both national and international artists.



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The concerts aim to support the cultural development of young people and spread cultural awareness while presenting a rich programme that brings together different disciplines of art. World-renowned artists, orchestras, chamber music ensembles and young talents have taken the stage in the series, in which approximately 500 performances have taken place to date. Many valuable artists and ensembles, including Alfred Brendel, Martha Argerich, Fazıl Say, İdil Biret and Deutsche Oper Berlin Chamber Orchestra, have taken part in these events.

Concert tickets are offered at a very reasonable price in order to facilitate access to everyone, thus reaching a wider audience. These concerts appeal to a wide audience of music lovers in Istanbul, including members of Boğaziçi University.

Click here to see the concert programme:
https://klasikmuzik.bogazici.edu.tr/

Art and Cultural Heritage Contributions

Mithat Alam Film Centre

Founded in 1999 with the donation of Mithat Alam, Boğaziçi University Mithat Alam Film Center (MAFM) is located in South Campus and aims to support students interested in cinema in different areas of cinema from idea to production. The Centre offers a wide range of opportunities to students with its 61-seat Cinema Hall, Film Viewing Room, which offers the opportunity to watch individual films, Cinephile Room, which is used for cinema conversations and research, and Archive Room, which houses one of Turkey's most important film archives.

In addition, in the Natuk Birkan Building on the South Campus, there is an Editing Room where films can be edited and an office where Altyazı Monthly Cinema Magazine, published by the Centre, is prepared. The Centre provides students with film-related events and resources, creating a unique learning and sharing space for film enthusiasts.



Click here to visit the MAFM website:
https://mafm.bogazici.edu.tr/

Art and Cultural Heritage Contributions

SineBU Boğaziçi University's Original Cinema Hall

Founded in 2015 and a member of the Europa Cinemas network, SineBU is a movie theatre operating within Boğaziçi University. SineBU brings together students and cinema lovers with the films that have won awards at important festivals such as Cannes, Berlin, Venice, Sundance and other important festivals and that attract attention throughout the year with monthly programmes prepared in the taste of a festival. These screenings, presented in cooperation with Başka Cinema, offer a rich cinema experience to students and cinema enthusiasts from outside the university with very affordable ticket prices.



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In addition to being the only public institution cinema in Turkey, SineBU is also the first cinema hall with an infrastructure suitable for access by disabled individuals. With its design suitable for the participation of individuals with orthopedic disabilities and its audio description infrastructure, it aims to enable individuals with visual and hearing problems to have an equal, independent and free cinema experience. To this end, it is one of the founding members of the Equal Access to Culture platform and carries out pioneering activities in the field.

Integrated into the regulation and supervision system of the General Directorate of Cinema of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism, SineBU offers moviegoers a quality cinema experience and sets an exemplary model for equal access to culture.

Click here to visit SineBU web page:
https://sinebu.bogazici.edu.tr/

Art and Cultural Heritage Contributions

Fine Arts Department

Boğaziçi University Fine Arts Department offers students elective courses in various art disciplines such as painting, ceramics, sculpture, music, ballet, graphics, photography, applied arts and drama. The department aims to enable students to discover their interest in art and develop their talents in addition to their specialised education. The Department of Fine Arts, which aims for a well-rounded artistic and cultural development, regularly organises exhibitions, concerts and performances, strengthening the artistic atmosphere within the university and reflecting Boğaziçi University's contribution to the arts to the society.



Click here for the web page of the Department of Fine Arts:
https://finearts.bogazici.edu.tr/

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Boğaziçi University Music Club and Taşoda Festival

Boğaziçi University Music Club (BÜMK), Turkey's longest-established and most active music club, has been providing self-development opportunities and an environment of interaction for countless musicians since its inception, and continues to be the centre of independent and free music in Turkey with Taşoda Festival. In this festival, which attracts the attention of Boğaziçi University students as well as people from other universities, nearly 40 music bands that have worked in Taşoda take the stage.









Click here to go to Boğaziçi University Music Club web page:
https://bumk1974.com/

Click here to go to Taşoda Festival web page:
https://tasodafestivali.com/

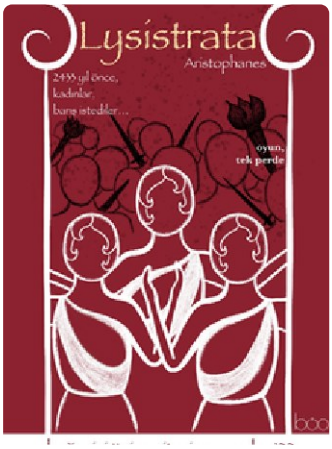
Art and Cultural Heritage Contributions

Boğaziçi University Players

Boğaziçi University Players (BÜO) brings art lovers together with the plays they regularly stage throughout the year. As one of the oldest theatre companies in Turkey, BÜO makes significant contributions to university culture and appeals to a wide audience. With the plays they stage, the troupe pioneers the dissemination of art not only within the university but also throughout the society.







Click here to go to Boğaziçi University Players web page:
https://buoboun.wordpress.com/

Art and Cultural Heritage Contributions

Protection and Recording of Cultural Heritage

Boğaziçi University attaches great importance to the protection and recording of intangible cultural heritage such as local folklore, traditions, language and knowledge. This heritage is recognised as a part of our social memory and cultural richness and is protected through various projects.

Nafi Baba Sufism, History and Cultural Heritage Application and Research Centre

Nafi Baba Sufism, History and Cultural Heritage Application and Research Centre examines the material, social, cultural and environmental characteristics of Nafi Baba Dervish Lodge, Rumelihisarı Martyrdomand Rumelihisarı settlement and their changes in history with interdisciplinary approaches. Thanks to these works, the historical and cultural texture of the region is preserved and carried to the future, and the sustainability of cultural heritage is ensured.



Click here for more information:
https://arastirma.bogazici.edu.tr/tr/nafi-baba-tasavvuf-tarih-ve-kulturel-miras-uygulama-ve-arastirma-merkezi-2018

Art and Cultural Heritage Contributions

Rare Works and Historical Archives

The archive collections within the Boğaziçi University Library Rare Works and Historical Archives Branch Directorate include institutional archive and private collection materials donated to Boğaziçi University or acquired by the university.

The rare artefacts collection contains approximately 30 thousand artefacts in different genres from the 16th to the 20th century. The collection is based on the library of Robert College. Cyrus Hamlin, the founder and first principal of Robert College, mentions in his memoirs that Harvard University Law School donated 200 valuable books on the occasion of the establishment of the College. These donations and other books collected at that time were the first works that formed the basis of the Robert College library. The library collection was enriched over time and became one of the most important libraries of the period.

The archive collections include documents, letters, handwritten notes, photographs, postcards, newspaper and magazine clippings, published articles, awards and some objects belonging to important people. Some of the collections were classified and digitised within the scope of the project titled ‘History of Science, Culture and Education in Istanbul through Personal Archives’. The private archive collections in the Rare Works and Historical Archives Branch Directorate are as follows:

- Adalet Ağaoğlu Collection
- Aptullah Kuran Archive
- Aziz Ogan Archive
- Ismayıl Hakkı Baltacıoğlu Archive

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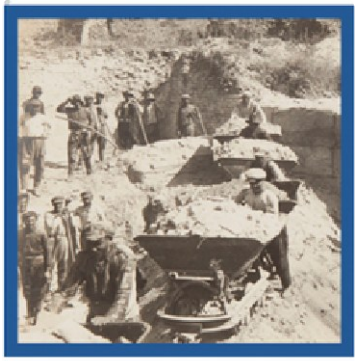
- Feza Gürsey Archive (Physical archive material is in the Physics Department)
- Jale Inan Archive
- Leyla Erbil Archive (The physical archive material is at Nazım Hikmet Cultural Centre)
- Melih Rauf Esenbel Archive
- Robert College, American College for Girls and Boğaziçi University Archive
- Scott Family Collection
- Yakup Kadri Karaosmanoğlu, Ayşe Leman Karaosmanoğlu and Burhan Belge Archive







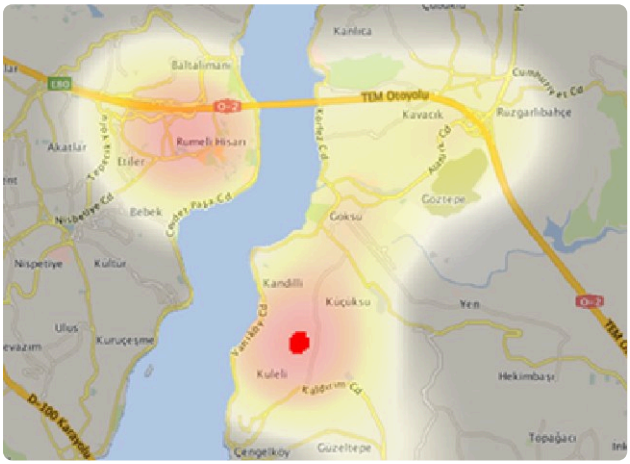
Our university also organises many activities for the protection of intangible cultural heritage through the Culture, Arts and Activities Branch Directorate and Student Activities Coordinatorship. These activities are carried out with the aim of protecting, preserving and transferring the cultural heritage of local communities to future generations.

Click here to see the archive collections:
https://buarchives.bogazici.edu.tr/tr/project

Sustainable Transport Targets and Practices

Boğaziçi University develops innovative transport solutions to facilitate mobility within and between campuses as well as to promote sustainable transport. Comprehensive strategies are implemented to support, measure and promote environmentally friendly transport alternatives such as public transport, walking, car sharing, cycling and electric vehicle use.

Free Shuttle Service Between Campuses: Boğaziçi University offers free shuttle services for students and employees to facilitate transportation between campuses. These shuttles provide fast and comfortable access to on-campus facilities and activities such as meetings, seminars, libraries, laboratories and sports complexes. Shuttle routes and timings are regularly optimised and this service is intensively used by the members of the university.





Click here to see the shuttle service hours and routes:
https://mekik.bogazici.edu.tr/

Sustainable Transport Targets and Practices

Cycling and Walking Paths: Boğaziçi University supports environmentally friendly transport options by encouraging bicycle and pedestrian transport on campuses. Accordingly, significant investments are made in infrastructure such as bicycle paths, bicycle parking areas and safe walking paths within the campus. In addition, the development of inter-campus bicycle routes and increasing the use of bicycles are among the priority targets. Awareness campaigns and events organised to promote cycling contribute to the adoption of this environmentally friendly option.





Sustainable Transport Targets and Practices

Car Sharing The "**Boun Car Sharing**" project, launched to facilitate on-campus transportation and reduce carbon footprint, has been an important step towards sustainable transportation goals. The project encourages car owners to share their vehicles with other students and employees on their journeys on and around campus. A specially designated car-sharing stop at South Campus is marked to make it easy for those in need to find a vehicle. This initiative encourages solidarity and collaboration among the campus community while promoting environmentally friendly transportation habits.





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Sustainable Transport Targets and Practices

Electric Vehicle Charging Stations: In order to support the use of electric vehicles on Boğaziçi University campuses, charging stations have been established and parking areas have been allocated for these vehicles. In 2023, a total of six electric charging stations were put into service, two 120 kW DC and 11 kW AC at the South Campus and 4 11 kW DC at the North Campus North Parking Building parking lot.





Click here for more information:
https://yapiisleri.bogazici.edu.tr/tr/pages/elektrikli-sarj-istasyonlari/4091

Sustainable Transport Targets and Practices

Electric Scooter Sharing Programme: Boğaziçi University continues its efforts to implement an electric scooter sharing programme to provide an environmentally friendly alternative for short-distance transportation. This programme aims to facilitate transportation between campuses and increase sustainable transportation options by encouraging the use of electric scooters.





Sustainable Transport Targets and Practices

Special Parking Areas for Disabled Drivers: Specially marked parking areas have been allocated on all campuses for the needs of disabled staff and students. These areas are designed with the priority of accessibility so that disabled individuals can easily park their vehicles and move smoothly around the campus.



Public Transport and Shuttle Improvements: In 2022, the university's shuttle services were reorganised and optimised according to the areas where employees reside. Along with the increase in the number of shuttles, improvements in routes and transport times have enabled more efficient and effective use of public transport.



Sustainable Transport Targets and Practices

Transport Services						
Explanations	**2021**	**2022**	**2023**	**2024**	**2025**	**2026 Target**
Number of Personnel Shuttles	49	49	60	63	65	65
Shuttle Services	8	9	10	7	7	7
Service Capacities	1,007	1,013	1,340	1,372	1,451	1,429
Service Occupancy Rate	90%	91%	88%	95%	93%	94%
Number of uses	910	930	1,190	1,306	1,332	1,350

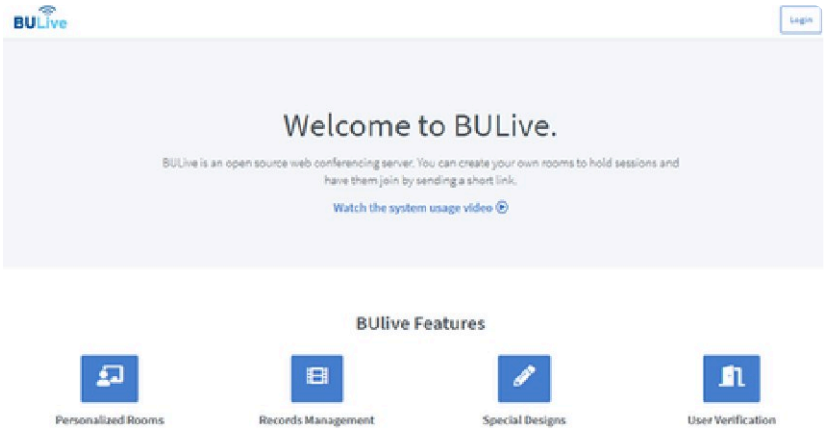
These practices of Boğaziçi University demonstrate its determination to promote environmentally friendly transport and develop sustainable transport solutions on campus. The long-term goal of the university is to create an environmentally friendly and sustainable transport network by minimising negative impacts on the environment.

Remote Working and Digitalisation Policy

Boğaziçi University is working on models to encourage remote working in order to improve the work-life balance of its employees and reduce the environmental impact of transport. These models aim to provide flexible and sustainable working opportunities for both academic and administrative staff, while supporting the university's digitalisation strategies. The University continues to develop digital tools and platforms to reduce employee commuting and create a more sustainable working pattern.

Web Conferencing System: BULive

BULive, developed by Boğaziçi University, is an online virtual meeting and distance education tool that enables users in different locations to communicate. This BigBlueButton based platform is a free and open source web conferencing software. Developed with Ruby and JavaScript and running platform independent thanks to its HTML5 based interface, this application offers many features such as creating classes and groups, interaction via whiteboard, screen and file sharing, external video viewing, chat, hand raising, survey and note sharing, video/lecture recording.



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Click here to read the BULive User Manual:
https://mediastore.cc.bogazici.edu.tr/web/userfiles/files/t79106-bulive_kilavuz.pdf

Digital University Platform: BULearn

Boğaziçi University aims to integrate distance learning and education processes with the Digital University project implemented in line with its digitalisation vision. The BULearn platform developed for this purpose offers faculty and staff opportunities to produce online content, develop educational design and gain new skills in digital learning environments. A structure that supports remote working with the active use of digital tools in education has been created.





Click here to go to the BULearn platform:
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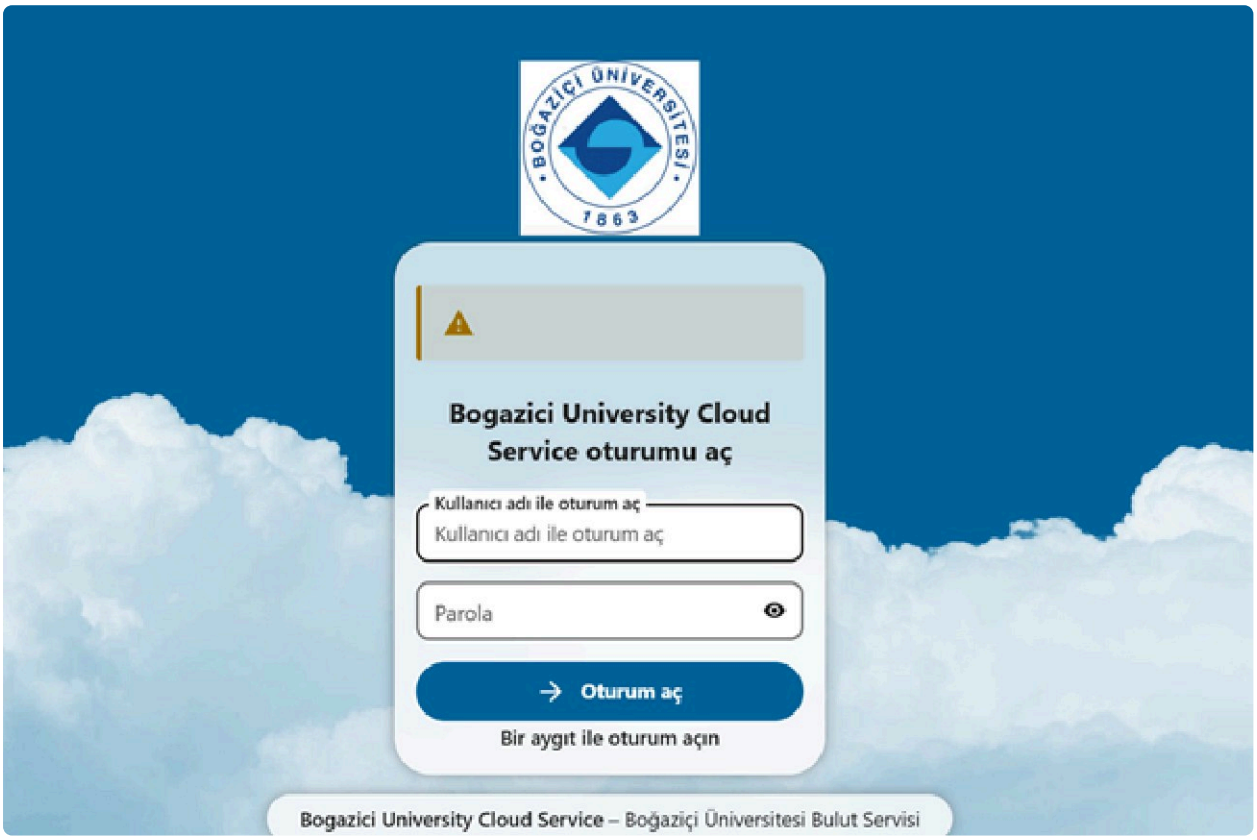
Remote Working and Digitalisation Policy

Cloud Based Workspace: BUCloud

Boğaziçi University supports the remote working experience by providing digital workspaces for its employees. The BUCloud platform offered by the University strengthens remote working processes by facilitating document sharing, project collaboration and access to other digital resources.



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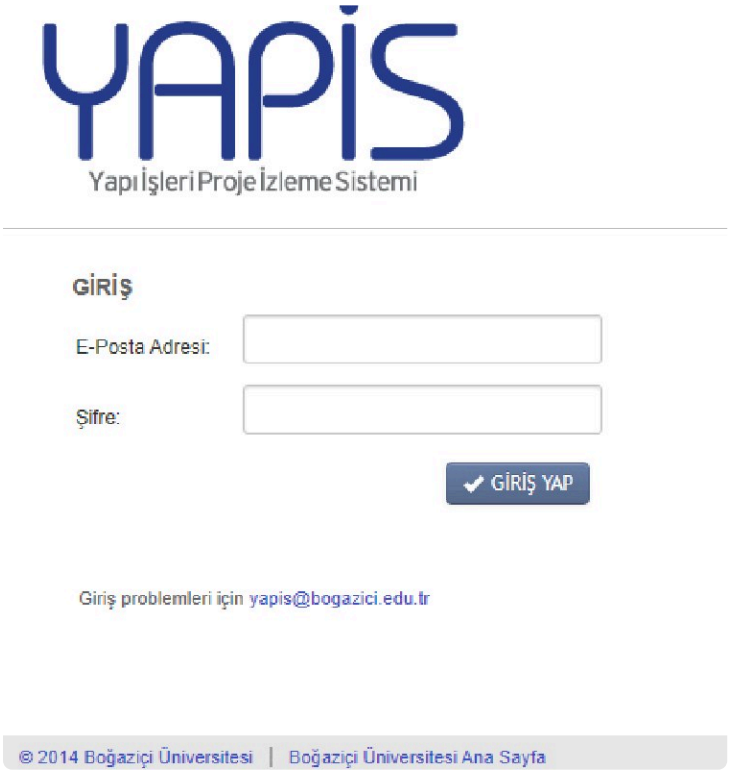
Busy Working Week and Flexible Working Arrangements

Boğaziçi University aims to develop flexible working models to increase work efficiency and reduce the frequency of commuting. This process, which accelerated with the pandemic period, aims to facilitate the adaptation of employees to modern working conditions and the transition to remote working.

Project Management System

Boğaziçi University has developed a project management system to enable administrative staff to manage project processes more effectively and to ensure that teams work in harmony during remote working periods. The software development process has been completed and trial phases are ongoing to evaluate the functioning of the system.

These practices reflect Boğaziçi University's commitment to sustainable and flexible working styles, while revealing the important steps it has taken towards digitalisation.



Affordable Housing Policy for Employees

Boğaziçi University provides affordable housing facilities to meet the housing needs of its employees and to raise their living standards. Accessible for both academic and administrative staff, these residences can be rented at reasonable prices and offer an affordable solution for employees' budgets.

Housing Allocation Process

Housing allocation is made according to a scoring system determined by the Housing Allocation Commission. In the scoring process, criteria such as the academic and administrative responsibilities of the applicant, the projects carried out, the workload and the size of the requested housing are taken into account. The duration of use of the residences is limited to 5 years, and during this period, employees have the opportunity to have comfortable and affordable accommodation with their families.

Click here to go to the relevant page of the Dormitories and Housing Branch Directorate:
https://konutlar.bogazici.edu.tr/

Housing Options

The housing offered by the University consists of lodgings and housing units of different sizes. Housing allocation is made according to the needs of the staff and the existing housing stock of the university.





Affordable Housing Policy for Employees






Housing Policy and Legislation

The housing policy of the university has been established in order to raise the living standards of its employees and to provide housing close to the campus. Housing allocations are made within the framework of the relevant legislation and directives, and a fair and transparent process is followed for all personnel

> **Click here for the relevant legislation:**
> https://konutlar.bogazici.edu.tr/mevzuat

Boğaziçi University aims to increase staff satisfaction, quality of life and work efficiency with these affordable housing facilities offered to its employees.

Affordable Accommodation for Students

Boğaziçi University offers affordable and comfortable accommodation options to meet the accommodation needs of its students and to raise their living standards. Dormitories located on different campuses provide students with a safe, peaceful and affordable living environment.

Dormitory Facilities

Dormitories are located in South, North, Kandilli, Anadolu Hisarı and Kilyos Sarıtepe campuses and consist of 7 buildings in total. Dormitories have facilities such as laundry, prayer rooms, study halls, wired and wireless internet, 24-hour hot water. In addition, all dormitories have counselling staff working on a 24-hour shift system.
Our dormitories have 2 room layouts.

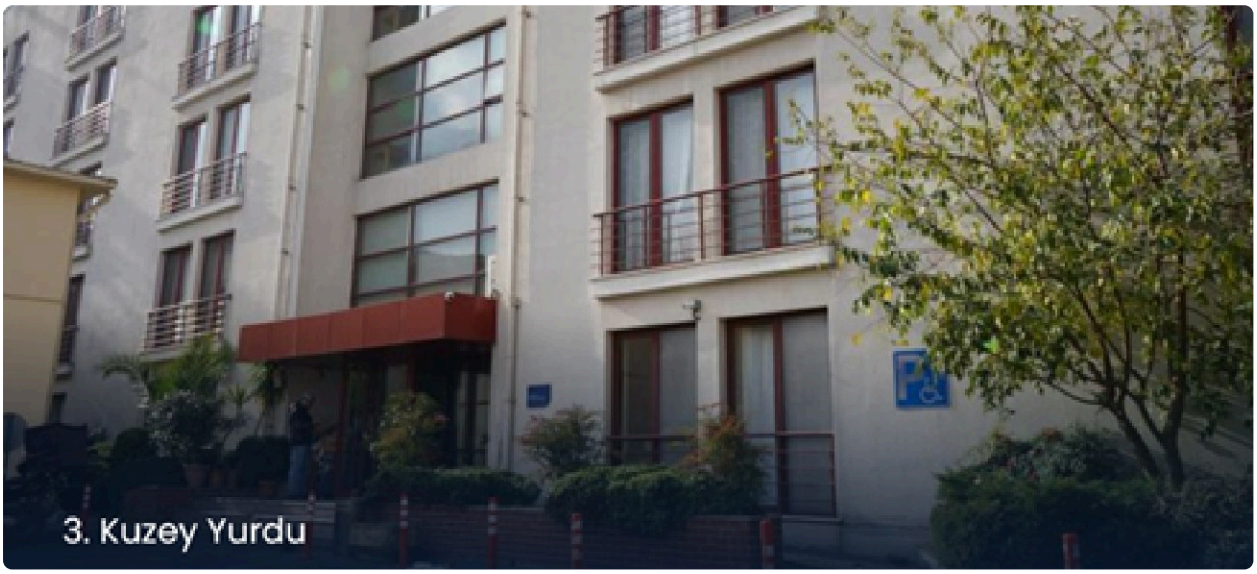
These are;
Room Type Dormitories: Hamlin Hall Dormitory, Theodorus Hall Dormitory and Anadolu Hisarı Dormitory are room type dormitories. In these dormitories, residence areas are organised as rooms. Dormitories have facilities such as wireless internet, 24-hour hot water, wooden furniture, bunk beds, wardrobes, tables, chairs, bookcases and refrigerators. Bathrooms and toilets are located on the floors and are shared by students.


Hamlin Hall Yurdu


Theodorus Hall Yurdu

Affordable Accommodation for Students

Apartment Type Dormitories: 3rd Kilyos Dormitory, 3rd North Dormitory, 4th North Dormitory and Kandilli Dormitory are apartment type dormitories. The residence areas of these dormitories are organised as apartments with kitchen, bathroom and toilet. The apartments are equipped with wireless internet, 24-hour hot water, wooden furniture, bunk beds, wardrobes, tables, chairs, bookcases and refrigerators. There are orthopaedic rooms in apartment-type dormitories for disabled students.





Affordable Accommodation for Students





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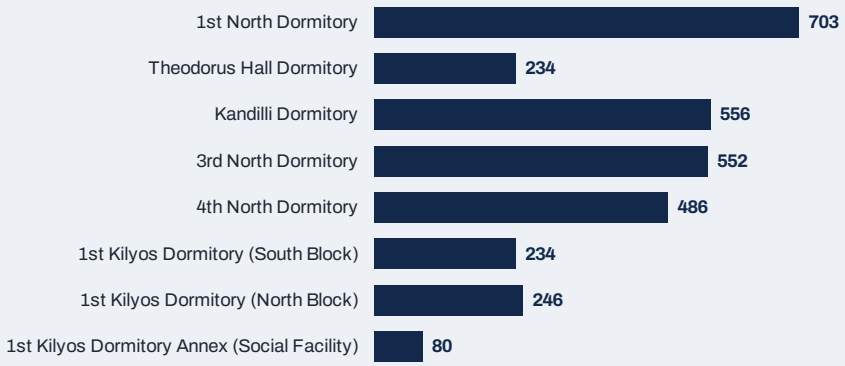
Affordable Accommodation for Students

2026-2027 Dormitories and Capacities



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Fees and Scholarships

Dormitory fees are updated every year by keeping them at reasonable levels. The university provides dormitory scholarships through the scholarship office for students with insufficient economic status. These scholarships, which are offered to students who meet the specified criteria, contribute to equal opportunities for all students by covering the cost of accommodation. The dormitory scholarship is valid for students who have the right to stay in the dormitory and continue to meet the scholarship criteria as long as they do not interrupt their education, and is provided for 9 months (between September and May) during each academic year.

Click here for dormitory fees:
https://yurtlar.bogazici.edu.tr/tr/pages/2025-2026-akademik-yili-yurt-ucretleri/2319

Click here for detailed information about scholarships:
https://bursofisi.bogazici.edu.tr/tr

These accommodation facilities of Boğaziçi University aim to reduce the financial burden of students during their education process and provide them with a peaceful learning experience. With this approach, the university aims to increase the academic success and overall quality of life of its students.

Pedestrian Priority on Campus

Boğaziçi University carries out a series of projects and improvement works that prioritise pedestrian access throughout the campus. These projects, especially in the South Campus, aim to provide a safe, comfortable and accessible pedestrian experience for students, staff and visitors. All arrangements are implemented by taking care to preserve the historical and natural texture of the campus.

Facilitating Pedestrian Access

Boğaziçi University improves the main walkways on campus in accordance with accessibility standards. In the South Campus, the road extending from the entrance to the campus square is designed in a wide and uninterrupted structure to ensure safe movement, especially for visually impaired individuals. In addition, arrangements have been implemented to increase the safety of pedestrian paths throughout the campus.



Pedestrian Priority on Campus

South Campus Entrance Improvement Project

In South Campus, pedestrian and vehicle entrances have been reorganised; security structures, bus stops and seating and waiting areas have been improved. These arrangements have made the area from the campus entrance to the square safer and more convenient for both pedestrian and vehicle traffic.





Pedestrian Priority on Campus

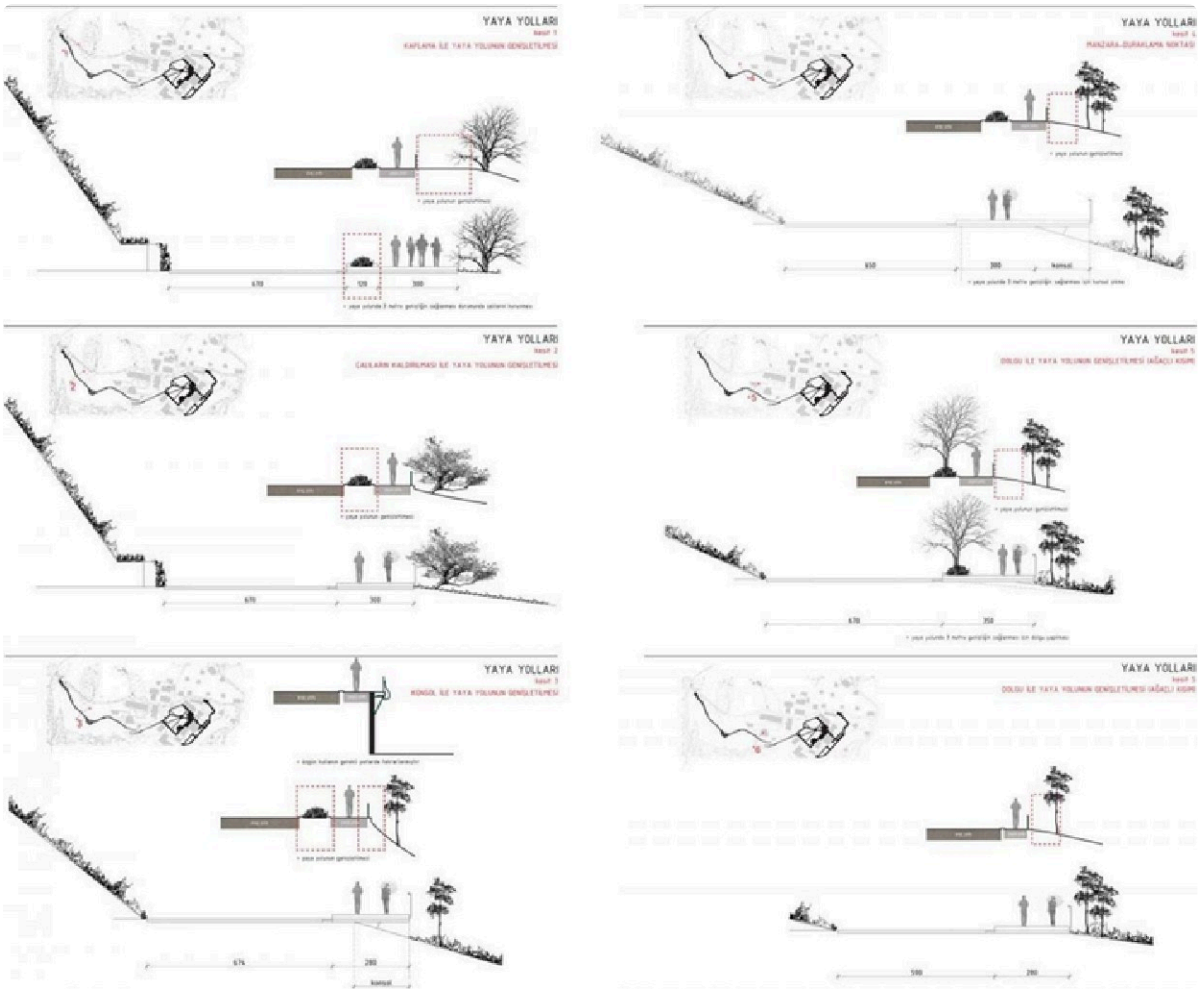


Protection of Natural and Man-made Elements in Harmony

Every new arrangement made during the projects was realised by respecting the spatial memory of the campus. In the design of pedestrian paths, the historical and cultural heritage of the campus was preserved and materials and vegetation that would not harm the landscape and environmental features were preferred. In particular, the existing plant texture has been carefully preserved to protect the sub-forest plant species and maintain the ecological balance.

Boğaziçi University's pedestrian-friendly approach makes mobility within the campus safer and more accessible, while contributing to the sustainable preservation of the natural and historical richness of the university.

Pedestrian Priority on Campus



Co-operation with Local Authorities on Planning and Development

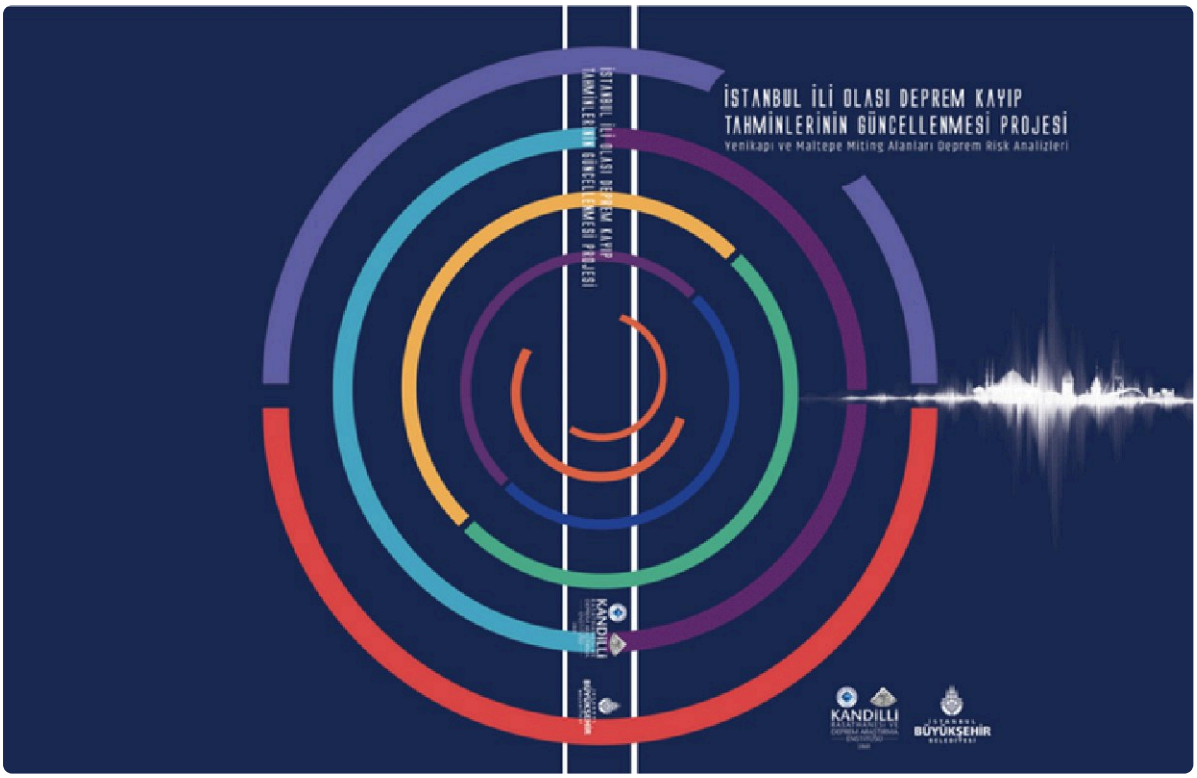
Boğaziçi University provides academic support to urban planning and development projects in cooperation with local governments. These projects aim to support the sustainable development of the city and improve the quality of life of local communities.

Updating Probable Earthquake Loss Estimates for Istanbul Province

Within the scope of the protocol agreement titled 'Updating Probable Earthquake Loss Estimates for Istanbul' signed between Boğaziçi University and Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality, current population, building and infrastructure inventories of Istanbul have been created and urban scale earthquake risk assessment studies have been completed using current earthquake ground motion data/models.

Co-operation with Local Authorities on Planning and Development

The studies were carried out by the Department of Earthquake Engineering, Kandilli Observatory and Earthquake Research Institute in cooperation with the Department of Earthquake Risk Management and Urban Improvement, Earthquake and Soil Investigation Directorate. In the project, earthquake hazard analyses, risk analyses of urban superstructure and infrastructure elements and earthquake risk assessment of Yenikapı and Maltepe rally areas were carried out. While urban earthquake hazard and risk analyses were handled by deterministic and probabilistic methods, various vibration measurement and modelling approaches were used in the earthquake risk assessment of rally areas, liquefaction potential and anchorage stability analyses were performed.



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Co-operation with Local Authorities on Planning and Development

Cities of Tomorrow Project

Boğaziçi University Kandilli Observatory and Earthquake Research Institute Earthquake Engineering Department has been selected as the management and coordination centre of the Istanbul leg of the Tomorrow's Cities project, which is supported by UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) and managed by the University of Edinburgh. Within the scope of this five-year international project, it is planned to establish an Istanbul City Office within the Department of Earthquake Engineering.

Tomorrow's Cities, which is carried out in line with the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations, aims to facilitate the transition from crisis management to planning and decision-making mechanisms that take into account multiple disaster risks in middle-income and low-income countries. The project aims to develop solutions for the construction of disaster-resilient cities by providing an international and interdisciplinary cooperation platform.



Co-operation with Local Authorities on Planning and Development

Under the title of “Istanbul of Tomorrow”, the project aims to transform Istanbul into a city resilient to multiple disaster risks and to protect disadvantaged groups from potential disasters. In this direction, it is aimed to establish a large-scale cooperation platform with the participation of non-governmental organisations, municipalities, universities and professional chambers.

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Drainage by Design: Optimising Stormwater Infrastructure in Istanbul

Drainage by Design: Optimising Stormwater Infrastructure in Istanbul project, carried out in cooperation with Boğaziçi University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), offers a ”Scientific Modelling Solution’ to Istanbul's flood and infrastructure capacity problem. Within the scope of the project, it is planned to evaluate current and estimated precipitation data; acquisition of satellite data and determination of average and extreme precipitation amounts with ground-based transmitters (stations).



Co-operation with Local Authorities on Planning and Development

The project helps to shape the future investment plans of Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality and ISKIby comparing whether the drainage planning applied by Istanbul Water and Sewerage Administration (ISKI) for Istanbul is optimum with the evaluation of future climate data.

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Building Construction in Compliance with Sustainable Standards

Boğaziçi University constructs its new buildings in accordance with sustainable building standards and improves its existing buildings in line with these standards. Our university implements environmentally friendly building standards by following internationally recognised certification processes such as World Green Building Council (WorldGBC), LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) and ISO standards.


Certificate

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Building Construction in Compliance with Sustainable Standards

South Campus 1st Male Student Dormitory (Hamlin Hall)

Boğaziçi University's historic Hamlin Hall building was renovated in accordance with sustainability standards during the restoration process and was awarded the LEED Gold Certificate in 2012. During the restoration process, environmentally friendly materials were preferred, technologies that increase energy efficiency were applied and the building was brought back to life as a green building in harmony with the natural and historical texture of the campus.







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Building Construction in Compliance with Sustainable Standards

National Earthquake Monitoring Centre (UDIM)

The National Earthquake Monitoring Centre (UDIM), affiliated to Boğaziçi University Kandilli Observatory and Earthquake Research Institute, was awarded the LEED Gold Certificate in February 2015 as the first green building built from scratch and became the second green building of the university. Designed with the goals of energy efficiency, environmental sustainability and low carbon footprint, UDIM Building makes a significant contribution to sustainability by consuming 39.12% less energy than standard energy consumption rates.





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Building Construction in Compliance with Sustainable Standards

Tarsus Archaeology Architecture History and Cultural Heritage Centre & Kandilli Dormitory

FollowingHamlin Hall and UDIM buildings, the restoration of the Tarsus Archaeology Architectural History and Cultural Heritage Centrewas completed in March 2016 and the building was awarded LEED Gold Certification. In April 2018, Kandilli Campus Student Dormitory was awarded the LEED Silver Certificate after its construction was completed.





These projects strongly demonstrate Boğaziçi University's commitment to sustainable building construction and restoration and clearly emphasise the importance it attaches to environmentally friendly building standards.

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Construction on Brownfield

Boğaziçi University prioritises restoration projects in abandoned industrial zones and industrial areas in order to support environmental sustainability and protect cultural heritage. This approach contributes significantly to the preservation of historically important, idle industrial buildings and the re-functioning of these areas in accordance with modern needs.

From Abandoned Factory to Research Centre: Gözlükule Excavations Research Centre

One of the most striking examples of Boğaziçi University's vision to transform abandoned industrial areas into modern uses is the Tarsus Ginning Factoryin Tarsus, Mersin. Founded in 1865, the factory served as one of the first industrial buildings for cotton production in the Çukurova Region. The factory, which was active until the 1980s, was abandoned after it lost its function and was used as a warehouse for a while. In 2000, it was expropriated by the Ministry of Culture and registered as industrial heritage.



Construction on Brownfield

Boğaziçi University took over 5 hangars of this historic factory and re-functionalised them as Gözlükule Excavation Work Office and Artifact Storages. During the restoration process, the cultural and historical values of the building were preserved and environmental sustainability principles were observed. These efforts have not only preserved the historic building, but also enabled the creation of a research centre that meets modern needs.



Awarded in 2019 by Europa Nostra in the Conservation Branch, this project demonstrates the success and sustainability approach of Boğaziçi University in transforming abandoned industrial buildings with respect for cultural heritage.

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News

On March 20 and April 24, 2024, concerts featuring violin, clarinet, and piano brought together the soloists of the Tekfen Resident Ensemble, who performed chamber music works by leading composers of the classical repertoire, including Khachaturian, Milhaud, Shostakovich, Schoenfield, Maurice Ravel, Arvo Pärt, and Nikolai Kapustin. Tickets for the concerts were offered at an affordable price to ensure broad accessibility, allowing the events to reach a wider audience. This public and regularly held concert series not only engages members of the Boğaziçi University community but also appeals to music enthusiasts across Istanbul, thereby making a meaningful contribution to the local cultural life through high-quality musical performances.





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Classic Cars Gather at South Square

Organized by the Directorate of Culture, Arts and Events at Boğaziçi University, the Classic Car Exhibition offered automotive history enthusiasts a nostalgic experience in the South Campus Square. Held with the support of the Classic Mercedes-Benz Club, the event showcased iconic and original car models produced between 1950 and 2000. With club members and car owners sharing insights with visitors, the exhibition created a cultural space that highlighted both technical heritage and collective memory.





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Preserving Robert College's Cultural Heritage: The Audiovisual Center for the Future

Boğaziçi University has inaugurated the Audiovisual Center in North Campus ETA-B Block with the vision of preserving and providing access to the rich cultural archive inherited from Robert College. Relocated to ETA-B Block during the renovation of the University Library, the center houses more than 3,000 rare records and thousands of films in various formats from the Robert College archive, now accessible to students and researchers. Supported by upgraded technical equipment, a multimedia room, and infrastructure enabling connections to digital film platforms, the center contributes to safeguarding cultural heritage and ensuring its intergenerational transmission. This initiative stands as a concrete reflection of Boğaziçi University's commitment to preserving historical memory, protecting cultural diversity, and sharing it with the academic community.







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News

Since its founding, the Boğaziçi University Music Club (BÜMK)—one of Turkey's oldest and most active university music clubs—has provided countless musicians with opportunities for growth and interaction. Through the Taşoda Festival, BÜMK continues to serve as a hub for independent and alternative music in Turkey, attracting not only Boğaziçi students but also music enthusiasts from other universities. Nearly 40 music groups that have rehearsed at Taşoda take the stage during the festival.

The traditional Taşoda Music Festival was held for the 30th time on May 10–12, 2024, at the South Campus. Featuring Boğaziçi-based bands performing rock, jazz, and alternative music, the festival brought dozens of works to audiences over three days. The campus transformed into an open stage for students and art lovers alike, uniting the university community through music. Organized entirely on a voluntary basis, the festival has become an institutionalized cultural tradition over the years, supporting the sustainability of the arts within the university.





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Student Housing Guarantee for Newly Enrolled Students

To ensure that newly enrolled students do not face housing insecurity, Boğaziçi University provides a one-year guaranteed on-campus accommodation for all students coming from outside Istanbul or distant districts, regardless of their socio-economic background. Moreover, those who rank within the top 1,000 nationwide in the university entrance exam are granted guaranteed housing in university dormitories for the entire duration of their studies.



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Classical Music Programs Enriching Local Arts and Cultural Heritage

Boğaziçi University continues to make a long-standing contribution to local arts and cultural heritage through the Albert Long Hall Classical Music Concert Series. Organized in collaboration with the Tekfen Foundation and OdaTekfen Resident Ensemble, the 2024–2025 Autumn Season will begin on 30 October 2024, presenting a rich repertoire featuring masterpieces by Mozart, Rossini, Beethoven, and Gershwin, among others.

Hosted in the historic Albert Long Hall on the university's South Campus, the concerts offer high-caliber chamber music performances—including flute, oboe, clarinet, viola, cello, and piano—accessible both to students and the wider urban community. Public ticketing with affordable student pricing underscores the program's commitment to accessibility and inclusivity. This long-established initiative stands as a tangible expression of Boğaziçi University's sustainable arts vision, fostering local artistic production and presenting regular, internationally benchmarked classical music events that enrich the cultural heritage of Istanbul while nurturing an enduring appreciation for music and the arts.



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Century-Old Meteorological Station Safeguarding Scientific and Cultural Heritage

The Meteorology Laboratory of Boğaziçi University's Kandilli Observatory and Earthquake Research Institute (KRDAE) has once again demonstrated the university's leading role in preserving scientific and cultural heritage, earning the "Centennial Station Certificate" from the World Meteorological Organization (WMO).

Highlighting the historical and scientific significance of the award, KRDAE Director Prof. Dr. Nurcan Meral Özel stated: "The Meteorology Laboratory of the Kandilli Observatory and Earthquake Research Institute stands as one of the finest examples of observing nature and valuing scientific data on these lands, having maintained continuous measurements from the Ottoman era through the Republic of Türkiye for over a century. Despite wars, natural disasters, and economic challenges since 1911, Kandilli has never ceased its observations. We are immensely proud that such a historically meaningful institution for our country has been honored with this prestigious recognition."

This milestone reaffirms Boğaziçi University's long-standing commitment to safeguarding scientific continuity and cultural legacy, ensuring that the invaluable climate and atmospheric data collected over more than a century remain a foundation for future research, education, and global climate action.



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Adalet Ağaoğlu Is “Reborn” at Boğaziçi University

Boğaziçi University is carrying out a comprehensive cultural heritage project dedicated to preserving and transmitting to future generations the literary and archival legacy of Adalet Ağaoğlu, one of the foremost figures in modern Turkish literature. At a commemorative event held on October 23, the author’s birthday, in Albert Long Hall, scholars and guests highlighted Ağaoğlu’s profound contributions to Turkish literature and collective cultural memory. During the event, Boğaziçi University Press announced plans to republish 28 of her works, ensuring that landmark novels such as the acclaimed “Dar Zamanlar” (Narrow Times) trilogy reach a new generation of readers.

Ağaoğlu’s personal library of over 3,000 volumes, along with her correspondence, writing desk, typewriter, and first-edition books, has been donated to Boğaziçi University and is meticulously preserved within the newly established Adalet Ağaoğlu Research Room. This initiative offers a model for recording and safeguarding the intellectual heritage of modern literature, while strategically sustaining local literary, linguistic, and intellectual traditions for future generations.





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Academic Contribution to the Preservation of Cultural Heritage: Presidential Culture and Arts Grand Award for Emeritus Prof. Dr. Günay Kut

Boğaziçi University's Department of Turkish Language and Literature Emeritus Professor Dr. Günay Kut has been honored with the 2024 Presidential Culture and Arts Grand Award in the "Science & Culture" category for her pioneering scholarship in classical Turkish literature, including verse and prose traditions, Ottoman paleography, and codicology. Serving as department chair from 1988 to 2002 and continuing her research at Boğaziçi University until retirement, Prof. Dr. Kut has made nationally and internationally significant contributions to the scientific documentation, preservation, and transmission of the written heritage of classical Turkish literature.

This prestigious recognition also underscores Boğaziçi University's leading role in documenting, safeguarding, and academically reinterpreting cultural heritage, adding scholarly depth and continuity to the preservation of Turkey's literary and linguistic legacy.



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Mustafa Kemal Atatürk Commemorative Ceremony Honoring the Republic and the Cultural Legacy

Boğaziçi University paid tribute to Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, the founder of the Republic of Türkiye, on the 86th anniversary of his passing with a meaningful ceremony held on the South Campus. University President Prof. Dr. Mehmet Naci İnci, along with faculty, administrative staff, and students, gathered to lay carnations at Atatürk's bust and observe a moment of silence in his memory.

As part of the program, Prof. Dr. Sevtap Demirci, Director of the Atatürk Principles and History of Reforms Institute, delivered a lecture titled "Military Academies and Atatürk's Intellectual World," offering a historical perspective on Atatürk's intellectual development. Adding a cultural dimension to the commemoration, the Boğaziçi University Turkish Music Choir enriched the ceremony with a special concert featuring some of Atatürk's favorite compositions, celebrating both his enduring legacy and the Republic's cultural heritage.



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Boğaziçi Lectures on the History of Astronomy and Islamic Scientific Heritage

As part of its Boğaziçi Lectures series, Boğaziçi University hosted world-renowned historian of science Prof. Dr. F. Jamil Ragep on 15 November 2024, providing an important academic forum for documenting and transmitting the rich legacy of Islamic astronomy and early scientific knowledge. Held at the Rectorate Conference Hall, the lecture explored the historical evolution of humanity's understanding of the cosmos—from Ancient Greek thought to Islamic philosophers and pre-modern Europe.

Prof. Dr. Ragep highlighted the pioneering contributions of Islamic scholars to the study of the universe, presenting striking examples such as the sophisticated astronomical instruments developed in Istanbul, Samarkand, Azerbaijan, and Delhi, and al-Biruni's calculation of the Earth's circumference at 39,700 kilometers, which aligns almost perfectly with modern measurements. He further emphasized how Qur'anic verses concerning the universe and the heavens inspired Islamic philosophers toward deeper scientific observation and inquiry.

This gathering showcased Boğaziçi University's vital role in preserving and transmitting the history of astronomy and the intellectual heritage of Islamic science, reinforcing its commitment to safeguarding and advancing universal scientific and cultural legacies.



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Preserving Cultural Heritage through the Restoration of the 112-Year-Old Norman & Beard Organ

In line with its mission to safeguard and transmit cultural heritage to future generations, Boğaziçi University has meticulously restored the historic Norman & Beard organ, originally donated to the university in 1913. As one of the rare three-manual pipe organs housed within an institution in Türkiye, this exceptional instrument was brought back to life through an eight-month, university-led restoration project, culminating in a special concert titled “Celebration of Sounds.” The recital, held at Albert Long Hall on the university’s South Campus and featuring internationally acclaimed organ virtuoso Jacob Benda performing works by J.S. Bach, Saint-Saëns, and Widor, marked the organ’s triumphant return to artistic life.

During the restoration process, the organ’s wind system, pipes, swell and choir chambers, and both electrical and pneumatic mechanisms were carefully examined and refurbished, while intonation, tuning adjustments, and aesthetic refinements were completed with precision. Boğaziçi University Rector Prof. Dr. Mehmet Naci İnci emphasized that this project represents a vital cultural heritage initiative that carries the knowledge and aesthetic values of the past into the future, extending his gratitude to the academics, artists, and restoration team whose expertise and dedication made this revival possible.





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Advancing Accessible Arts: Inclusive Cultural Production through “Accessible Theatre” and “Voicing Books”

Through its “Accessible Theatre” project, implemented in collaboration with Türk Telekom and supported by GETEM (Technology and Education Laboratory for the Visually Impaired), and its extension “Voicing Books”, Boğaziçi University is making a powerful contribution to local arts and the preservation of cultural heritage by ensuring universal accessibility. These initiatives aim to provide equal access to theatrical performances and literature for individuals with disabilities, thereby fostering the inclusive expansion of annual cultural and artistic activities.

By combining technology, volunteer engagement, and artistic creativity in a sustainable model, Boğaziçi University not only enhances the quality and reach of local artistic performances but also integrates disadvantaged communities as active participants in cultural life, reinforcing the principle that culture and art must be shared equitably by all.



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Preserving and Transmitting Cultural Heritage through the Institute of Film and Media Studies

Boğaziçi University has taken an innovative step to safeguard and transmit cinematic and media culture to future generations at both academic and societal levels. Established in 2024, the Institute of Film and Media Studies is the first institute within a Turkish public university to offer English-language graduate programs and a Film Studies Certificate Program, providing in-depth, historically and theoretically grounded, and production-oriented education in film history, film theory, new media arts, digital culture, and sound studies.

Beyond its curriculum, the institute contributes to preserving and documenting Turkey's audiovisual heritage through monthly thematic film screenings at the historic Mithat Alam Hall, which bring together canonical works of film history and contemporary cinematic expressions. These activities represent a sustainable cultural heritage initiative, aiming to protect the collective memory of cinema, foster critical engagement with film and media culture among new generations, and document the evolving dialogue between local and global screen cultures.





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KOERI's Mission to Advance Disaster Education and Share Scientific Heritage with Society





For more than 25 years, Boğaziçi University's Kandilli Observatory and Earthquake Research Institute (KOERI) has delivered educational programmes to strengthen public disaster awareness through its **Disaster Preparedness Laboratory (AHLAB),** established in 2000. Programmes such as **"Basic Disaster Awareness"** and **"Structural Awareness against Earthquakes"** reach an average of 25,000 people annually. Through the **"Observatory Tours"**, students from primary school to university level gain hands-on experience at the Earthquake Park, the Astronomy Laboratory and the Meteorology Laboratory. Since 2008, KOERI's Mobile Earthquake Simulation Truck has also extended disaster education beyond campus to communities across Türkiye. Alongside disaster education, KOERI preserves and shares Türkiye's scientific heritage through its **History of Science Collection**, rare manuscripts and historical scientific instruments displayed in the historic Seismology Building. By combining long-term public education, experiential learning, community outreach and the preservation of scientific heritage, this initiative supports disaster preparedness, societal resilience and the safeguarding of cultural and scientific heritage.

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Preserving Scientific Heritage and Fostering Inclusive Community Engagement: Astronomy Observation at Kandilli Observatory





Boğaziçi University actively contributes to the development of sustainable, inclusive, and learning-oriented urban communities by opening its historical and scientific infrastructure to the public. On April 27, 2026, the Astronomy Laboratory of Boğaziçi University's Kandilli Observatory and Earthquake Research Institute (KOERI) hosted a public observation event, bringing together approximately 80 space enthusiasts, researchers, and citizens. During the programme, the historical development and current activities of the Astronomy Laboratory were presented, alongside the scientific methods used to observe and measure the night sky. With contributions from the laboratory team, İstanbul University, and the Amateur Astronomers Club, participants observed the Moon's surface features and viewed Jupiter through the Observatory's 35-centimetre telescope. By introducing the public to the Kandilli Observatory's scientific history, observational infrastructure, and current research, the event provided direct experiential access to scientific knowledge. By opening the University's scientific facilities to community engagement, the programme supports access to scientific heritage and inclusive learning environments.

The full news article is available here.

Public Access to Campus Facilities and Community Engagement: Boğaziçi University Sports School

In line with the goal of providing universal access to safe, inclusive, and accessible public and recreational spaces, Boğaziçi University actively shares its sporting infrastructure with the wider community. Under the umbrella of the Boğaziçi University 1863 Sports Club, the university launched the Sports School initiative, offering comprehensive training programmes across 8 distinct sporting branches for children and young people aged 6–16. These training sessions are held across the modern sporting facilities of the Hisar, Güney, Anadolu Hisarı, and Kilyos campuses.



As a strong model of university-community integration, the Boğaziçi University Sports School aims to introduce children and young people to high-quality sports education at an early age, promote a vibrant sports culture, and support long-term athletic development. By extending the university's deep-rooted academic and cultural atmosphere across its multi-campus facilities, this initiative enables the local community to benefit from campus amenities, directly contributing to sustainable, safe, and inclusive city-university integration.



Updated information on programme content, branch details, and the registration process is available on the Boğaziçi University Sports School website and on its official social media channels.

The full news article is available here.

Accessible Information and Culture for People with Visual Impairments: GETEM's 20 Years of Service

Since its establishment in 2006, **Boğaziçi University's Technology and Education Laboratory for the Visually Impaired (GETEM)** has supported access to information and cultural content for people with visual impairments and other print disabilities. Developed with contributions from volunteer readers, its **digital library** has grown into **one of the world's most extensive collections** of its kind, comprising approximately **58,000 accessible works** and serving nearly 10,000 members. Registered users can access the entire collection free of charge and request specific works by indicating the title, author, translator, and even their preferred volunteer reader.

n addition to its accessible digital library services, GETEM undertakes both physical and digital accessibility initiatives. Its **audio-described film screenings** enable people with visual and hearing impairments to participate in cultural experiences alongside non-disabled audiences.

By continuing to develop its services through artificial intelligence and other emerging technologies, GETEM provides a sustained, free model for public access to university resources. These activities contribute to equitable access to library collections and cultural life and support the development of more inclusive and accessible communities.



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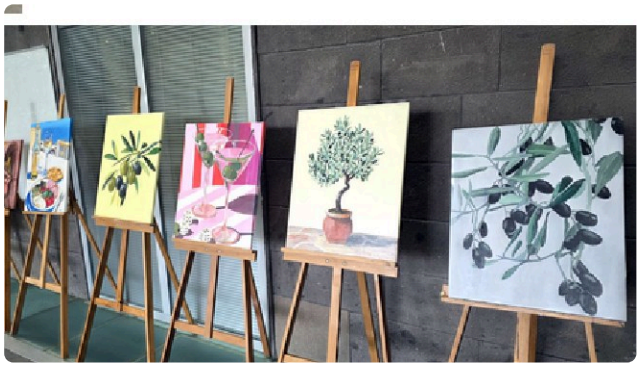
Sustaining the Aegean's Olive Heritage through Art

Works produced by students from a range of academic disciplines during painting courses at Boğaziçi University's Department of Fine Arts as part of the 2026 Summer School were brought together in the group exhibition **"Memories of the Olive Tree"**. Curated by Associate Professor Mutlu Erbay and presented at the Natuk Birkan Building on the South Campus on **11–12 August 2026**, the exhibition featured acrylic paintings created by the students throughout the semester.



Through the distinctive perspectives of emerging young artists, the exhibition reinterpreted the Aegean region's centuries-old olive culture, collective memory and historical relationship with nature. By bringing students from different academic backgrounds together through a shared process of artistic production, the event helps promote the visibility, contemporary interpretation and intergenerational transmission of the cultural heritage associated with the olive tree.





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Inclusive Campus Spaces and Intercultural Engagement at the 45th Sports Fest

Boğaziçi University's 45th International Sports Festival (Sports Fest 2026), a tradition spanning nearly half a century, was held across the South and Uçaksavar campuses from 14 to 17 May 2026. The event brought together 916 athletes from 10 countries and various universities across Türkiye: 364 international athletes, 255 visiting athletes from other Turkish universities and 297 Boğaziçi University students. Participants competed in twelve sports disciplines—indoor volleyball, outdoor volleyball, football, futsal, basketball, handball, badminton, table tennis, tennis, swimming, water polo and cheerleading—in the historic atmosphere of the South Campus and the modern facilities of the Uçaksavar Campus.

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Beyond sports competitions, Sports Fest created opportunities for young people from different countries and institutions to gather and interact socially through yoga sessions, sponsor-led activities and interactive entertainment on campus. By opening its campuses and sports facilities to visiting athletes, the University enabled these spaces to serve as inclusive settings for sport, social participation and intercultural exchange. In this respect, the festival promotes shared, inclusive spaces that strengthen community connections.





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Preserving Cultural Heritage and Fostering Community Engagement: İncesaz Performs at Albert Long Hall

Boğaziçi University actively contributes to safeguarding, promoting, and transmitting local and national cultural heritage through enriching arts and culture initiatives on campus. As part of these efforts, on 16 October 2025, İncesaz—one of the most distinguished ensembles in Turkish music— performed at the historic Albert Long Hall in a concert organised by the Boğaziçi University Turkish Music Club (BÜTMK). Since the late 1990s, the ensemble has blended traditional musical forms with contemporary interpretations, delivering a rich repertoire that enhances artistic diversity and promotes cultural sustainability within the university community.





The concert held deep institutional significance, as founding members Bora Ebeoğlu and Cengiz Onural are Boğaziçi University alumni who originally met through BÜTMK during their student years, with Ebeoğlu also serving as a former president of the club. Their return to perform at their alma mater reinforced alumni engagement and strengthened intergenerational transmission of cultural heritage. This initiative exemplifies the university's commitment to building a vibrant, inclusive, and sustainable campus community through arts and culture.

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50th Anniversary Reunion with Boğaziçi University Jazz Choir

Organised by the Boğaziçi University Alumni Office, the **"50th Anniversary Alumni Reunion"** took place at the historic Albert Long Hall on the South Campus on 22 May 2026. Members of the Class of 1976 shared memories of their student years, relived their graduation tradition by wearing academic caps and gowns, and received their 50th Anniversary Certificates. The gathering strengthened alumni's enduring connection with the University while bringing half a century of Boğaziçi's institutional memory into the present.



Concluding with a live performance by the **Boğaziçi University Music Club Jazz Choir**, the event brought together the University's historic campus setting, artistic activity and graduation traditions. By enabling different generations to reconnect with university life through shared memories and cultural experiences, the gathering supports the active use of historic campus spaces, sustains institutional memory and transmits living university culture across generations.



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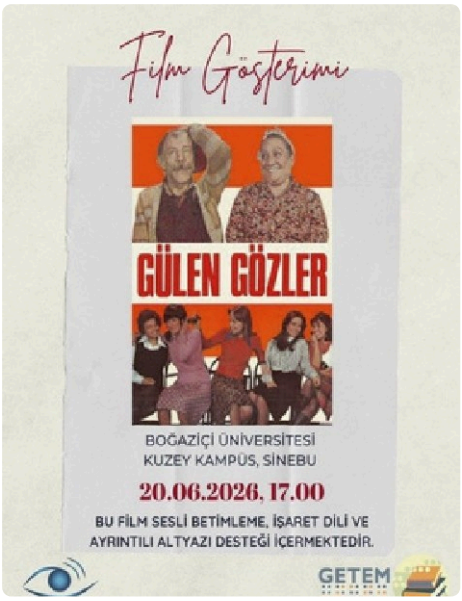
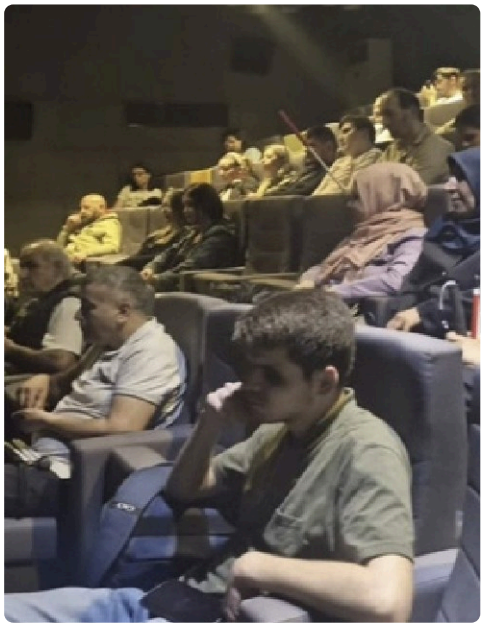
Inclusive Cultural Participation: GETEM Accessible Film Screenings

During the spring semester of the 2025–2026 academic year, Boğaziçi University's Technology and Education Laboratory for the Visually Impaired (GETEM) organised **five accessible film screenings at SineBU** on the North Campus. Delivered in collaboration with the Audio Description Association (SEBEDER), the programme presented films with **audio description, detailed subtitles, and sign language interpretation**, enabling people with visual and hearing impairments to participate in cinema events on equal terms with other audience members. The season concluded with a fully accessible screening of *Gülen Gözler*, a classic of Turkish cinema.

By developing into a regular programme rather than a one-off event, the screenings reduced sensory barriers to cultural participation and strengthened SineBU's role as an inclusive, shared cultural venue. The programme also made significant works of Turkish cinema accessible to a wider audience, thereby promoting equal participation in cultural life and inclusive shared spaces.







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Safeguarding Cultural Heritage and Preserving Literary Memory: Adalet Ağaoğlu Archive and Publishing Initiatives

In line with the aim of safeguarding and celebrating local and national cultural heritage, Boğaziçi University adopts a holistic approach to preserving and transmitting the legacy of Adalet Ağaoğlu, one of the most prominent figures in Turkish literature. Through the **"Adalet Ağaoğlu Series"** launched by Boğaziçi University Press, key literary works—including the ***Dar Zamanlar*** tetralogy and an enriched special edition of ***Fikrimin İnce Gülü*** featuring original documents and photographs—have been republished with meticulous editorial care. Viewing publishing as an act of preserving cultural memory, the university also promotes global cultural exchange by translating her complete works into foreign languages, including Italian and Azerbaijani.



Serving as a dedicated centre for cultural preservation, the **"Adalet Ağaoğlu Research Room"** houses an extensive personal archive spanning 1948 to 2008, encompassing original manuscripts, personal correspondence, rare press archives, awards, and personal book collections. Alongside ongoing digitisation, the archive is accessible to university members, external researchers, and graduate students via an appointment system. By facilitating public and scholarly access to literary heritage, this initiative strengthens cultural sustainability, inclusive research opportunities, and institutional memory.

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Sustaining the Ashura Tradition and Institutional Memory at Nâfi Baba Tekke

On **8 July 2026**, the **Boğaziçi University Student Club for Research on the Şehitlik and Its Heritage (BÜŞMAK)** continued **the long-standing Ashura Day tradition** associated with Nâfi Baba Tekke and the historic Şehitlik site on the South Campus. Following a recitation of the Qur'an and elegies commemorating Imam Husayn, the martyrs of Karbala and those buried in the Şehitlik Cemetery, ashure was prepared and shared among academics, alumni and students. The gathering brought members of the University community together around the values of sharing, solidarity and collective cultural memory.







The distribution of ashure during Muharram at Nâfi Baba Tekke was once an established tradition in İstanbul's social and cultural life. Student-led research into the site's historical connections—from the Nâfi Baba Tekke and Robert College to present-day Boğaziçi University—together with the continued observance of this tradition, makes the campus's layered history more visible. By bringing together a historic place and the living cultural practices associated with it, the initiative safeguards institutional memory and supports the intergenerational transmission of cultural heritage.

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Safeguarding Intangible Cultural Heritage and Promoting Intercultural Dialogue: Success in the "Chinese Bridge" Competition



Boğaziçi University student Nursen Tayan secured third place in the **25th "Chinese Bridge" Competition for University Students in Türkiye**, scoring 90 in a national final featuring 17 students from universities across the country. In her speech, titled **"When Nowruz Meets the Spring Festival: A Tale of Two Springs"**, Tayan explored springtime traditions in Turkish and Chinese cultures. She also performed a ribbon dragon dance, **"Silk Road Rainbow Dragon"**, bringing a traditional form of Chinese performing art to the stage. Drawing on the language and cultural education she received at the Boğaziçi University Confucius Institute, Tayan's performance enabled traditions and performing arts from different societies to be learned, interpreted and shared in a contemporary educational setting. By connecting Nowruz with the Chinese Spring Festival, the event enhanced the visibility and intergenerational transmission of intangible cultural heritage while strengthening mutual understanding between Türkiye and China.



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Cultural Heritage and Intercultural Dialogue at the 2025 China–Türkiye Forum

Organised by the Boğaziçi University Confucius Institute in collaboration with the Asian Studies Center, the **2025 China–Türkiye Forum** was held at Boğaziçi University on 8 December 2025. The forum brought together academics, experts and diplomatic representatives for three panels exploring different dimensions of cultural and scholarly exchange between China and Türkiye.



The first panel focused on global media flows and performance studies. Dr Jianping Mao, Professor Arzu Öztürkmen and Associate Professor Qianwen Zhou examined Chinese and transnational cultural interactions through the lenses of media, performance and digital markets. The second panel addressed current developments in sinology and academic engagement between China and Türkiye. Professor Eyüp Sar Sarıtaş and Professor Giray Fidan discussed emerging research trends in sinology and processes of mutual learning between the two countries. The third panel explored texts, historical transformations and cultural interactions within the broader Eurasian context. Associate Professor İnci Erdoğdu, Associate Professor Mihriban Aydın and Assistant Professor Hale Eroğlu presented research on topics including Chinese written culture, historical documents and Islamic reformism in modern China.

In addition to the academic presentations, the programme featured a documentary screening and exhibition titled **"Rhythms of Chinese Cuisine"**. By providing a platform for exploring and sharing diverse forms of cultural expression, historical sources and traditions through academic and artistic activities, the forum helped deepen mutual cultural understanding between Türkiye and China.



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Intercultural Dialogue and Safeguarding Global Cultural Heritage: Prof. Dr Oğuz Baykara Awarded the Order of the Rising Sun

Boğaziçi University actively supports an inclusive, diverse urban-academic cultural ecosystem by fostering cross-cultural bridges and contributing to the preservation and transmission of global intangible cultural heritage. In recognition of his outstanding contributions to Turkish-Japanese cultural relations and to the preservation of world literary heritage, Prof. Dr Oğuz Baykara, a faculty member of the M.A. Program in Asian Studies, was awarded the prestigious **"Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette"** by the Government of Japan on 21 April 2026.



Prof. Dr Baykara's monumental 15-year translation of Murasaki Shikibu's ***The Tale of Genji***—widely recognised as the **world's first novel**—into Turkish, together with his publication of the ***Basic Japanese-Turkish Dictionary***, represents a vital effort to preserve global literary heritage and sustain cross-cultural memory. By using literature and language as bridges to mutual respect, shared understanding, and international cultural exchange, this initiative reinforces the university's commitment to safeguarding global cultural heritage.

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Transmitting Yavuz Nutku's Scientific Legacy to Future Generations

The **"Symmetry and Geometry Workshop"**, organised by the Istanbul Integrability and Stringy Topics Initiative (IStringy), was held at Boğaziçi University's South Campus on 5–6 March 2026. The workshop revisited the contributions of Professor Yavuz Nutku, who played an important role in the development of theoretical physics in Türkiye, particularly in mathematical physics, integrable systems and general relativity. While Nutku's colleagues shared reflections on his academic approach and influence on generations of students, undergraduates participated actively by presenting their own analyses of his scientific papers.





Going beyond commemoration, the workshop brought Nutku's body of work back into academic discussion, introduced it to a new generation and provided inspiration for further research. An organ recital included in the programme also brought science and art together, reflecting both Nutku's multifaceted personality and the University's cultural environment. By preserving and transmitting Yavuz Nutku's scientific legacy across generations, the event helps safeguard scientific and intellectual heritage.

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Digitising 115 Years of Meteorological Heritage at Kandilli Observatory

Analogue meteorological charts recorded since 1911 at the Kandilli Observatory and Earthquake Research Institute (KOERI) Meteorology Laboratory have been converted into digital data through the project **"Preserving Meteorological Scientific Heritage: AI-Assisted Digitisation of Meteorological Chart Records"**. As part of this initiative, a hackathon hosted by Boğaziçi University's Department of Computer Engineering on 6–7 March 2026 brought together 45 students from four universities to develop innovative solutions in digitisation, data visualisation and forecasting.



By safeguarding 115 years of meteorological records against physical deterioration and data loss, the project integrates this historical collection into modern research infrastructure and enables its use in future scientific studies. In this way, the initiative contributes to the preservation, accessibility, and intergenerational transmission of scientific heritage through digital technologies.



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Investments in Safe Student Housing and Disaster-Resilient Campus Infrastructure



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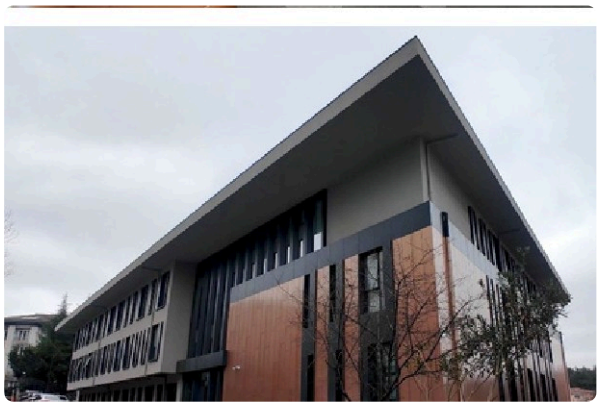
In line with the objective of providing safe, accessible, and inclusive housing within academic communities, Boğaziçi University continually reinforces its campus infrastructure. The newly inaugurated student dormitories— comprising a 210-bed male student dormitory and a 706-bed female student dormitory—provide secure accommodation for 916 students, significantly enhancing living standards on campus. Completed through collaboration between the Boğaziçi University Development Foundation (BUVAKIF) and the university administration, the facilities were officially opened at a ceremony attended by President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan.

Alongside residential developments, the university is undertaking major infrastructure projects to ensure disaster resilience across its campuses. Following earthquake risk assessments, the university library is being rebuilt with a 2 billion TRY investment, complemented by a 3 billion TRY investment in a modern laboratory facility and a new conference hall. By integrating disaster risk reduction, structural safety, and sustainable building design, these institutional investments directly contribute to building a safe, resilient, and sustainable campus community.









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Disaster-Resilient Cities and Communities: Seferihisar Awarded UNESCO "Tsunami Ready" Recognition

Seferihisar was awarded international "Tsunami Ready" recognition following activities undertaken through the **CoastWAVE 2.0 Project**, implemented jointly by Boğaziçi University's Kandilli Observatory and Earthquake Research Institute (KOERI) and Middle East Technical University (METU), with the support of UNESCO's Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (UNESCO-IOC). Throughout the process, KOERI provided scientific guidance and technical support to raise awareness of tsunami hazards, promote the effective use of early warning systems and strengthen community preparedness.



The recognition process demonstrated a multi-stakeholder approach involving universities, UNESCO-IOC, disaster management authorities, local and regional governments, neighbourhood representatives and civil society organisations. This international recognition confirms Seferihisar's progress towards becoming a resilient coastal community that understands tsunami risks, prioritises disaster safety and maintains preparedness measures. By integrating scientific research, monitoring, early warning, and capacity-building with local disaster management, the initiative exemplifies Boğaziçi University's impactful scientific contribution to reducing disaster-related losses and strengthening the resilience of human settlements.

The full news article is available here.

Enhancing Urban Resilience and Disaster Risk Reduction: Next-Generation Earthquake Early Warning System

Boğaziçi University's Kandilli Observatory and Earthquake Research Institute (KOERI) continuously strengthens its scientific infrastructure to enhance the resilience of urban settlements and minimise disaster risks. As part of these efforts, KOERI deployed **30 next-generation strong-motion stations** across the Marmara region, reducing data transmission latency to **0.2 seconds** and introducing a modern test system capable of generating early warnings within seconds. The system demonstrated its real-world effectiveness during a Mw 5.0 earthquake in the Sea of Marmara on October 2, 2025, by issuing its initial warning in just 8.4 seconds.



This advanced technology enables the automated triggering of critical safety protocols for urban infrastructure, such as halting subway networks, shutting off natural gas valves, and securing transport systems. Building on over 25 years of institutional expertise in earthquake early warning systems since 1998, KOERI aims to further reduce early warning response times to 3–6 seconds by integrating underwater seafloor sensors. By prioritising the protection of urban populations and vital infrastructure, this initiative makes a vital contribution to building safe, resilient, and sustainable cities.

The full news article is available here.

AI-Assisted Earthquake Detection and Early Warning for Resilient Cities

The **"Türkiye AI-Assisted Earthquake Detection and Early Warning Project"**, led by Associate Professor Çağrı Diner at Boğaziçi University's Kandilli Observatory and Earthquake Research Institute (KOERI), received an unrestricted **$1 million USD grant from Google**. The project aims to integrate modern artificial intelligence architectures into KOERI's existing seismic monitoring infrastructure to develop automated, rapid, and high-precision earthquake detection and early warning systems. The AI models will be trained on Türkiye-specific crustal velocity models and the station geometry of KOERI's seismic network.



The models are expected to analyse signals from a single station with high precision and to be integrated directly into operational early-warning workflows. The additional seconds gained during an earthquake can be critical for activating protective measures across essential infrastructure and reducing potential loss of life. The project will also help train a new generation of researchers working at the intersection of seismology, signal processing and artificial intelligence, thereby contributing to earthquake risk reduction and strengthening the disaster resilience of cities and communities.



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Boğaziçi University Ranks 12th Worldwide for SDG 11

Boğaziçi University achieved its best result to date in the **THE Sustainability Impact Ratings 2026**, which assess universities' contributions to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals across research, stewardship, outreach and teaching. Among 1,603 institutions from 116 countries, the University placed in the 101–200 overall band with a score of 89 out of 100 and ranked among the world's top 100 institutions for eleven Sustainable Development Goals.



Boğaziçi University achieved its highest position in **Sustainable Cities and Communities (SDG 11)**, ranking **12th worldwide** out of 865 institutions, with a score of 89.5. This result reflects the international recognition of the University's research, institutional practices and community engagement in areas including the preservation of cultural and scientific heritage, accessible cultural participation, disaster risk reduction, safe accommodation and the development of resilient campus infrastructure.

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