

PROGRAM

Expanding Agency

Women and Other Marginalized Actors
of Modern Architecture in Turkey

23-24 October, 2026

Middle East Technical University,
Graduate Program in Architectural History,
@Faculty of Architecture



FRIDAY_23 OCTOBER

09:00-14:00 **WORKSHOP** Mini marathon in architectural historiography

SYMPOSIUM

14:00-15:30

S1

ACTORS

"Summer Houses of Arsuz: Modern Heritage of a Multicultural Mediterranean Town"

Burcu Göksoy, Istanbul Bilgi University

"An Overlooked Figure in Public Urban Planning Production from the 1950s to the 1970s: Melahat Filibe Topaloğlu"

Zeynep İrem Küreğibüyük, Istanbul Technical University

Funda Uz, Istanbul Technical University

"Women's Labor and the Social Reproduction of a Heritage Site: Istanbul's Yedikule Bostanları through Cahide Tamer's Photographs"

Yaren Aksakal, Istanbul Bilgi University

Emrah Altınok, Istanbul Bilgi University

"Designing, Producing, Dwelling: Yıldız Tolun Akarun and the Yıldız Apartment Blocks"

Hazal Yüksekaya, Middle East Technical University

15:30-16:00 **COFFEE BREAK**

SYMPOSIUM

16:00-17:30

S2

INSTITUTIONS

"Mualla Eyüboğlu's Challenges in the Institutions of Modernizing Turkey"

Işıl Çokuğraş, Yıldız Technical University

Ceylan İrem Genç, Yıldız Technical University

"Distributed Agency, Unequal Authorship: Münevver Belen and The Bursa Community Center"

Semra Horuz, Bilkent University

Yadigar Esin Esen, Independent scholar

"Beyond the Anonymous State Museum: Erten Altaban and Institutional Agency in Museum Design in Turkey"

Meltem Köse, Gazi University

"Beyond Building: 'The Istanbul Institute' in Constructing the Past and Rewriting City History"

Ayşe Bilge Keçebaş, Istanbul Technical University

17:30-18:00 **EXHIBITION OPENING**

"Expanding Agency: Women, Race, and the Dissemination of Modern Architecture" (University College Dublin)

SATURDAY_24 OCTOBER

10:00-12:00 PLENARY SESSION

Merve Bedir, Independent scholar
Deniz Gündoğan İbrişim, Kadir Has University
İpek Mehmetoğlu, Manchester University
Yağmur Yıldırım, Kadir Has University
(moderated by Belgin Turan Özkaya)

12:00-13:30 LUNCH BREAK

SYMPOSIUM

13:30-15:00 S3 OTHER AGENCIES

"Beauty in Revolution: Late Ottoman Feminists and the Everyday Aesthetics of Home Crafts in 1920s Women's Magazines"

Damla Göre, ANAMED, Koç University

"Plant Agency and an Architecture of Circulation: Licorice Extraction in the Büyük Menderes Basin"

Mustafa Çağlak, Bilkent University

"Anticipating Inundation: Governance by Anticipation in Yusufeli's Rice Paddy Infrastructure"

Nisa Gezer, Bilkent University

"Structural Steel as a Stranger: A Queer Reading of Material Identity in Modern Turkish Architecture (1930s-1970s)"

Uğur Sarışen, Istanbul Technical University

15:00-15:30 COFFEE BREAK

15:30-16:30 ROUNDTABLE

T. Elvan Altan, Middle East Technical University
Özlem Erdoğan, Ankara Bilim University
Aslıhan Günhan, Bilkent University
Ekin Pinar, Middle East Technical University
Belgin Turan Özkaya, Middle East Technical University
Pelin Yoncacı Arslan, Middle East Technical University

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