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Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Crisis

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Congress Guide

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About Istanbul University and Faculty of Letters

Founded in 1453, Istanbul University is among the first and longest-standing institutions in Türkiye. Located in various Campuses and Research Centers in and around the city, Istanbul University is a public academic institution comprising: 17 Faculties, 1 Conservatory, 2 Vocational Schools, 2 Colleges and



14 Graduate Institutes. Besides, the university is home to a total of 50.690 Undergraduate, 21.014 Graduate, 2000 International Students, 3.337 Academic and 4.184 Administrative Staff.

The history of Istanbul University traces back to educational institutions called as



Medaris-i Samaniye (Sahn-ı Seman) which were founded after the conquest of Istanbul in 1453 by the Ottoman Sultan Mehmet II. Therefore, it is accepted that the Faculty of Letters was founded in those years as well. Istanbul University was reorganized in western-style with the regulations made in 1845, 1863, 1869 and 1900.



Although there had been an attempt to launch the modern university for the first time on July 21, 1846, after the proclamation of Imperial Edict of Gulhane (Imperial Edict of Reorganization), an inauguration ceremony was able to be done on January 13, 1863. However, this attempt was limited with conferences and a continuing education could not start. It was decided that History, Geography and History of Philosophy courses besides other departments to be taught within the body of the university. An institution of higher education named the Darülfünun (House of Multiple Sciences) was planned to be founded with the Statute on General Education in 1869, but it officially came into operation as Darülfünun-u Osmani (Ottoman House of Sciences) on February 20, 1870. Although Philosophy and Literature Department was one of the three departments of Darülfünun-u Osmani (Ottoman House of Sciences), it was closed in 1873 before starting its education. One year later, in 1874 Darülfünun-u Sultani (The Imperial University) was founded, and Edebiyat-ı Aliye Mektebi (High Level School of Literature) was one of the three departments of Darülfünun-u Sultani (The Imperial University). Edebiyat-ı Aliye Mektebi (High Level School of Literature) is the core of present-day Faculty of Letters.



Departments

Turkish Languages and Literatures

History

Geography

Eastern Languages and Literatures

- Arabic Language and Literature
- Persian Language and Literature
- Urdu Language and Literature
- Chinese Language and Literature
- Korean Language and Literature

Western Languages and Literatures

- French Language and Literature
- English Language and Literature
- German Language and Literature
- American Culture and Literature
- Italian Language and Literature
- Spanish Language and Literature
- Contemporary Greek Language and Literature

Ancient Languages and Cultures

- Latin Language and Literature
- Hittology
- Ancient Greek Language and Literature

Archeology

- Prehistory Archaeology
- Protohistoria and Near Eastern Archaeology
- Classical Archeology

Art History

Information and Document Management

Philosophy

Sociology

Anthropology

Psychology

Theatre Criticism and Dramaturgy

Conservation and Restoration of Cultural Assets

Translation Studies

- German Translation and Interpreting
- French Translation and Interpreting
- English Translation and Interpreting
- Arabic Translation and Interpreting

Contemporary Turkish Dialects and Literatures

Slavic Languages and Literatures

- Russian Language and Literature
- Polish Language and Literature
- Ukraine Language and Literature

Museology

History of Science

Linguistics

Research Centers

Oriental Research Center

Research Center for Antalya Precinct Archaeological Studies

Art History Research Center

Research Center for Sociological Studies

Research Center for History and Archaeology of the Van Region

Research Center for Historical Studies

Research Center for Southeast European Studies



About Congist

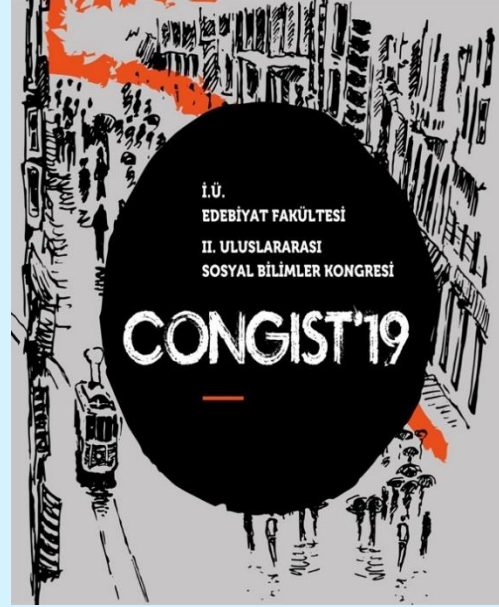
CONGIST is an international social sciences congress organized by the Faculty of Letters at Istanbul University. Held every two years, the congress brings together scholars, researchers, and experts from various disciplines, providing a platform for interdisciplinary dialogue and critical reflection on contemporary global issues. Each edition focuses on a specific theme within the field of social sciences, encouraging innovative approaches and collaborative research. Hosted by one of Türkiye's oldest and most prestigious academic institutions, CONGIST fosters scholarly exchange at both national and international levels. Following each congress, the papers presented are collected and published as thematic edited volumes.

Past Conferences

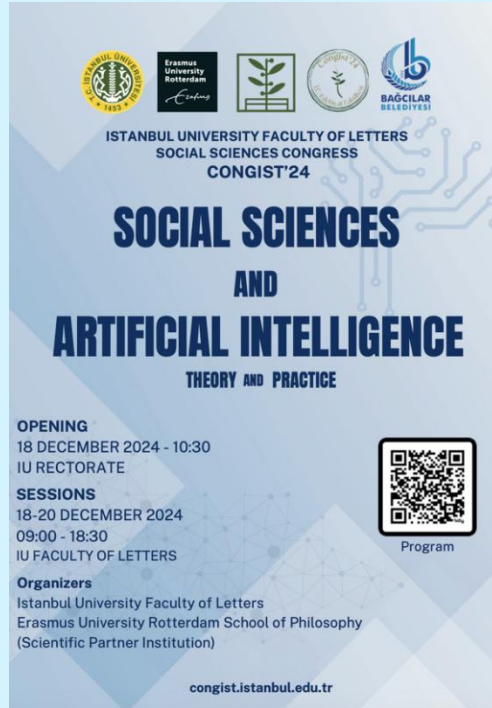
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Congist'26

Since 2018, Congist has been an international social sciences congress organized by the Faculty of Letters at Istanbul University. Our previous congresses focused on the themes **Homecoming Soldier-War and Society (2018)**, **The City's Language (2019)**, and **Social Sciences and Artificial Intelligence: Theory and Practice (2024)**.

Our fourth Congist, to be held on May 13–15, 2026, will focus on the theme **Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Crisis**. This congress aims to bring together scholars from various fields of social sciences to explore the societal dimensions of crises and to seek viable solutions.

We chose this theme for the following reason:

In the social sciences, a crisis is broadly defined as a period in which established structures, norms, or systems within societies are severely shaken or destabilized. Crises can manifest in various forms such as economic collapses, political turmoil, environmental disasters, technological transformations, wars, pandemics, climate disruptions, or cultural conflicts. Historically, crises have marked turning points in societal change, compelling communities to adapt, restructure, or innovate. The impacts of crises have been profound, shaping societal trajectories, prompting adaptation, and triggering transformations. Societies that fail to effectively address crises often face collapse, while those that develop robust strategies are able to recover and evolve. Understanding crises within an interdisciplinary framework helps to reveal patterns, inform policies, and strengthen resilience in the face of current and future challenges.

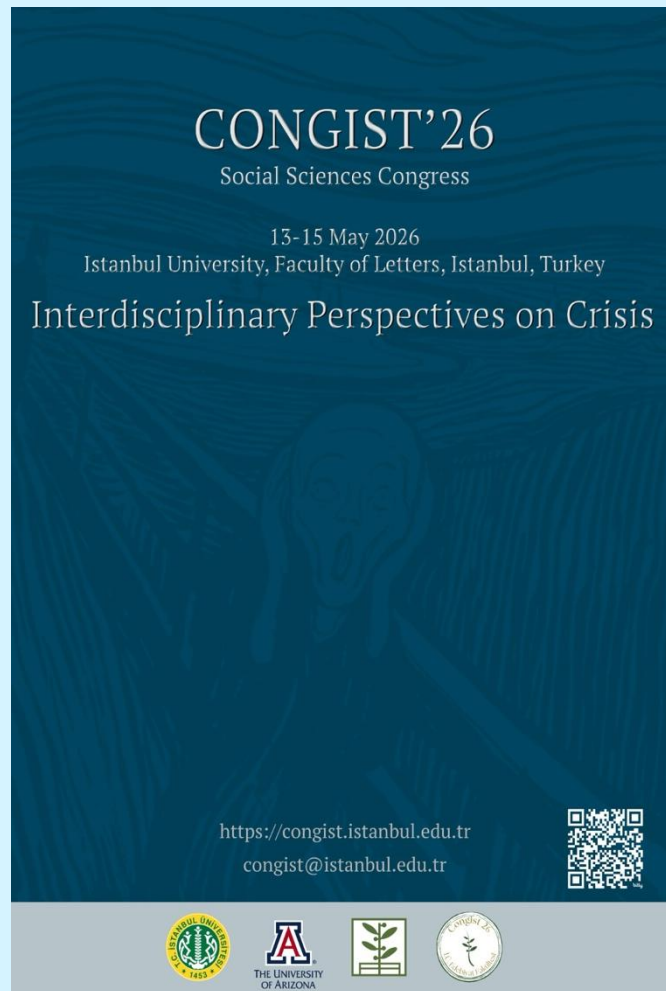
Congist'26 aims to explore the dynamics of crises and sustainability through interdisciplinary perspectives. The event will highlight the importance of interdisciplinary work, fostering academic exchange and knowledge-sharing



among experts from different fields. Beyond academic discussions, our congress seeks to promote interdisciplinary collaboration and offer innovative and applicable perspectives within the social sciences.

CfP: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Crisis

In the context of social sciences, crisis is broadly defined as a period of severe disruption or instability that challenges established structures, norms, or systems within societies. Crises can manifest in various forms—economic collapses, political upheavals, environmental disasters, technological shifts, wars, pandemics, climate or cultural conflicts. Historically, crises have always triggered societal change, which necessitate adaptation, reorganization, and innovation within communities. Throughout history, the impact of crises has been profound, shaping the trajectories of societies by prompting adaptation and transformation. Societies that fail to address crises effectively often face decline, while those that develop robust strategies can recover and evolve. Understanding crises within an interdisciplinary framework helps to reveal patterns, inform policies, and foster resilience in the face of contemporary and future challenges.



This international congress aims to explore the dynamics of crises from interdisciplinary perspectives. Potential themes for papers and panels include, but are not limited to:

- Cultural Crises and Sustainability
- Representations of Crises and Sustainability in Media, Cinema, and Art
- The Crisis of Art Criticism
- Aesthetic Reflections of the Crisis
- Crisis in Performing Arts
- The Role of Discourse in Shaping Collective Action about Crisis and Sustainability
- Discourse(s) of Crisis
- Semiotics of Crisis
- Ontology and Crisis
- Identity construction and Crisis
- Language and Signs of Crisis
- The Role of Globalisation in Triggering and Resolving Crises



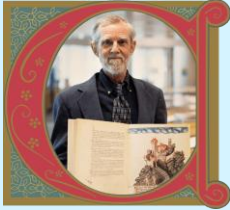
- Crisis, Sustainability, and Misinformation
- Social Crises and Transformation: Sociological and Psychological Approaches
- Information and Records Management in Times of Crisis: Digitalization, Archiving, and Sustainability
- Eco-Communication in Crises
- Crisis and Ethics
- War, Crisis, and Sustainability: The Impact of Conflict on Societal Continuity
- Sustainability and Resilience in Historical and Archaeological Perspectives
- Utopian and Dystopian Visions of Crisis and Sustainability
- Geographical Approaches to Environmental Crises and Sustainable Solutions
- Philosophical Reflections on the Relationship Between Crisis and Sustainability
- Crises and Sustainability in the Ancient World
- Anthropological Perspectives on the Social and Cultural Impact of Crises
- The Language of Crisis: Linguistic Perspectives
- Eco-Linguistics and Sustainability
- Multimodal Communication in Crisis Situations: Ecolinguistic and Ecossemiotic Perspectives
- Ecocriticism, Ecofeminism, and the Climate Crisis: Literary Representations of Sustainability
- Local Effects of Global Crises
- Preparation for Future Crises in the Light of Historical Analyses
- Sustainable Development and Crisis Prevention Policies
- Income Inequality, Class Conflicts and Crises
- The Search For Social Justice and Crisis Management
- Wars, Famines, And Waves of Migration
- The Effects of Refugee Crises on International Politics
- Geographical Dimensions of the Climate Crisis
- Natural Disasters and Social Vulnerability
- Resource Crises and Geopolitical Tensions
- Urbanization and Ecological Crisis
- Digital Crises and Social Interaction
- Social Impacts of Crises
- Post-Crisis Psychological Transformation,
- Resilience, and Adaptation Processes
- Psychological Impacts of Crises
- The Evolution of Crisis-Related Vocabulary: Historical and Contemporary Linguistic Trends
- Narratives of Crisis and Sustainability: Literary Responses to Environmental and Social Challenges
- Historical Perspectives on Crisis and Recovery
- The Psychological Impacts of Crises



- Apocalyptic and Post-Apocalyptic Fiction: Crisis, Survival, and Sustainable Futures
- Literary Depictions of Resource Scarcity and Environmental Collapse
- Crisis in Logic
- Episteme and Crisis
- Eco-translation and Climate Crisis
- Disaster and Crisis Interpreting
- Phenomenology of Crisis
- Postmodernity and Crisis

Congress Languages: English and Turkish

Keynote Speakers



Albrecht Classen ~ The University of Arizona



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Exhibition

Die Entwurzelung der geistigen Elite Österreichs (The Exile of Austrian Intellectual Scientists)

As part of the international project supported by the Istanbul Austrian Cultural Office and the Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs of the Republic of Austria, an exhibition titled *Die Entwurzelung der geistigen Elite Österreichs (The Exile of Austrian Intellectual Scientists)* will be held at the Faculty of Letters, Istanbul University, from May 13 to 15, 2026, within the framework of the research initiative "Austrian Art, Culture, and Literature of the 20th and 21st Centuries."



Important Dates and Fees

Important Dates

Congress Dates: May 13 – 15, 2026

Early payment period: January 15 – March 15, 2026

Late payment period: March 16 – April 15, 2026

Participation Fees

Early Payment

For participation with a single paper:

Participants from Turkey: 70 Euro

Participants from abroad: 120 Euro

For participation with a second paper:

Participants from Turkey: 35 Euro

Participants from abroad: 60 Euro

For postgraduate students:

Participants from Turkey: 35 Euro

Participants from abroad: 60 Euro

Late Payment

For participation with a single paper:

Participants from Turkey: 80 Euro

Participants from abroad: 130 Euro



For participation with a second paper:

Participants from Turkey: 40 Euro

Participants from abroad: 65 Euro

For postgraduate students:

Participants from Turkey: 40 Euro

Participants from abroad: 65 Euro

Dinner

The dinner on May 13, 2026 (per person): 60 Euro

Notes:

- 1~ Fees are charged per participant.**
- 2~ Each participant can submit a maximum of two papers. Postgraduate students can only submit one paper.**
- 3~ Participation as an attendee is free of charge.**



Publications

ABSTRACTS

Abstracts of the papers presented at the conference will be published in the book of abstracts with ISBN.

FULL TEXTS

Option 1: Selected papers presented at the congress will be considered for publication in peer-reviewed edited volumes of the Congist Book Series by Istanbul University Press. IU-Press is indexed in the Web of Science Book Citation Index (BKCI).

Option 2: Selected papers presented at the congress will be considered for publication in special issues of international peer-reviewed journals published by IU-Press, which are indexed in the Web of Science Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI) and Elsevier Scopus.

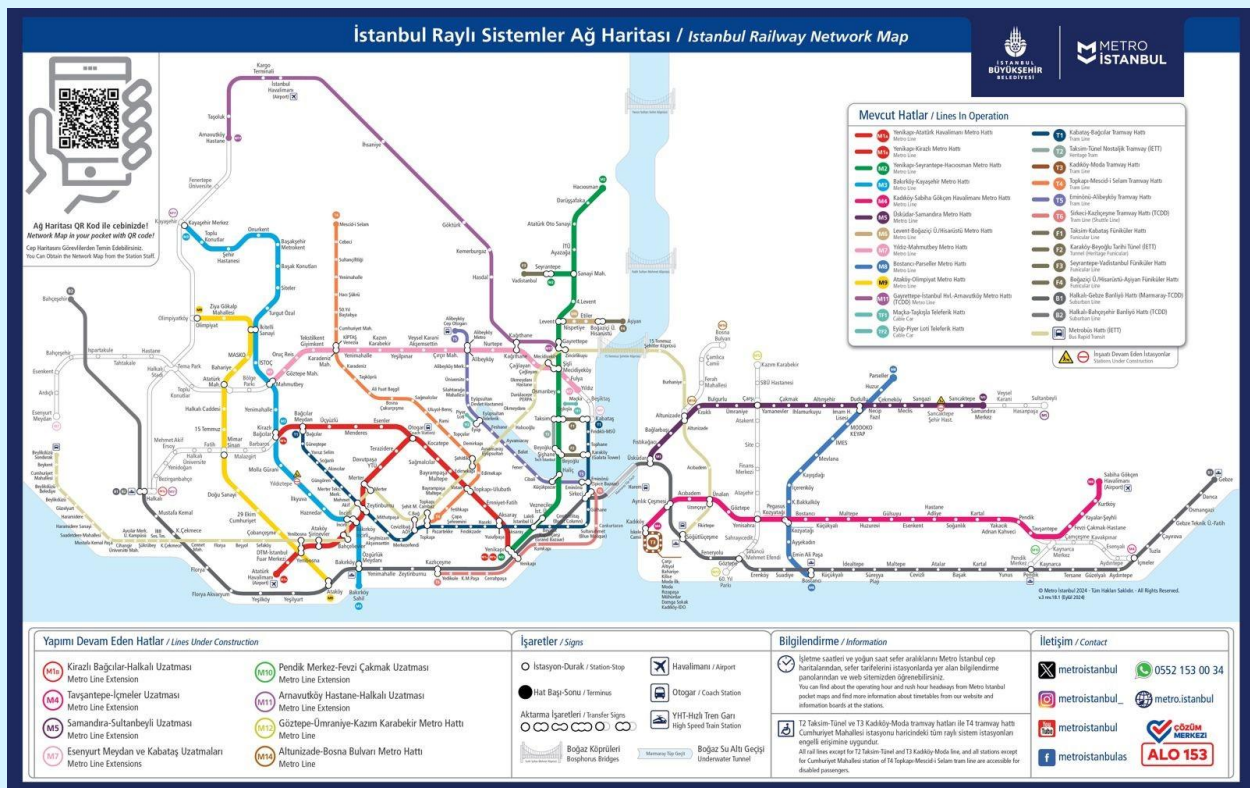
For detailed information about IU Press, please click here

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Campus Plan

As part of the III. International Social Sciences Congress hosted by the Faculty of Letters, Congist'26, we would like to share some transportation details that may assist you upon your arrival in Istanbul and at our university campus.

If you are traveling from outside Istanbul or from abroad, you may use metro and Havaist shuttle bus services to reach the city center from both Istanbul Airport and Sabiha Gökçen Airport. For metro and tram connections, you can look at the Istanbul Metro Map for your convenience.

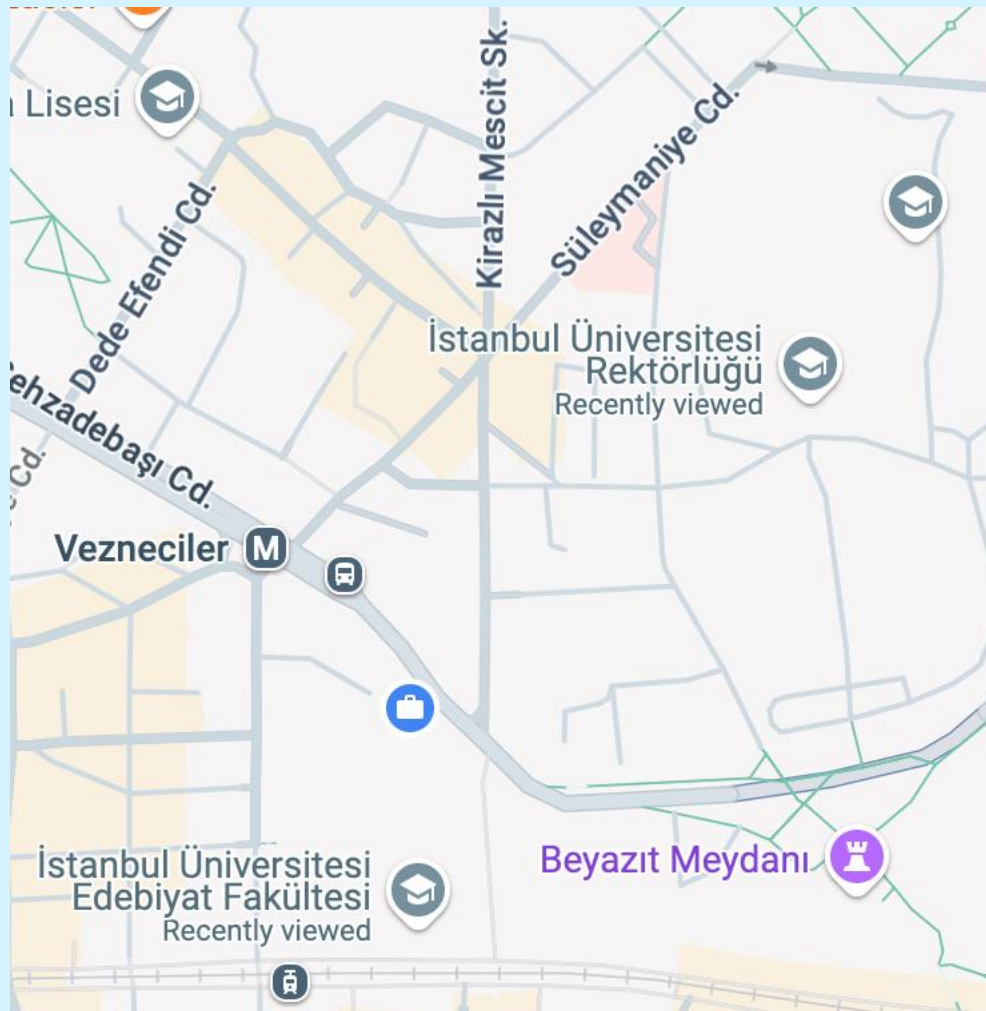




If you are using the Havaist shuttle services, the closest metro stations to our Congress venue Istanbul University Beyazıt Campus, (where the Congress will be held), are Taksim and Aksaray. You can access the Havaist schedule via the following link:

<https://www.hava.ist/sefer-saatleri.php?lang=en>

You can look at the visual map indicating the locations of the Rectorate and the Faculty of Letters buildings.



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