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NUMBER OF PUBLICATIONS & THESES

33



NUMBER OF PROJECTS

36



NUMBER OF EVENTS

33



NUMBER OF COURSES OFFERED

115



NUMBER OF COLLABORATION

42



NUMBER OF AWARDS

2

SDG 8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

Promote inclusive and sustainable economic growth, employment and decent work for all

Targets and Indicators

8.1 Sustain per capita economic growth in accordance with national circumstances and, in particular, at least 7 per cent gross domestic product growth per annum in the least developed countries

8.2 Achieve higher levels of economic productivity through diversification, technological upgrading and innovation, including through a focus on high-value added and labour-intensive sectors

8.3 Promote development-oriented policies that support productive activities, decent job creation, entrepreneurship, creativity and innovation, and encourage the formalization and growth of micro-, small- and medium-sized enterprises, including through access to financial services

8.4 Improve progressively, through 2030, global resource efficiency in consumption and production and endeavour to decouple economic growth from environmental degradation, in accordance with the 10-year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and production, with developed countries taking the lead

8.5 By 2030, achieve full and productive employment and decent work for all women and men, including for young people and persons with disabilities, and equal pay for work of equal value

8.6 By 2020, substantially reduce the proportion of youth not in employment, education or training

8.7 Take immediate and effective measures to eradicate forced labour, end modern slavery and human trafficking and secure the prohibition and elimination of the worst forms of child labour, including recruitment and use of child soldiers, and by 2025 end child labour in all its forms



8.8 Protect labour rights and promote safe and secure working environments for all workers, including migrant workers, in particular women migrants, and those in precarious employment

8.9 By 2030, devise and implement policies to promote sustainable tourism that creates jobs and promotes local culture and products

8.10 Strengthen the capacity of domestic financial institutions to encourage and expand access to banking, insurance and financial services for all

8.A Increase Aid for Trade support for developing countries, in particular least developed countries, including through the Enhanced Integrated Framework for Trade-Related Technical Assistance to Least Developed Countries

8.B By 2020, develop and operationalize a global strategy for youth employment and implement the Global Jobs Pact of the International Labour Organization

Courses, Theses, Publications

Behavioral Economics (ECON305) is one of the newly developed undergraduate courses in 2023. It aims to contribute to student understanding on how psychological, cognitive, emotional, and social factors influence economic decision-making. It equips students with the tools to identify and analyze such behavior and predict outcomes. The course helps accumulate human capital for better decision-making at the personal level and better policy-making at the macro-level as students enter the world of work. Of the first cohort of students taking this course, four have decided to write their senior thesis on behavioral economics.

A newly developed course, Migration Studies (PSIR 325), offered to undergraduate students, explores the causes and consequences of international migration. It examines why people move, both voluntarily and involuntarily, and the social, economic, political, and environmental factors driving migration. The course also investigates the effects of migration on individuals, communities, and nations, addressing issues such as labor market outcomes, economic growth, integration, and identity. This course is especially timely given

the large influx of forced migration to Turkey from Syria. It aims to build human capital in addressing various policy and governance challenges related to migration.

A Master's thesis entitled "An investigation of the most prevalent sustainability initiatives at universities" examines the role higher education institutions play in advancing SDGs. The thesis highlights successful initiatives from universities worldwide across six categories: transportation, waste management, curriculum, food and dining, water, and energy, each linked to one or more of the 17 SDGs. Using a quantitative assessment approach, the research identifies prevalent sustainability initiatives and offers a roadmap for institutions to follow. It emphasizes the need to integrate sustainability principles into curricula and educate staff on energy and water management, noting that these initiatives can reduce ecological footprints while also providing economic savings. The findings suggest that geographical and cultural differences should be considered when implementing these initiatives, and there is a need for openly accessible data on the savings and benefits of sustainability efforts to enhance policymaking.

Events - Activities



MAJOR DAY Vol.3 is the third event in a series organized by the Faculty of Engineering to help first-year engineering students make informed decisions about their majors. The event hosts representatives from the engineering profession, including TEDU alumni, offering a valuable opportunity to guide students in their



career planning. It provides engineering students with detailed information about various engineering departments and the chance to benefit from industry experiences by interacting with professionals.

Web Link:

<https://www.instagram.com/p/C0jhlvVonzG/>

Collaboration, Projects, Awards

TED Ambassadors' Project:



The 'TED Ambassadors' project, which is a joint effort between TEDU and the Turkish Education Association, offers a new teacher training model. The fourth year students from the Faculty of Education visited TED Colleges in different cities of Turkey to have hands-on experience in their professions by performing different tasks at school such as lesson observation, preparation, and presentation, exam supervision, question preparation, participation in group meetings and discussions on case studies. The evaluation meeting of the project was held at TEDU campus and was attended by 18 students from the Department of Education.

YoungWomen4OR AWARD



YW4OR, or Young Women for Operational Research (OR), is an initiative aimed at increasing visibility and fostering the career development of young women early in their careers within the field of Operations Research (OR). It is part of the broader WISDOM (Women in Society Doing Operational Research and

Management Science) initiative, which promotes gender equality and inclusion in OR.

Sırma Karakaya, a lecturer at TEDU Faculty of Engineering, Department of Industrial Engineering, received the EURO Wisdom YoungWomen4OR 2023 award and was entitled to be supported for 2024.

UPO – Ankara Consortium for New Job Experiences - YITAK

TEDU has partnered with the Ankara Consortium for New Job Experiences (YITAK).

The YITAK Project is dedicated to closing the gap between academia and the business world, fostering result-oriented business mechanisms. Through this consortium, TEDU students and administrative staff will benefit from Erasmus+ traineeships and training mobility, gaining invaluable real-world experience. Such work experience will ease students' school-to-work transitions and reduce youth unemployment, while increasing the experience of the university staff.

WanTED Career Days



The WanTED Career Days, held for the 7th time between April 11-13 at TEDU, brought together leading companies in the sector with TEDU students. Experience sharing took place across six sessions, including Round Table Meetings, which were organized for the first time in Turkey. Over 1,000 students participated in interview simulations, both online and in person.



Nearly 2,000 TEDU students attended the Career Days, where company representatives shared insights into business life. Nine seminars were conducted with prominent guests in their fields. By the end of the event, our students were better prepared for interviews and the business life.

Impact Measurement and Management Summit: Time to Act in Türkiye



The Impact Measurement and Management Summit: Time to Act in Türkiye was organized in collaboration between TED University and the Impact Investing Advisory Board (EYDK). The summit highlighted the critical role of Impact Measurement and Management in the transition to an impact economy and in achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Turkey. Experts at the summit discussed various standards and frameworks for Impact Measurement and Management, social value, Social Return on Investment (SROI), and the use of SDG Impact Standards in impact management, along with insights derived from data for impact.

Throughout the summit, representatives from civil society organizations, funding institutions, international organizations, policymakers, the public and private sectors, social enterprises, and experts in social impact measurement, as well as students and other stakeholders, came together to form significant collaborations and develop connections aimed at promoting the mainstreaming of Impact Measurement and Management in Turkey.

SHELeads Platform



The first cycle of the SHE Leads Platform, implemented in collaboration with Arçelik and the Ankara Development Agency, began in September 2023.

The platform aims to support women university students interested in entrepreneurship, providing them with essential connections within the ecosystem and helping them develop the competencies needed for their entrepreneurial journey.

We Rise Above Glass Ceilings, We Embrace Equality



TEDU organized a project competition titled We Rise Above Glass Ceilings, We Embrace Equality to support women's employment and promote gender equality, as part of the 100th anniversary of the Republic. The competition, held in collaboration with the Ankara Business and Professional Women's Association and the Central Anatolia Branch of PERYÖN Turkey Human Resources Management Association, invited university students to develop innovative solutions to the challenges women face in the business world.

