INTERNATIONAL STAFF TRAINING WEEK IV
“Re-Thinking Internationalization”
June 17-21, 2019
Middle East Technical University (METU) International Cooperations Office (ICO)

17 JUNE
MONDAY
Day 1
VENUE: Cultural and Convention Center, Hall A

08.30 : Dafne Hotel shuttle pick up
08.30 : METU Guesthouse pick up on foot
09.00 – 10.00 : Registration / Tea & Coffee
10.00 – 10.40 : Opening Remarks and Introduction to METU/ODTÜ
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hale Işık Güler, Advisor to the President for Internationalization, METU
10.40 – 11.00 : Overview of the Activity Program
Burcu Akpinar, International Cooperations Office, METU
11.00 – 11.30 : Crash Task into Turkish (IBA)
11.30 – 12.45 : Lunch at the Main Cafeteria (hosted by METU)
13.00 – 15.00 : Make Your Own Artwork: A Turkish Souvenir
13.30 – 15.00 : Banking Procedures for Erasmus+ ICM (KA107) participants ²
15.00 – 17.00 : Campus Tour (by Prof. Dr. Bahar Gedikli, Dept. of City and Regional Planning)
* Please wear comfy shoes for the walking part of the campus tour
17.15 : End of program and drop off at Dafne Hotel
18.30 : Shuttle pick up for dinner (from the METU Guesthouse)
19.00 : Shuttle pick up for dinner (from the Dafne Hotel)
19.30 – 21.30 : Welcome Dinner at Göksu Restaurant (hosted by METU)
21.30 : Dafne Hotel and METU Rectorate shuttle drop off

DAY’S THEME: Institutional Structures for Internationalization

18 JUNE
TUESDAY
Day 2
VENUE: Cultural and Convention Center

08.30 : Dafne Hotel shuttle pick up
09.00 – 09.45 : METU’s International Structures, Strategies and Practices
Dr. Gülizar Karahan Balya, International Cooperations Office, METU
09.45 – 10.30 : International Students Office: Challenges in International Student Admission
Erdem Ceydilek, International Students Office, METU
Venue change only for this specific session: Cultural and Convention Center, Kümbet Hall
10.30 – 10.45 : Coffee Break
10.45 – 11.30 : Orientation Program and Support Services for International students
Burcu Akpinar, International Cooperations Office, METU
Seda Okur, International Cooperations Office, METU

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1 Pick up and drop off service is only for Dafne Hotel. Meeting point on campus is Rectorate Building at all times.
2 Please check your appointment time from the Bank Schedule List.
19 JUNE

WEDNESDAY

Day 3

VENUE:
Cultural and Convention Center, Hall A

11:30 – 13:00: Lunch at the Main Cafeteria (hosted by METU)
13:00 – 14:00: PANEL 1: Comparing Different Institutional Structures and Strategies for Internationalization

Moderator:
*Dr. Gülizar Karahan Balya, International Cooperations Office, METU, Turkey*

Panelists:
*Daniela Ascarelli, Drexel University, USA*
*José María Ameneiros Martínez, Universidad Tecnológica de La Habana, Cuba*
*Norhayati Binti Abdullah, Universiti Teknologi Malaysia, Malaysia*

14:00 – 14:15: Coffee Break
14:15 – 15:45: WORKSHOP 1: What is the Optimum Infrastructure for Effective Internationalization? ³

16:00-16:30: Reporting Workshop Results *(Venue: Hall A)*
16:30: *Dafne Hotel shuttle drop off*

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19 JUNE

WEDNESDAY

Day 3

VENUE:
Cultural and Convention Center, Hall A

**DAY’S THEME: Challenges and Crises in Internationalization and Mobility Programs**

08:30: *Dafne Hotel shuttle pick up*

09:00 – 09:30: How to Build and Sustain International Partnerships
*Dr. İbrahim Yorgun, International Cooperations Office, METU*

09:30 – 10:30: **TALK:** International Dimension of University Rankings: How to Assess Internationalization
*Assist. Prof. Dr. Serap Emil, Dept. of Educational Sciences, METU*

10:30 – 10:45: Coffee break

10:45 – 11:30: The Unfolding of a Crisis: METU Case
*Dr. Betül Bulut Şahin, International Cooperations Office, METU*

11:30 – 13:00: Lunch Gathering at the Main Cafeteria (hosted by METU)
13:00 – 14:00: PANEL 2: Challenges and Crises in Internationalization and Mobility Programs

Moderator:
*Dr. Betül Bulut Şahin, International Cooperations Office, METU, Turkey*

Panelists:
*Alejandra Rojas Alvarado, Universidad Central, Colombia*
*Iuliia Kuleva, Siberian Federal University, Russia*
*Sridhar Idapalapati, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore*

14:00 – 14:15: Coffee Break

14:15 – 15:45: WORKSHOP 2: Tackling Crises ³

16:00-16:30: Reporting Workshop Results *(Venue: Hall A)*
16:30: *METU Rectorate shuttle pick up for Dafne Hotel*

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³ Workshops will be organized in different groups and in separate halls. To see your workshop group and its location, please refer to the back side of your name tag.
20 JUNE
THURSDAY
Day 4

VENUE:
Cultural and Convention Center, Hall A

**DAY’S THEME: Internationalization at Home**

08.30 : *Dafne Hotel shuttle pick up*

09.00 – 9.30 : TALK: Preparing Students for International Mobility: Introduction to (the image of) Turkey  
*Assist. Prof. Dr. Besim Can Zırh, Dept. of Sociology, METU*

09.30 – 10.00 : TALK: The Impact of Internationalization on Campus Life  
*Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hale Işık Güler, Erasmus+ Institutional Coordinator & Dept. of Foreign Language Education, METU*

10.00 – 10.15 : Coffee Break

10.15 – 11.15 : PANEL 3: Multicultural Campuses: International and Local Student and Staff Integration  
**Moderator:**  
*Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hale Işık Güler, Erasmus+ Institutional Coordinator, METU, Turkey*

Panelists:  
*Dalie Brisson, University of Ottawa, Canada*  
*Fatima Rajabnejad Namaghi, Mahidol University, Thailand*  
*Mirzana Pašić Kodrić, University of Sarajevo, Bosnia*

11.30 – 12.30 : Lunch at the Main Cafeteria (hosted by METU)

12.45 – 13: 45 : WORKSHOP 3: How to Foster International and Local Student and Staff Integration?  

14.00 – 18.00 : City Tour hosted by METU (Antkabir & Hamamönü)

18.30 : *Dafne Hotel and METU Rectorate shuttle drop off*  
*(an optional drop off point: Armada Shopping Center, Hayat Sokağı)*


21 JUNE
FRIDAY
Day 5

VENUE:  
Cultural and Convention Center, Hall A

08.30 : *Dafne Hotel shuttle pick up*

09.00 – 10.30 : Banking procedures for Erasmus+ ICM (KA107) participants

09.00 – 10.30 : Breakfast at Doyurucu Café and visit to ODTUDEN Shop (expenses on your own)

10.30 : *METU Çarşı (main shopping center) shuttle pick up for Technopark visit*

10.45 – 11.30 : Visit to *METU Technopark*  
*Selin Doğu, Director of Corporate Communications of Technopark*

11.30 : *METU Technopark shuttle pick up for lunch*

11.45 – 13.30 : Lunch Gathering at Ege Günlüğü, Bilkent Center (hosted by METU)  
Visit to shopping centers, bookstores, coffee shops (arrival and departure by shuttle)

14.00 – 15.00 : Wrap up of the Staff Week & delivery of participation certificates & end of the programme

18.00 : *Departure for Istanbul or Cappadocia for those who will be attending weekend trips*  
*(from the parking lot of METU Cultural and Convention Center)*

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4 Check out from hotels for the participants who will leave for Istanbul or Cappadocia.
5 Please check your appointment time from the Bank Schedule List.
**OPTIONAL WEEKEND TRIPS:**

1. **Trip to Cappadocia** guided by PARASOL Tourism and Travel Agency
2. **Trip to Istanbul** guided by PARASOL Tourism and Travel Agency

- No participation fee is required for the METU Staff Week 2019.
- This program may be subject to changes.