

16. Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions



Scholarly Output:

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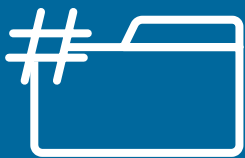
International Collaboration:

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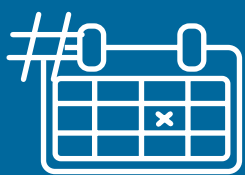
Field-weighted Citation Impact:

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Number of Current Projects:

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Number of Annual Events:

84

1.

Law Clinics and Legal Support to Provide Advice and Information to Students on a Range of Legal Issues

The Law Clinics aim to provide legal information to individuals who have difficulties accessing justice while offering students opportunities to strengthen the skills and values they will need in their professional lives. 206 students who have taken the Law Clinics course so far, have had the opportunity to get to know the forensic field applications by going out on the field, watching, and analyzing the legal problems of individuals who are exposed to social exclusion and do not have sufficient economic conditions to benefit from legal support.



2.

ÖzU Law Clinics' Application for free sanitary pads in penal institutions

The ÖzU Law Clinics applied to the Ombudsman Institution within the scope of its Ombudsman Clinic's activities. Remarking that women and girls in penal institutions experience menstrual poverty, and not having access to free and adequate sanitary pads in closed penal institutions is a violation of the right to health, Law Clinics requested that the Ministry of Justice makes the necessary arrangements to ensure free access to sanitary pads.

16 students from Özyegin University, who volunteer at the Ombudsman Clinic, completed their preparations by receiving clinical training on the "Ombudsman Institution", "Life in Prison" and "How to prepare an effective application petition" prior to the application.

The Ombudsman Institution forwarded the application to the Ministry of Justice in an effort to reach a friendly solution. The Ministry took the application into consideration, and issued a general letter to all penal institutions and Chief Public Prosecutor's Offices, stating that feminine hygiene products should be provided free of charge, without any delay or discrimination.

With this decision, all women, girls, babies, and children will now have free access to hygienic products, and their right to health will be protected. Özyegin University Law Clinics will follow up on the decision, and continue to serve people who have difficulty in accessing justice with unwavering commitment.

3.

Projects on Migration, Identity and Social Integration

ÖzU Social Sciences faculty [Dr. Susan Beth Rottmann](#) supervises and participates in several projects addressing issues of democracy and inequality and contributing to the social integration of immigrant communities:

1. [OppAttune \(Countering Oppositional Political Extremism through Attuned Dialogue: Track, Attune, Limit\)](#) is a project supported by “[Horizon Europe Cluster 2: Call for Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Societies](#)” and has 17 participating organizations. The project aims to monitor the evolution of oppositional extremist ideologies and protectionist decision-making, develop an innovative model of adaptation, and test a range of interventions at national and transnational levels that limit the spread of extremism.

2. The project “[GAPs: De-centring the Study of Migrant Returns and Readmission Policies in Europe and Beyond](#)” unites 17 participating organizations. It examines the gaps between expectations and the actual results of return migration policies. The project is also supported by “[Horizon Europe Cluster 2: Call for Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Societies](#).”

3. The project “[Food, Home-cooking and Social Integration of Syrian Women in Istanbul, Gaziantep and Hatay](#)” supported by the [TÜBİTAK1001 program](#) seeks to understand how immigrants’ home-making activities, especially food consumption and cooking practices have changed and how these practices affect their social integration through in-depth qualitative research with Syrian women. By comparing three cities that have received high numbers of migrants from Syria to Turkey in 2011, the project examines how cooking and sharing food are tools to strengthen community integration and express cultural heritage.

4. The [HIDDEN \(History of Identity Documentation in European Nations: Citizenship, Nationality and Immigration\)](#) project is supported by the [COST \(European Cooperation in Science and Technology\) program of TÜBİTAK](#). It explores issues of identity, citizenship and immigration by linking historical research on identity documents to modern, digital forms of identity documents and examines the laws that create and govern them. HIDDEN will hold academic and public events to enhance policy dialogue on identity documentation in Europe.

4.

Protocol of Cooperation Between Özyegin University and Directorate General of Prisons and Detention Houses

Within the scope of the “[Enhancing the Effectiveness of Civil Monitoring Boards in line with European Standards](#)” carried out by the Council of Europe; A cooperation protocol has been signed between the [Rectorate of Özyegin University and the Ministry of Justice Directorate General of Prisons and Detention Houses](#); for the training of civilian monitoring board members of penal institutions and prisons, including financial and technical support and expert support, which lasted until May 31, 2022.



5.

DE-CONSPIRATOR

The project [DE-CONSPIRATOR \(Detecting and Countering Information Suppression from a Transnational Perspective\)](#) to be conducted under the coordination of Associate Prof. H. Akin Ünver from the International Relations Department. Funded under the Cluster-2 of the Horizon Europe Program, it is the second multi-partner project coordinated by a Turkish institution under the “[Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Societies](#)” Cluster of Horizon Europe.

The DE-CONSPIRATOR project [aims to measure the impact of Foreign Information Manipulation and Interference \(FIMI\) strategies](#), which have been increasingly employed in digital communication tools in recent years, on political, social and societal incidents in [25 EU member states and 3 partner countries](#), including Turkey, and to develop counter-strategies to combat this. At the end of the project, it is planned to develop definitive solution proposals by understanding more broadly and comparatively the causes, means, and consequences of foreign information manipulation strategies observed in international politics. The project also [aims to increase the resilience and awareness of Turkey and EU member states about international disinformation with the ultimate goal of protecting the freedom to receive and consume information](#).

The DE-CONSPIRATOR project will be [coordinated at Özyegin University and will be jointly conducted by 12 partner organizations](#), including Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), Italian international relations think tank, Riga Stradiņš University, University of Groningen, Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB), University of Amsterdam, Heidelberg University, Lithuanian Center for Advanced Cognitive Studies (AdCogito), Barcelona Center for International Affairs (CIDOB), Center for Economics and Foreign Policy Studies (EDAM Istanbul) and Georgia’s Reforms Associates (GRASS).