

16. Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions



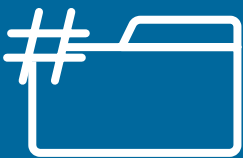
Scholarly Output:
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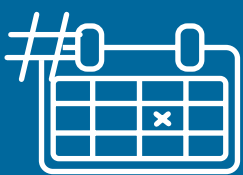
International Collaboration:
9



Field-weighted Citation Impact:
0.89



Number of Total Projects:
9



Number of Events:
169

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 in 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.

Nişantepe Law Clinic

In line with the field experiences of OzU Nişantepe Social Empowerment Studies, new models have been planned within the scope of Legal Clinics, considering the needs of individuals living in Nişantepe. The severe poverty experienced in Nişantepe, the discrimination suffered, and the violations of education, health and property rights were taken into account, and the cases of violence and early marriage were also decisive in terms of the content of the studies. In this context, in the spring term of 2021-2022, a protocol on Legal Clinics was signed between OzU and the Open Space Association Deep Poverty Network, which works in Nişantepe and the surrounding neighborhoods. As of spring 2021-2022, a volunteer working group was formed with the participation of 6 mentor lawyers and 29 students for the works within the scope of the protocol and 6 Nişantepe residents were provided legal advice.



3.

“CHARM - Jean Monnet Chair of Migration and Mobility in Europe’ Project

Associate Prof. Dr. Deniz Sert, a member of the Faculty of Social Sciences at Ozyegin University, has become the recipient of the prestigious [Jean Monnet Chair](#) for a term of 36 months in recognition of her project. Associate Prof. Dr. Sert’s research interests include [conflict](#), [forced migration](#), [international migration](#), [irregular migration](#), [transnational migration](#), [border management](#) and [civil society](#). Through her 36-month [CHARM](#) project starting in 2020, Associate Prof. Dr. Sert aims to [design a new course at OzU on migration and mobility in Europe](#), and hopes to [provide an information, networking, and discussion platform](#) for all students, researchers, academicians, NGO representatives, policy makers, and other professionals and expert institutions involved in the field of migration and mobility.



Doç. Dr. Deniz Sert

4.

Projects on Migration, Identity and Social Integration

OzU 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. Within the scope of the project, [Ozyegin University](#), and [Istanbul Bilgi University from Turkey](#) will take part as partners.

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.](#)” The objectives of the GAPs are: a) to scrutinize the gaps in the EU’s internal and external returns governance; b) examine the complex interactions of policy makers and local actors involved in returns processes to shed light on cooperation failures; c) analyze immigrants’ own perspectives to understand their knowledge of return policies, desires and experiences.

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.



5.

Protocol of Cooperation Between Ozyegin 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 Ozyegin 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.