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PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS REPORT SDG 16

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ABOUT US

Our Mission

Istinye University's mission is to provide innovative and sustainable education in a student centred institution working closely with industry; to conduct research based on advanced technology; to produce new knowledge and technologies; and to contribute to society by developing solutions to local and global problems.

Our Vision

Istinye University's vision is to become one of the world's leading universities pursuing excellence in education, research, innovation and technology development, with artificial intelligence at its centre.

Our Values

- Respect for people and differences
- Commitment to professional ethics and human values
- Social and community responsibility
- Justice and merit
- Environmental awareness and sustainability
- Lifelong learning
- Collective wisdom
- Participation
- Innovation
- Entrepreneurship
- Leadership

Source: [1] Mission and Vision

ETHICS AND INSTITUTIONAL GOVERNANCE

Participation and Accountability

Istinye University bases its education, research, community engagement and administrative activities on written procedures and defined processes. Public interest, participation and collective judgement guide decision-making, while justice, merit and fairness underpin institutional relations. Transparent communication, stakeholder feedback and continuous improvement form part of the university's governance approach.

Source: [2] Institutionalisation and Belonging Policy

Ethical Conduct and Prevention of Conflicts of Interest

Academic integrity, impartiality, accountability and respect for fundamental rights are among the ethical principles of university life. Members are expected to avoid using their duties or authority for personal gain, prevent conflicts of interest and refuse gifts or benefits connected with their responsibilities. Responsible use of university resources and opposition to discrimination are also addressed within this framework.

Source: [3] Ethical Conduct Principles and Ethics Board Procedures

Support against Harassment and Violence

An institutional support framework provides for the assessment of reports of psychological harassment, mobbing, sexual harassment and sexual assault involving students and academic or administrative staff, and for referrals to administrative, legal and psychological support. Confidentiality and personal data protection are fundamental to these procedures.

Source: [4] Directive on Support against Harassment, Mobbing and Sexual Assault

Process Improvement Training

PDCA training for Student Affairs staff addressed planning, implementation, checking and improvement. A case study demonstrated how to use the Process Improvement and Development Form, with an emphasis on documenting, monitoring and improving processes.

Source: [5] PDCA training for administrative staff

STUDENT REPRESENTATION AND PARTICIPATION

Student Council

Student representatives are elected. The Student Council is responsible for collecting students' concerns, views and proposals through their representatives and submitting them to the Rectorate. The council president is expected to attend Senate and Executive Board meetings when matters concerning students are discussed.

Source: [6] Student Council Directive

Student Participation in National Quality Assurance



University announcement of Sude Karabulut's YÖKAK Student Commission membership.

Computer Engineering student and Quality Community President Sude Karabulut was selected as a full member of the YÖKAK Student Commission for the 2024–2025 academic year. This role brings a student perspective to national higher education quality assurance work.

Source: [7] News on YÖKAK Student Commission membership

Meeting with Quality Ambassadors

On 10 June 2025, a meeting brought together students who had attended the YÖKAK Quality Ambassador Programme and Quality Ambassadors Workshop. Discussion addressed stronger student representation, continuous improvement and the integration of student contributions into institutional quality assurance processes.

Source: [8] Meeting with students who attended quality ambassador training

ACTIVITIES

Memorial Tree against Violence towards Women

December 2024 · University campus

The Quality Club and Women's Rights Studies Club organised the Memorial Tree event to draw attention to violence against women. The commemorative installation, created with ribbons, addressed women's rights, the pursuit of justice and safe living environments through awareness and solidarity.



The commemorative installation created for the Memorial Tree event.

Source: [9] Memorial Tree event against violence towards women

Open Microphone on Women's Rights

3 January 2025 · Topkapı Congress Centre

The Women's Rights Club's "Open Microphone: Law No. 6284 and the Istanbul Convention" event brought together academics, legal professionals and civil society representatives. Participants shared views and experiences on preventing violence against women, legal frameworks and public awareness.

Source: [10] Open Microphone: Law No. 6284 and the Istanbul Convention

Student Club Activities

Student clubs organised knowledge-sharing and practical activities on cyber risks and the protection of digital assets. Club activities also included a visit to Anıtkabir.

Activity	Content	Source
Cybersecurity and Risk Management 13.11.2024	IES Club; individual and organisational cyber risks and security strategies.	News
Protecting Digital Assets and Cybersecurity Strategies 10.12.2024	IEEE Club and Energy and Engineering Club; digital asset protection, vulnerabilities and defence mechanisms.	News
Information Security Workshop	Information security workshop organised by the Computing Club.	News dated 20.11.2024
Visit to Anıtkabir	Visit to Anıtkabir by the 1907 UNIFEB Club.	News dated 14.11.2024

Legal Literacy

14 and 21 May 2025 · Topkapı Campus

The Justice Programme continued its law lecture series for medical interns in the spring of 2025. In the Information Technology Law lecture on 14 May, Dr. M. Fatih Çınar addressed personal data, the legal aspects of data processing, data protection and cybercrime.



A law lecture for medical students.

The lecture “Criminal Law Issues Encountered by Physicians” on 21 May addressed patient and physician rights, legal mechanisms protecting healthcare workers, confidentiality and obligations to report offences.

Source: [15] Law lectures for medical students

Human Rights and Public Dialogue

Health as a Right for Everyone

10–15 December 2024 · Topkapı Campus

Students from the Pharmacy Services and Child Development programmes prepared posters on the right to health for Human Rights and Democracy Week. The “Health as a Right for Everyone” exhibition was scheduled for the 3S Foyer at Topkapı Campus.



Announcement poster for the Health as a Right for Everyone exhibition.

Source: [16] Health as a Right for Everyone exhibition announcement

National Human Rights Institutions and Public Diplomacy

4 June 2025 · Online programme

The Public Diplomacy Application and Research Centre (KADAM) planned an online programme on the relationship between national human rights institutions and public diplomacy. The programme focused on human rights protection and the exchange of institutional knowledge.



Announcement of the National Human Rights Institutions and Public Diplomacy programme.

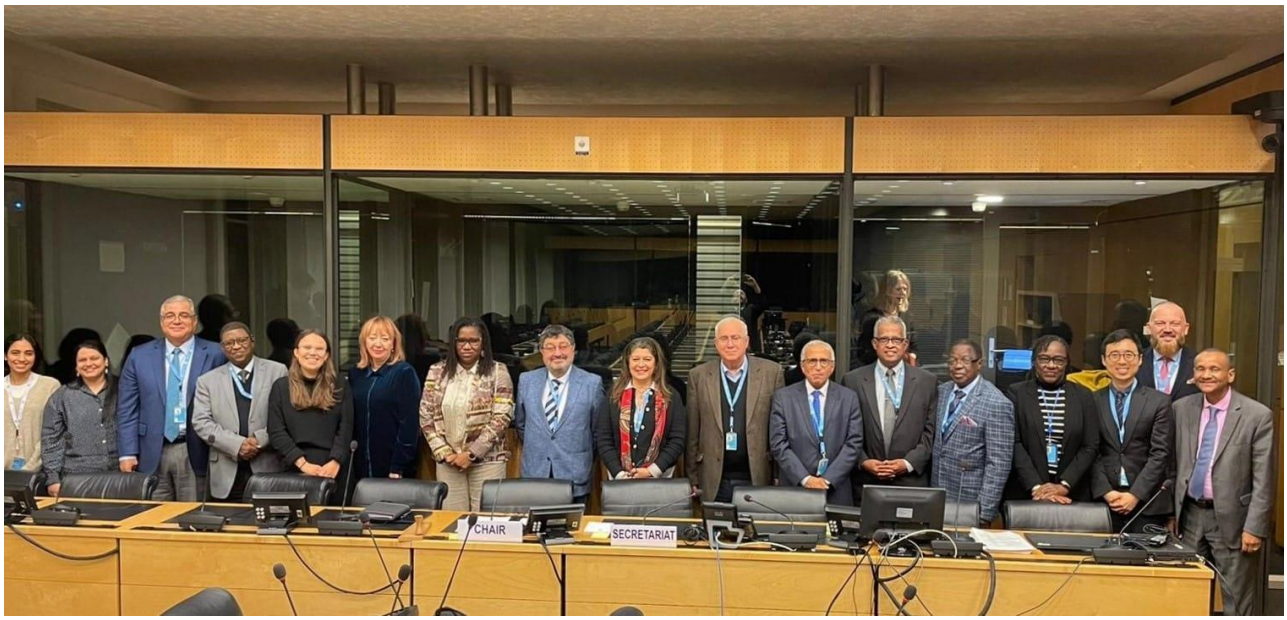
Source: [17] National Human Rights Institutions and Public Diplomacy announcement

INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVITIES

United Nations Committee on Migrant Workers

2–13 December 2024 · Geneva

Prof. Osman Can Ünver of the Department of Political Science and Public Administration participated in the 39th session of the United Nations Committee on Migrant Workers in Geneva. The session formed part of the committee's work on implementation of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families.



The 39th session of the United Nations Committee on Migrant Workers.

Source: [18] Osman Can Ünver's participation in the UN committee session

United Nations human rights treaty bodies consist of independent experts who monitor states' compliance with the relevant treaties. Through reviews of state reports, dialogue with stakeholders and recommendations, these mechanisms contribute to the international system for protecting human rights.

Source: [19] OHCHR United Nations human rights mechanisms

ACADEMIC PROJECTS

Academic projects address human dignity, eyewitness testimony and inclusive development within decentralisation processes.

Funder	Call / Programme	Project Title
TÜBİTAK	Scientific and Technological Research Projects Funding Programme	Islamic Jurisprudence, Human Dignity and the Body
TÜBİTAK	Short Term R&D Funding Programme	The Effect of Perceived Crime Severity on the Quality and Quantity of Information in Eyewitness Statements
Erasmus+	Jean Monnet Actions in the Field of Higher Education Teaching and Research	SISDDP — Sustainable, Inclusive and Smart Development within Decentralization Process: the EU Experience

Source: [20] TTO Academic Projects List, TÜM sheet, SDG 16 records

STUDENT PROJECTS

Student projects cover copyright and ownership, public services, forensic research, bullying, digital security, participation in local government and social attitudes.

TÜBİTAK 2209 — 2024/1 Call Period

Project Title	Funder
Investigation of Copyright and Ownership Issues in Digital Artworks	TÜBİTAK
A Comparative Critique of Translations of William Shakespeare's Othello in Terms of Domestication and Foreignisation	TÜBİTAK
Simulation-based Scenario Analysis for Improving Efficiency in Public Services	TÜBİTAK

TÜBİTAK 2209 — 2025/1 Call Period

Project Title	Funder
Determination of the Postmortem Interval in an in ovo Model through Histopathological Evaluation of Autolytic Changes in Organs and Hepatic Oxidative Stress Indicators	TÜBİTAK
Investigation of Peer Bullying Experienced in the School Environment by Primary School Children Diagnosed with ADHD	TÜBİTAK
The Relationship of Adverse Childhood Experiences with Cyberbullying, Psychopathological Symptoms and Psychological Resilience in Young Adulthood	TÜBİTAK
An Interactive Literacy Tool Based on Visual Design Principles for Detecting Deepfakes and Manipulated Images	TÜBİTAK
B2B Platform Design for High-quality Content Supply in the Digital Printing Sector: Development of Copyright Protection and an Automated Pre-flight Check Mechanism	TÜBİTAK
Decision-making in Moral Dilemmas: The Role of Perceptions of Offenders and Moral Foundations	TÜBİTAK
The Effects of Right-wing Authoritarianism and Attitudes towards Immigrants on Shooting Bias	TÜBİTAK
Analysis of EEG Responses to Affective Stimuli in Individuals with Aggressive Tendencies: Evaluation in Terms of Dark Triad Personality Traits and Mentalisation	TÜBİTAK
Digital Participation and Youth Representation in Local Government: The Cases of Başakşehir, Üsküdar and Kadıköy	TÜBİTAK

Project Title	Funder
Security and Strategy in Finance with Artificial Intelligence: Fraud Detection and Algorithmic Trading	TÜBİTAK
Detection of Fraudulent Sellers on E-commerce Platforms and Development of a Trust Score Model Using Machine Learning	TÜBİTAK
Development of an Innovative and Updatable Physical-Digital Stamp System for Public and Private Organisations	TÜBİTAK
An OSINT-based Domain Trustworthiness Analysis Tool	TÜBİTAK

Source: [21] TÜBİTAK 2209 Student Projects List, 2024/1 and 2025/1, SDG 16 records

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Institutional and Other Sources

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[3] Ethical Conduct Principles and Ethics Board Procedures

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[13] Information Security Workshop

[14] Visit to Anıtkabir

[15] Law lectures for medical students

[16] Health as a Right for Everyone exhibition announcement

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[19] OHCHR United Nations human rights mechanisms

Project Records

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[21] TÜBİTAK 2209 Student Projects List, 2024/1 and 2025/1, SDG 16 records