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Middle East Institute  
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## Sakarya University Middle East Institute

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*"ORMER seeks to foster academic study of the Middle East and promote public awareness of the region."*



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## Our Mission

ORMER promotes the interdisciplinary study of the Middle East and seeks to promote public awareness of regional issues, conflict areas as well as their connection to global contexts. At the core of our research and teaching lies the effort to gain first-hand knowledge and scholarly insight that is also based on a qualified proficiency in reading, writing and speaking of the main Middle Eastern languages.



## About Us

The Middle East Institute (ORMER) is part of Sakarya University, Turkey. As one of the major hubs for those interested in Middle Eastern Studies, the institute hosts a considerable number of students and scholars studying the region in all its facets. Founded in 2013 to further the systematic study of the Middle East region, ORMER is dedicated to both teaching and research. Currently, 31 academicians of which 19 are research assistants, and 12 professors and assistant professors are employed. ORMER offers Master and PhD programs for graduates of social sciences, preparing them for positions in various areas globally, ranging from academia to the business world.

# Opportunities

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## Library

The Ibn Khaldun Library (İbn-i Haldun Kütüphanesi) at the ground floor of our institute is by now an attraction pole for visitors from all branches of academia. Here, readers can find books particularly on the Middle East in different languages. The expanding number of books currently amounts to circa 9.100, which makes this library one of Turkey's greatest region-specific university libraries.



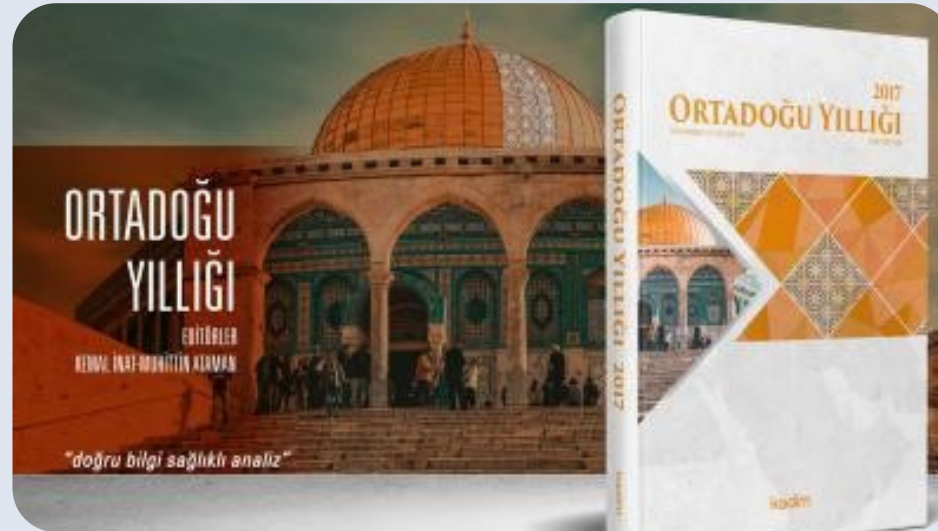
## Language Education

The Institute offers Arabic and Persian courses for graduate and PhD students. They are planned to be 12 hours a week, so that students are required to take a rigorous language training programme



# Publications

Our institute is also active in the field of academic publishing. We publish the *Middle East Yearbook* annually since 2005, the *Turkish Journal of Middle Eastern Studies (TJMES)* biannually since 2014, and the *Journal of Iranian Studies* biannually since 2017. All three periodicals are peer-reviewed and indexed. Besides, occasional policy briefs, special reports, analyses and journal articles are part of the publishing routine. All our publishing work is open to free and easy access. Publishing language is English and Turkish.



# Academic Activities & Collaboration

ORMER hosts workshops, panels and two different conference series. First organized in 2012, the *International Congress on Politics and Society in the Middle East* is convening biannually with a great variety of scholars and experts from all over the world. Moreover, we also initiate events that are all open and free to the public such as seminars, summer/winter school education, and book launch events.

**V. ORTADOĞU'DA SİYASET VE TOPLUM KONGRESİ**  
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**14-16 KASIM 2020 SAKARYA TÜRKİYE**

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NOVEMBER 14-15, 2020 SAKARYA - TURKEY

**IMPORTANT DATES**  
Deadline for Abstract Submission: **October 02, 2020**  
Announcement of Accepted Submissions: **October 19, 2020**

**TOPICS**  
The Middle East and Social Issues a Decade after the Arab Uprisings  
Israeli-Palestinian Issue and International Politics  
Gulf Region: Rising Actors in the Middle East  
Global and Regional Rivalry in the Eastern Mediterranean  
Syrian Civil War  
Turkey – Middle East Relations  
Political Economy of the Middle East  
The Middle East in International Politics  
Migration and Refugees in the Middle East  
Society, Religion and Politics in Iran  
The Political and Economic Crisis in Lebanon  
Society and Politics in North Africa

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Given our international profile, we strongly seek the collaboration of university bodies worldwide that promote research and teaching in Middle Eastern Studies. Our collaboration foremost aims at exchanging knowledge and experience, and supports student mobility, internship programs as well as staff exchange programs. As part of our commitment to international academic collaboration, we already cooperate with universities from the region such as *Qatar University (Qatar)*, *Souk Ahras University (Algeria)*, *Badji Mokhtar University (Algeria)*, *Salahaddin University (Iraq)*, and *Lebanon Tripoli University (Lebanon)*, and national think-tanks such as the *Political, Economic and Social Research Foundation (SETA)* and the *Middle East Center for Strategic Studies (ORSAM)*.



# City & Location

Sakarya province hosts numerous activities intertwined with nature. In the city, activity areas such as ski centers, paragliding, and rafting are located 20 minutes away from the campus. Bicycle use is widespread with urban cycling routes. Transportation is also provided by minibusses and buses.



Sakarya province, which is 1.5 hours from Istanbul and 3 hours from Ankara, is an attraction center due to its location.



Sakarya, one of the greenest provinces in Turkey, is famous for its camping and picnic areas. In addition, there is a public beach in the district of Karasu, which has a coast to the Black Sea.



## Location

ORMER is located at the university's main campus, where it offers a spectacular view of the Sapanca Lake. The Sakarya University is easy to reach from both Istanbul airports given its proximity of 60 miles. If your flight ends in Ankara, the distance is 180 miles. Nonetheless, easy ground transportation is provided from both cities.



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