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### Education

Postgraduate, Middle East Technical University, Graduate School Of Natural And Applied Sciences, Kentsel Tasarım, Turkey 2015 - 2018

Undergraduate, Middle East Technical University, Faculty Of Architecture, Şehir Ve Bölge Planlama, Turkey 2010 - 2015

### Foreign Languages

English, C1 Advanced

### Dissertations

Doctorate, Rhythmanalysis of Urban Migrants in Rural Gallipoli, Yildiz Technical University, Faculty Of Architecture, Department Of City Regional Planning, 2025

Postgraduate, DESIGN PROBLEMATIQUE OF PAIRED BORDER CITIES, Orta Doęu Teknik niversitesi, Şehir Ve Bölge Planlama, Kentsel Tasarım, 2018

### Research Areas

Social Sciences and Humanities, Sociology, Social Stratification and Mobility, Architecture, City and Regional Planning, Urban Planning and Development, Engineering and Technology

### Academic Positions

Research Assistant, Yildiz Technical University, Faculty of Architecture, Department of City Regional Planning, 2018 - Present

### Academic and Administrative Experience

Arařtırma Grevlisi Blm Temsilcisi, Yildiz Technical University, Faculty of Architecture, Department of City Regional Planning, 2022 - 2023

Bölüm Kalite Komisyonu Üyesi, Yıldız Technical University, Faculty of Architecture, Department of City Regional Planning, 2019 - 2020

Bölüm Stratejik Plan Komisyonu Üyesi, Yıldız Technical University, Faculty of Architecture, Department of City Regional Planning, 2018 - 2019

## Articles

- I. **Not Just Any Village: Lifestyle Migration and the Search for Cultural Compatibility in Turkey's Gallipoli Peninsula**  
Erkan Öcek R., İslam T.  
EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF GEOGRAPHY, vol.16, no.2, pp.393-405, 2025 (Scopus)
- II. **Permeability of Borders, Ideas and Spaces**  
Varış Husar S. C., Mehan A., Husar M., Ceylan Çalışkan R., Erkan Öcek R., Song S., Leemans S.  
disP - The Planning Review, vol.61, no.1, pp.24-40, 2025 (SSCI, Scopus)
- III. **From Urban Dwellers to Rural Residents: Housing, Employment, and Integration Challenges of Urban-to-Rural Migrants**  
Ocek R., İSLAM T.  
PLANLAMA-PLANNING, vol.35, no.3, pp.482-495, 2025 (ESCI, TRDizin)
- IV. **Who Moves to the Countryside, and Why? A Systematic Review of Urban-to-rural Migration**  
Erkan Öcek R., İslam T.  
PLANLAMA-PLANNING, vol.35, no.1, pp.171-181, 2025 (ESCI, TRDizin)
- V. **What's next? Some priorities for young planning scholars to tackle tomorrow's complex challenges**  
Varış Husar S. C., Mehan A., Erkan R., Gall T., Allkja L., Husar M., Hendawy M.  
European Planning Studies, vol.31, no.11, pp.2368-2384, 2023 (SSCI, Scopus)
- VI. **Exploring Behaviour of Homo Ludens: Sense of Play and Sense of Place**  
Erkan R.  
Journal of Urban Research and Development, no.2, pp.47-58, 2021 (Peer-Reviewed Journal)

## Books

- I. **Boundary Typologies and Their Effect on Paired Border Cities**  
Erkan R.  
in: Border Urbanism: Transdisciplinary Perspectives, Quazi Mahtab Zaman, Greg G. Hall, Editor, Springer Nature, Zug, pp.55-81, 2023
- II. **AESOP YA 2022 Book of Abstract - AESOP 16th Young Academics Conference: In Search of Well-Being in Liminality: No Longer-Not Yet**  
Altınok A. (Editor), Aydın E. (Editor), Bal Ş. (Editor), Bingöl H. B. (Editor), Can D. (Editor), Can N. N. (Editor), Çoban A. B. (Editor), Döner E. D. (Editor), Dutoğlu T. (Editor), Efeoğlu H. E. (Editor), et al.  
Yıldız Technical University, İstanbul, 2022
- III. **'Life' Seeding the Life within a Wounded Tissue / 'The Seed': Enriching the Life Pattern of the Local Community aftern Conflict**  
ERKAN R., Kalkanlı D., Kaya B., Türk D.  
in: Conflict Planning and Design / Çatışma Planlama ve Tasarım, Çalışkan O., Editor, Metu Faculty Of Architecture, Ankara, pp.110-115, 2018

## Papers Presented at Peer-Reviewed Scientific Conferences

- I. **Transformation of Everyday Life Practices of Urban Migrants in Rural Gallipoli Peninsula**

Erkan Öcek R., İslam T.

The 37th AESOP Annual Congress 2025: Transformative Action in an Age of Planetary Crisis, İstanbul, Turkey, 07 July 2025 - 11 February 2026, pp.906-907, (Summary Text)

II. **KENTLİ GÖÇMENLERİN KIRSAL GÜNDELİK YAŞAM DENEYİMLERİ**

Erkan Öcek R., İslam T.

3. ULUSAL BİLİMSEL ARAŞTIRMALAR KONGRESİ, Ankara, Turkey, 27 - 28 January 2024, pp.163-164, (Summary Text)

III. **Kentsel Temponun Ötesinde Kırsal Yaşamın Nabzı: Kentli Göçmenlerin Gündelik Yaşam Pratikleri, Gelibolu Yarımadası Örneği**

Erkan R., İslam T.

8 Kasım Dünya Şehircilik Günü 47. Kolokyumu: Yeni Yüzyılda Planlama, Ankara, Turkey, 8 - 10 November 2023, (Unpublished)

IV. **SITE SELECTIONS OF EVERYDAY ACTS: SPATIAL FORMS OF APPROPRIATION OF PUBLIC SPACE**

Erkan R.

AESOP 16th Young Academics Conference: In Search of Well-Being in Liminality: No Longer, Not Yet, İstanbul, Turkey, 5 - 08 April 2022, pp.58, (Full Text)

V. **Homo Ludens Playing in Public Spaces: A Case Study of Kadıköy-Maltepe Coastline of Istanbul**

Erkan R.

INTERNATIONAL URBAN DESIGN CONFERENCE Young Researchers Forum@Re-Discovering Urban Design, Gazimagusa, Cyprus (Kktc), 9 - 11 December 2020, pp.29-30, (Summary Text)

VI. **Mekansal Okunabilirliği Sinema Filmlerinde Aramak**

Erkan R., İslam T., Kesici N.

Mekan Sempozyumu, Samsun, Turkey, 12 - 14 December 2019, (Unpublished)

VII. **Typology of Boundaries and Their Effects on Paired Border Cities**

Erkan R.

URBANISM AT BORDERS, Aberdeen, United Kingdom, 5 - 07 September 2018, (Unpublished)

## Activities in Scientific Journals

Turkish Journal of Sense of Place and Urban Studies, Committee Member, 2024 - Present

## Memberships and Roles in Scientific Organizations

AESOP Young Academics Network, Board Member, 2022 - Present, England

TMMOB Şehir Plancıları Odası, Member, 2015 - Present

YTÜ - ICUS (International Center of Urban Studies), Secretary General, 2018 - 2020, Turkey

## Roles in Event Organizations

Erkan-Öcek R., İbişoğlu Ç., Bal Ş., Aydın E., Kırpık E., Dutoğlu T., Kesici Söylemez N., Türken A. Ö., Bingöl H. B., AESOP 16th Young Academics Conference: In Search of Well-Being in Liminality: No Longer-Not Yet, Scientific Congress, İstanbul, Turkey, April 2022

Türken A. Ö., Dutoğlu T., Bal Ş., Erkan-Öcek R., Kesici Söylemez N., Aydın E., Bingöl H. B., 14. İSTANBUL BULUŞMALARI, Workshop Organization, İstanbul, Turkey, June 2021

## Metrics

Publication: 16  
Citation (WoS): 20  
Citation (Scopus): 30  
H-Index (WoS): 2  
H-Index (Scopus): 2

## **Congress and Symposium Activities**

We, the City: Democracy and Innovative Practices of Participation in Berlin and İstanbul, Working Group, Berlin, Germany, 2022

Joint Workshops: Spaces of Encounters and Change: Mapping Syrian Migrant Economies in Neukölln and Aksaray İSTANBUL, Working Group, Berlin, Germany, 2019

Social innovation and regional development: Join our Social Innovation Community (SIC) Summer School in Samsun, Turkey, Working Group, Samsun, Turkey, 2018

BorderLab Summer School. Borderland Experiences: Conflict, Dialogue, and the Arts, Working Group, Frankfurt, Germany, 2017

## **Non Academic Experience**

Business Establishment Private, Boğaziçi Proje Engineering & Consulting, Transportation Planning, City Planner