

## ACADEMIC LECTURE SERIES “Great Islamic Monuments”



On September 28, 2009 academicians and students interested in culture, heritage, Islamic art and architecture had a unique opportunity to listen to an interesting lecture titled „Great Islamic Monuments.“ The lecture was delivered by an Islamic art and architecture historian Dr. Elizabeth Schotten Merklinger. Dr. Elizabeth Schotten Merklinger received BA and MA degrees from Cambridge University (UK) and a PhD in History and Architectural History from Delhi University, India. She is the author of a number of scholarly publications including two books on Islamic architecture, Sultanate Architecture of Pre-Mughal India (2005) and Indian Islamic Architecture: The Deccan (1982). A one-hour lecture included the

presentation of the most beautiful examples of Islamic architecture and a discussion about the topic between the guest speaker, Dr. Merklinger and other participants. At the end of the lecture, Dr. Merklinger was given a token of appreciation by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ali Gunes, Acting Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. The lecture “Great Islamic Monuments” was the part of the Academic Lecture Series.

## DR. LYNN TESSER at the Conference in France



Dr. Lynn Tesser presented a paper titled “Is Europe Ready for the Un-Cleansing of Recently Cleansed Area?” at the 39th annual conference of the University Association of Contemporary European Studies (UACES) hosted by the Ecole Supérieure des Sciences Commerciales d’Angers in Angers, France from 3-5 September. Dr. Tesser was on a panel titled “The Multiple Paths and Processes of Europeanisation” which also included Dr. Svetlana Bodrunova of St. Petersburg State University and Mr. Fabro Steibel of the University of Leeds.

## IUS TO COOPERATE WITH TURKISH AND BOSNIAN SCOUTS

With an aim of establishing a long-term cooperation, representatives of the Scout Federation of Turkey visited IUS on September 4, 2009. The group was led by the Head of the Federation Mr. Hasan Dinçer Subasi, Mr. Zekeriya Bergier, a member of the discipline commission of the Scout Federation of Turkey, Mr. Ayhan Binboga, a member of the technical commission, Mr. Tuncay Yerdelen, a member of the technical commission, Mrs. Esra Kizilboga, an international commissioner, and Ahmet Necip Arslan, a PA of the Chief Scout. During their stay in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Turkish scouts met with IUS Rector with whom they signed a cooperation of agreement and discussed future joint projects. Meeting with the representatives of the Bosnian Scout Federation was held as well. As a result of this visit a two-day workshop for IUS students on various topics related to scout leadership training was organized.

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## EDITORS MESSAGE

It has been six months since the first issue of the IUS Newsletter was published, and the Editorial Board is more than happy to announce that the publication is going better with each new issue.

This double issue covers a wide range of interesting topics from quality assurance, IUS promotion, activities of students and staff, to conferences and publications and an interview with Rector Prof. Dr. B. Gültekin Çetiner about the new academic year, what it brings and what it means. It should also be noted that the publication of this issue would not be possible without the administrators, professors and students who have proactively helped us collect the news. Therefore, the Editorial Board wants to thank everyone that has participated in the preparation of the issue. With your help, let us keep thriving towards new challenges!

## INTERVIEW: Prof. Dr. B. Gültekin Çetiner

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# QUALITY ASSURANCE workshops



Aiming at professional development, the International University of Sarajevo organized a week-long series of quality management workshops for academics and administrative staff between August 29 and September 5, 2009. The workshops were conducted by Prof. Dr. Bahattin Karagözoglu. Professor Karagözoglu received his BSc and MSc degrees from the Middle East Technical University (METU), Electrical Engineering and Electronics Division in 1972 and 1974 respectively. He got his PhD degree from University of Strathclyde (Glasgow – Scotland) in Biomedical Engineering in 1977. He worked for Istanbul Technical University, between 1979 and 1983. Professor Karagözoglu joined King Abdulaziz University, Faculty of Engineering, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering where he has since been the Coordinator of the Biomedical Engineering Program and ABET Accreditation Department.



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Higher Education Area and also by the newly established Agency for the Development of Higher Education and Quality Assurance in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

The newly appointed Rector of the International University of Sarajevo, Prof. Dr. B. Gültekin Çetiner, has facilitated this workshop in order to improve the quality of teaching, learning and research as well as that of the administrative structure at the University. Although the University has already been accredited by both Turkish and Bosnia-Herzegovinian ministries of education, and strictly follows Bologna Process principles, continuous improvement in this regard has been undertaken in order to improve the quality, and thus, meet the demands and needs of various stakeholders. In addition, by organizing such workshops, the University has begun intensive preparations to meet the criteria set by the Quality Assurance in the European

In order to initiate unfolding series of workshops, Professor Karagözoglu began with a general public lecture on Recent Challenges in Education. On August 31, and on September 1, two consecutive workshops, called Revising Resources and Establishing the Need for Academic Accreditation and Revising Program Outcomes, were presented before the Rector, Deans, Program Coordinators and the Director of ELS. Such specialized workshops were designed deliberately for IUS academic coordinators who are authorized to design and revise the present academic curricula. On September 2 and 3, two workshops called Design and Assessment of Courses for the Outcome-Based Education and Designing Courses for Program Outcomes were designed for both administrators and instructors. Both workshops dealt with various subjects such as course design and development, course delivery, course assessment and teaching methodology. On September 4, additionally, Professor Karagözoglu presented workshop titled Accreditation Requirements for Engineering and Allied Programs only for the Engineering Faculty. The whole program ended on September 5, with the close-up session after the closing speeches by the Speaker and the Rector.

The University plans to continue with similar workshops designed for the professional development of the staff and the University. To this effect the University has also taken serious steps towards establishing the Quality Assurance Center.

## Prof. Dr. Harry Miller promoted IUS on BHT1

On August 30, 2009 Foto Art production company located in Sarajevo visited IUS for the purpose of filming a documentary as a part of informative-education series “Društvo znanja” (“Society of Knowledge”). “Društvo znanja” is a unique half-an-hour TV documentary which deals with science, modern technology and education. The main aim of the documentary is to portray academicians and successful universities all over Bosnia-Herzegovina. The documentary is broadcasted on the Bosnian National TV (BHT1) every Tuesday at 17.15 p.m. One of the series issued the career of Prof. Dr. Harry Miller, who is an IUS Professor and a Foreign Member of Academy of Sciences and Arts of Bosnia and Herzegovina. In a very lively style peculiar to Dr. Miller, he presented his achievements and addressed numerous scientific, socio-political and educational questions. Putting IUS into the perspective, Professor Miller asserted that education is an answer to all socio-political and economic challenges faced by nations world-wide. As a peacemaker, he articulated a need for multiethnic and multicultural understanding among the people of Bosnia-Herzegovina.



## A NEW FACULTY AT IUS faculty of education (FEDU)

After its fifth successful year, IUS decided to establish a new faculty: The Faculty of Education (FEDU), as a result, has been established, and it currently offers two undergraduate programs, namely English Language Teaching Program and Computer-Enhanced Education and Instructional Technologies Program. The major aim of these two programs is to train teachers and educators qualified to teach at primary and secondary school levels. Both of the programs combine theoretical knowledge and skills, and use technology for teaching purposes. Therefore, graduates in these two programs will be equipped with linguistic skills, various classical and modern teaching methods all enriched via technology for the teaching purposes. Another aim of this faculty is to cooperate with ministries of education in both Turkey and Bosnia-Herzegovina and to foster University's path towards maintaining quality of education and the accreditation.

## JSTOR subscription

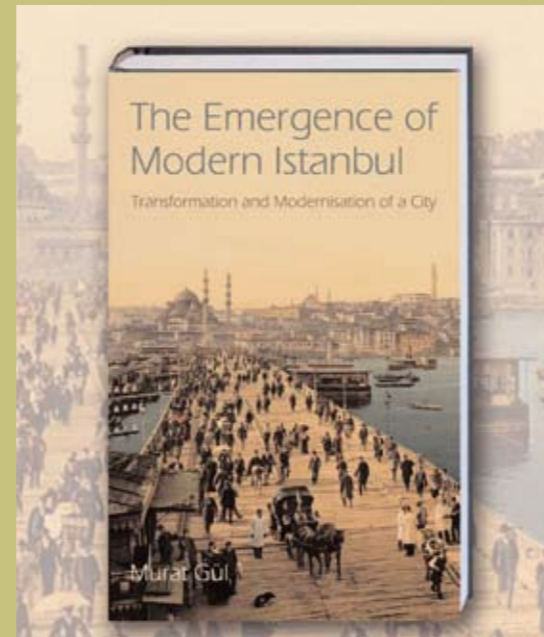


The University has taken important steps towards establishing the library that can meet the minimum needs of staff and students. Currently, the library is filling its shelves with major reference books that are necessary for programs at IUS. In order to support staff and students about their research activities, the University has subscribed to JSTOR, which is a well established and well-known digital research database. JSTOR subscription has been activated since July 2009. Access to JSTOR has been provided to all academicians, researchers, staff and students from any computer within IUS campus. Taking into consideration four different faculties, the University has subscribed to the following subjects: AAF - Arts and Sciences II, III, VI & VII; AAF – Business; ACF - Arts & Sciences II, III, VI & VII and ACF – Business.



## “THE EMERGENCE OF MODERN ISTANBUL” by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Murat Gül

International University of Sarajevo is proud to announce the publishing of a new book by Dr. Murat Gül titled „The Emergence of Modern Istanbul: Transformation and Modernisation of a City“: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Murat Gül is full-time instructor at the Architecture Program of the Faculty of Engineering and Natural Sciences. The book is published by I.B. Tauris, an independent publishing house recognised as the leading publisher on the Middle East and the Islamic World. About the book: In its transition from 18th century capital of the Ottoman Empire to economic powerhouse of the Turkish Republic, the city of Istanbul has been transformed beyond recognition. Using newly released archive sources, Murat Gül charts the urban transformation of Istanbul during the late Ottoman, early Republican and the Democrat Party periods of Turkish history. After the establishment of the Republic, Turkey increasingly turned to the West for ideas about how to develop a modern culture, particularly in its most populous city. Istanbul became a forum for the different regimes to display their political, ideological and social policies in the context of the built environment. Gül traces the impact of these changing policies on the very fabric of the city itself -- in its streets, buildings and landscapes -- and in the process provides new insights into the history of Turkey.



## 11th Combustion Symposium in 2010



In the period from June 24th to 27th 2010, International University of Sarajevo will host the 11th Combustion Symposium. Combustion Symposia are periodic activities of the Turkish Section of the Combustion Institute planned for two-year periods and organized accordingly. Alongside many respectable professionals that are to attend this event, the Mayor of Sarajevo, Mr. Alija Behmen, has also accepted to be a member of the Symposium's Honorary Committee. For more details on this event, please visit the official website of the Symposium <http://www.ius.edu.ba/cc>



On September 3, 2009 IUS Rector Prof. Dr. B. Gültekin Çetiner was the guest on NTV Hayat's live show "Moja zemlja" ("My country"). The show "Moja zemlja" is hosted by famous Bosnian journalist Mr. Adnan Rondic and is aired on NTV Hayat's satellite program which broadcasts in Turkey, North America, Europe, Middle East and Australia. During this one hour show, Professor Çetiner talked about higher education in general and International University of Sarajevo in particular. Our Rector also mentioned challenges faced by IUS as well as our vision of becoming the leading higher educational institution in the Balkans. The second part of the program was reserved for the talk about the Holy month of Ramadan and the Rector's reminisces about times spent in Turkey, Saudi Arabia and Malaysia. With the help of Miss Ediba Rizvanbegovic, who acted as interpreter, Professor Çetiner was able to convey his thoughts to a large audience.

## SOCIAL GATHERING



The International University of Sarajevo hosted around 60 partners and friends at the breaking of the fast which was organized on Saturday, September 19, 2009. This proved to be an excellent opportunity for everyone to meet in a relaxed atmosphere

to discuss various topics. In the festive mood of the upcoming Muslim festival, the Rector Prof. Dr. Çetiner used this opportunity to wish a happy Ramadan holiday to all present. Very distinguished Guests at this occasion included Ambassadors, the state minister of Human Rights and Refugees, a member of the Management Board of the Foundation for Education Development Sarajevo, Deans and professors from both state and private universities.



## ACADEMIC COOPERATION

Until now IUS has established numerous cooperation agreements with various local and international universities. Although such cooperation agreements are yet to be fully realized, they represent huge potential for our students and staff, offering the opportunity to spend one semester abroad teaching or studying at a different university. During the month of July, IUS representatives signed two new bilateral agreements with universities from Turkey - Karabuk University ([www.karabuk.edu.tr](http://www.karabuk.edu.tr)) and TOBB University of Economics and Technology ([www.etu.edu.tr](http://www.etu.edu.tr)).



## SIGNING OF CAMPUS AGREEMENT with Microsoft and Adobe

According to the Microsoft Sarajevo Office representatives, the International University of Sarajevo became the first institution of higher education in Bosnia-Herzegovina to sign the Campus Agreement with Microsoft. Microsoft Campus Agreement is a comprehensive, subscription-based Microsoft Volume Licensing Program that provides a flexible, cost-effective way for the institutions of higher education to license the latest Microsoft technology. This Campus Agreement indicates that the International University of Sarajevo highly respect copy right laws and uses only licensed software products. For example, the University has purchased recently 30 licenses of Adobe Creative Suite 4 Design Premium and 50 licenses of Autodesk Education Master Suite. Therefore, apart from cooperation with the Microsoft, the University has also signed agreement of cooperation with the Adobe Systems Incorporated. According to this agreement, for the next two years, the University will be receiving all new products from Adobe.

# INTERVIEW

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You have initiated the co-curricular activities this academic year, could you please explain their role and significance?

Being in the heart of the Balkans, IUS should use its role and position, especially in Bosnia-Herzegovina, in order to encourage voluntarism to foster socio-economic development. Socio-economic projects conducted within co-curricular activities will inevitably remove the effects of the war. Therefore, by considering the community development or community engagement the University focuses on certain abilities of the students that the other universities have not addressed enough.

University emphasizes on research and innovation to produce knowledge; disseminating information that are produced or teaching; and community development. Therefore, community development is also of significant importance to the accomplishment of University's vision and mission. In order to motivate the progress in Bosnia-Herzegovina, the University aims to prepare students to be ready for community development. Usually in most of the universities this aspect of education is being completed after the graduation. Commonly, universities produce knowledge, disseminate it through the teaching but in terms of community development or civic engagement projects most of Universities have achieved poor results. Therefore, the University will encourage students to fulfill their civic roles that will at the same time bring about their personal and social development.

The Senate has already endorsed co-curricular activities, which are treated as other courses and every student has to take at least 6 co-curricular courses in order to graduate. Without taking these 6 courses, students can't graduate. And there is also one special course required for all university students and it is called Civic Engagement Project.

This course is designed for the third year students, and in order to complete this course, students have to complete at least four co-curricular courses. Co-curricular courses streamline the students into five main areas of Culture and Arts, Civic Engagement, Sports, Family Management and Parenting, and Leadership and Management with Entrepreneurship. For these five streamlines, the University has started this semester with several co-curricular courses. The University also attempts to establish cooperation with international organizations, NGO-s and other civic engagement societies where the students can complete their co-curricular courses.

What are your specific plans towards fulfilling your goal in making IUS one of the leading universities in the Balkans?

Certainly, every country has its own strengths and weaknesses, therefore the University has attempted to adjust its vision and mission accordingly. The vision of IUS "is to become the major hub in Balkans for bridging the East to the West as a leading international institution of higher education and research centre with comprehensive excellence whose students are lifelong learners, interculturally competent and well-developed leaders in socio-economic development of societies." One of our biggest strengths is our vision which is unique throughout the region. The same is true for our mission with 6 dimensions as internationalization, integrity with high ethical values, interdisciplinary programs, intercultural competency, civic engagement and comprehensive excellence for both administrative and academic services. Then, "the mission of IUS has six dimensions as Internationalized Higher Education, Integrity with High Ethical Values to perform in society, Interdisciplinary programs, Intercultural Competency, Civic Engagement, and Comprehensive Excellence (aka 5 I'CE)." Therefore, University's vision and mission indicate that IUS is already unique institution of higher learning of international character. University aims to make IUS a leading international university in the Balkans within the next five years that emphasizes on research, teaching and community engagement. Being already the largest foundation University in Bosnia-Herzegovina the above mentioned plans are feasible and the people of this country deserve to have a University of this character.

Could you please share with the students and staff your first impressions about IUS and Bosnia and Herzegovina?

I have broad international experience with significant exposure to different working environments, cultures and religions. Therefore, I could easily fit into IUS international and colorfully diverse environment.

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I acknowledge steady development of the University in the previous years and I would like to assure stakeholders that our plan is to continue the same path. However, according to my observation the University has reached a phase whereby certain adjustments and changes are inevitable in order to continue the progressive path. I shall use this opportunity to recommend and encourage University academicians and administrators to be open to constructive criticism and change. At times, especially it is the case with Bosnia-Herzegovina, rapid and quick changes are inevitable. However, University's timely plans and accomplishments are already being visible. For example, the University has attracted new students and almost doubling of the international flights. The percentage of international students at this University is 65%, and no other university in Bosnia-Herzegovina has been able to achieve this percentage. Bosnia and Herzegovina from my point of view is a country very close the people of Turkey. Therefore, like our students, I feel here as at home and I look forward to explore more cultural, architecture, heritage that both countries have been sharing for the past several hundred of years.

I am appreciative for being able to express my views through this interview. I would like to wish a very successful academic year to all students and academic and administrative staff without whom University's success is impossible.