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**Exhibition: “Pursuing Knowledge, Scientific Instruments, Manuscripts and Prints from Istanbul University Collections”**

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*Pursuing Knowledge: Scientific Instruments, Manuscripts and Prints from Istanbul University Collections* is a superb little landmark exhibition in the carefully restored Bayezid II Hamam (now the Museum of Turkish Hamam Culture). It describes Turkey’s 700-year-long adventure with science, in both eastern and western traditions.

Artefacts, beautifully explained in Turkish and English, range from Ottoman quadrants to Crookes’ tubes. An 1899 photograph of a wounded soldier taken at Yıldız Hospital is displayed alongside the x-ray tube of the kind used to examine him. Rare books and manuscripts illustrate their uses, including Salih bin Nasrullah ibn Sallum’s *Gayet al-itkan fi tadbir badan al-insa (Highest perfection in the treatment of the human body)*, 1664, and Ahmed Şükrü’s 19th-century book on theoretical and practical electricity, *Nazari ve ameli elektrik*.

The exhibition is curated by Prof Dr Feza Günergun of the Department of the History of Science at Istanbul University. With important collections available to pick from, and scholars capable of doing the picking, one wonders what Turkey is waiting for. Almost two and a half centuries after the founding of the British Museum, which later spawned London’s Natural History Museum, Turkey still lacks a national museum of science and natural history. This beautiful exhibition illustrates what a tremendous thing we would have in store for us.

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