

Foreword

The universities are scientific institutions. Science and technology are universities' fundamental characteristics and reasons of existence. In our country, numerous important scientific research have been made in different areas and disciplines. Academics, scientists and researchers fulfill their universal responsibility for being scientific members by contributing to the world of science through studies they make, participate in or direct. Simultaneously, they also fulfill a national duty by contributing to Turkey's social, cultural, scientific and economic development through educating new generations.

Founded in 2011, Istanbul Gelişim University has embraced a vision of being a respected institution worldwide by providing a qualified and professional education and making joint projects with renowned international schools.

In this short time span, our University has truly made great steps towards "development" in line with its name, thanks to its quality education and academic staff. Istanbul Gelişim University aspires to extend this "development" by publishing an international academic journal, which would share interdisciplinary works of social science with the world audience.

Academic publishing is a significant necessity for promoting scientific studies to the scientific world. With this consciousness, we are happy to publish our University's first journal. Our Publication and Editorial Boards comprise specialized academics and their efforts shall raise the scientific quality of our Journal to make it a preferable reference in the future.

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