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# Istanbul Nişantaşı University Foreign Languages Department

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## Istanbul Nişantaşı University Foreign Languages Department Participates in FOAI-14



The Foreign Languages Department at İstanbul Nişantaşı University took part in the 14th Forum on Assessment Issues (FOAI-14) on April 18–19, 2025. Themed “Speaking Assessment: Current Trends and Opportunities,” the event brought together educators from across Turkey and North Cyprus to share practices and explore new directions in assessment.

Keynote speaker Dr. Neus Figueras opened the forum with valuable insights on speaking assessment and the CEFR CV. The event continued with collaborative focus grp sessions, offering space for practical discussions and idea exchange.

Participation in FOAI-14 reflects our department’s ongoing commitment to staying updated, strengthening assessment literacy, and improving language education practices. We thank FOAI team for their warm welcome and excellent organization.

At Istanbul Nişantaşı University, we continue to invest in professional development and innovation to enhance the quality of our English language programmes.

## FLD Lecturers Present at the 6th TESOL Türkiye International ELT Conference in Kayseri




We are proud to share that our lecturers — Siavash Bakhtshirin, Eda Begüm Erer, and Seyed Hashem Hosseini — represented our Foreign Languages Department at the 6th TESOL Türkiye International ELT Conference, held on April 18–19, 2025, at Erciyes University in Kayseri.

The team presented their interactive paper titled Reflective Peer Exchange: A Collaborative Project for English Language Instructors. This AI-assisted initiative brings educators together through observation, reflection, and discussion. Rooted in our department's ongoing CPD (Continuous Professional Development) efforts, the project aims to foster collaboration among instructors and enhance the overal quality of English language education.

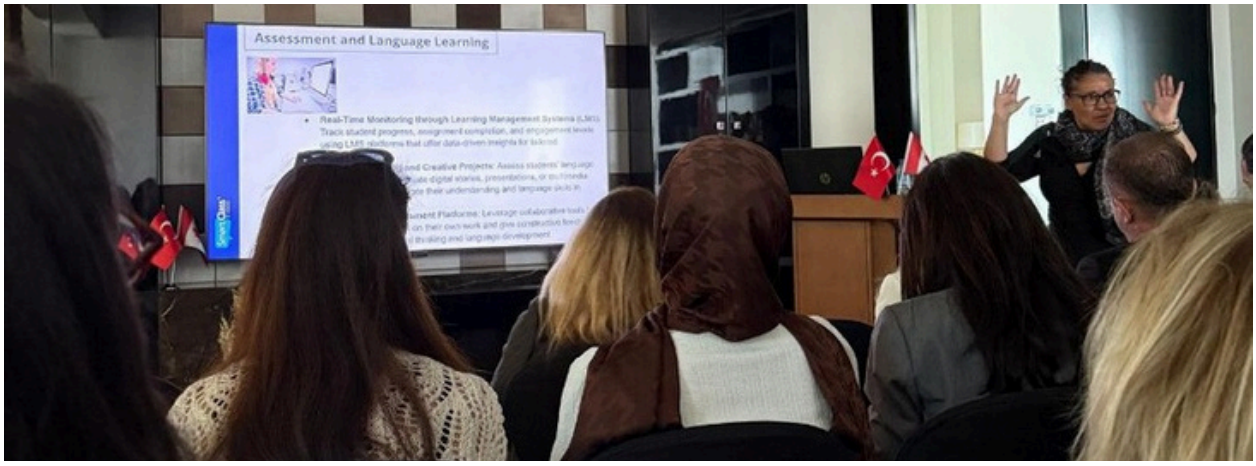
We congratulate our lecturers for showcasing the innovative practices and commitment that drive excellence in our teaching community.

## Istanbul Nişantaşı University Represented at UES Türkiye UNI FEST 2025 in Antalya




The Foreign Languages Department of İstanbul Nişantaşı University participated in UES Türkiye UNI FEST 2025, held in Antalya. Head of Department Assoc. Prof. İhsan İkizer, Administrative Coordinator Beyza Akın, and CPD Coordinator Seyed Hashem Hosseini represented our university at this leading event, which brought together university prep school professionals from across Türkiye.

## Participation in the Seminar on Foreign Language Teaching Best Pedagogical Practices




Our academic team participated in the seminar organized by G7 Group and SmartClass, in collaboration with the Consulate General of Canada in Istanbul. The event focused on innovative pedagogical practices in foreign language teaching, with an emphasis on how to linguisticaly leverage AI technology.

Following our participation, we are exploring potential collaboration opportunities with SmartClass to support the ongoing improvement of our students' English language learning experience.

## Lecturer Sönmez Güler Represents Foreign Languages Department at Prestigious IATEFL Conference in Edinburgh




Sönmez Güler, a lecturer from the Foreign Languages Department at İstanbul Nişantaşı University, participated in the 58th International Association of Teachers of English as a Foreign Language (IATEFL) Conference, held in Edinburgh, the capital of Scotland, from April 8 to 11, 2025.

The IATEFL Conference is an annual event hosted in various cities across the United Kingdom, bringing together thousands of English language teachers, publishers, and renowned authors from around the globe.

This prestigious gathering serves as a platform for discussing current issues in English Language Teaching (ELT), offering attendees fresh insights and valuable professional development opportunities.

With hundreds of presentations and workshops, the conference enables participants to slct sessions aligned with their interests. The event's Special Interest Groups (SIGs) further support educators in tailoring the experience to their specific professional needs.

Güler emphasized the inspirational and enriching nature of international conferences like IATEFL, highlighting their significant contribution to the academic and professional growth of English teachers. He encouraged colleagues to attend such events whenever possible, citing the meaningful benefits gained through international collaboration and exchange.

## Istanbul Nişantaşı University Foreign Languages Department Participates in "Future-Ready FLT" Event



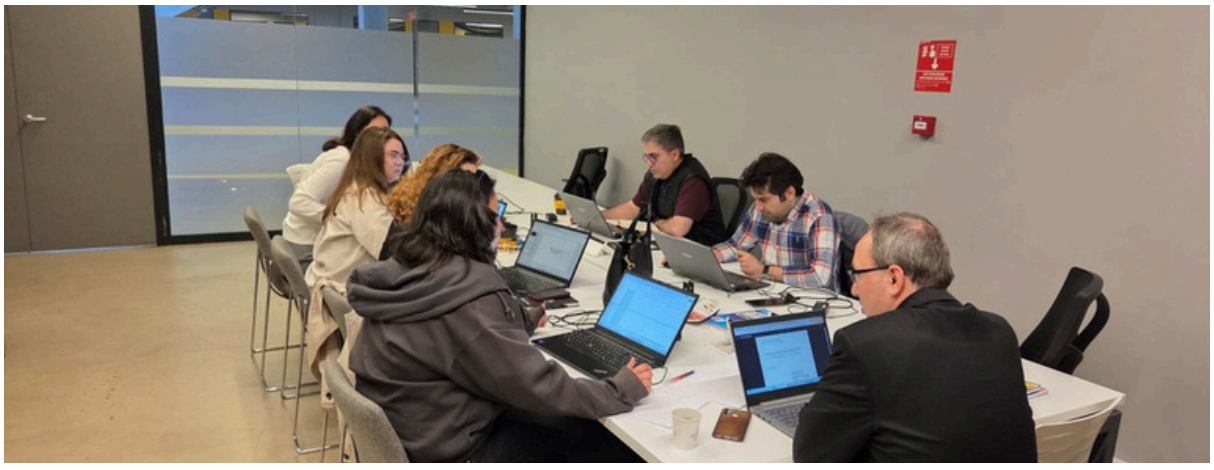
As the Foreign Languages Department team of İstanbul Nişantaşı University, we proudly represented our institution at the Future-Ready FLT event hosted by Bursa Uludağ University.

The event brought together professionals and academics from across Türkiye to explore current trends and best practices in differentiation and sustainability in English, German, and French language education.

Throughout the day, our team attended inspiring panel sessions and engaged in various workshops designed to support professional development and promote innovation in language teaching. The event provided a valuable platform for networking, collaboration, and the exchange of ideas in an evolving educational landscape.

We thank Bursa Uludağ University for their warm hospitality and excellent organization, and we look forward to contributing to and learning from future initiatives that shape the future of foreign language education.

## Departments and Management Team Meetings Continue to Aim at Increasing the Efficiency of Academic Processes



In order to plan academic operations more effectively and assess the needs, department and management team meetings are held, which strengthens internal coordination within the department and creates an efficient platform that contributes to the department's development.

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