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# Istanbul Nişantaşı University Foreign Languages Department

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## Oxford Nexus 2025 Conference Participation

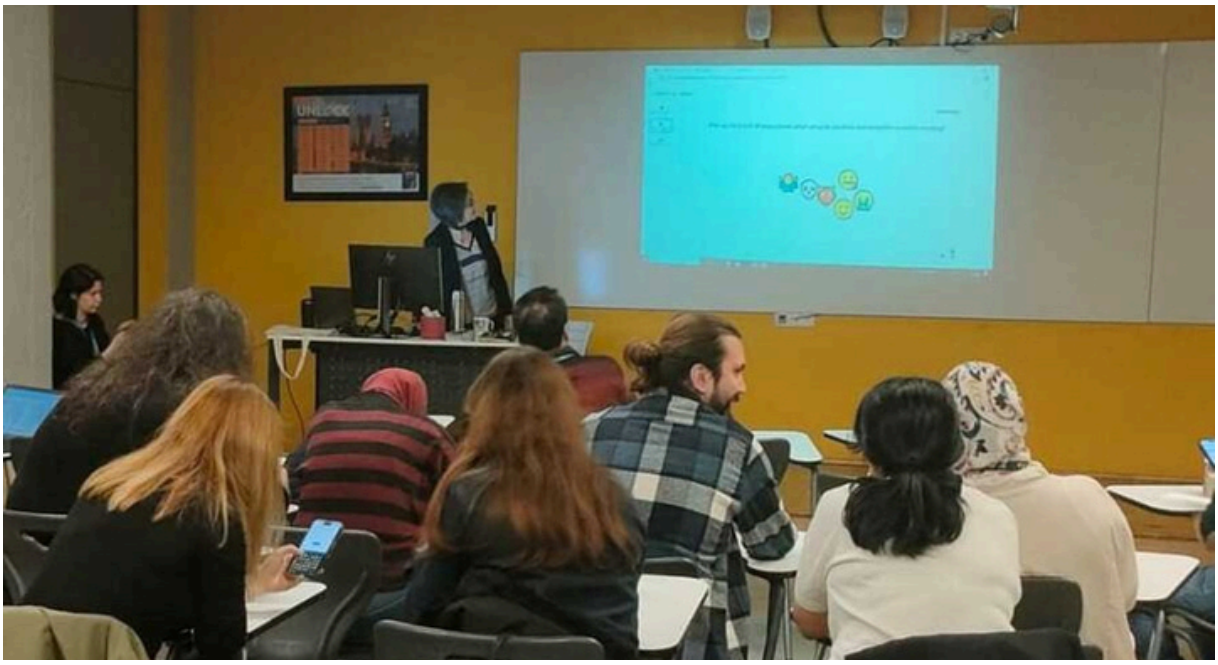


On 29 November 2025, our Administrative Coordinator, Büşra Uğurlu, and Testing & Assessment Specialist, Büşranur Alkanat, represented İstanbul Nişantaşı University Foreign Languages Department at the Oxford Nexus 2025 – Aligned with Growth conference hosted by Istanbul Ticaret University.

The event featured insightful talks by Zeynep Ürkün, who addressed current testing–assessment–curriculum models in Türkiye, and Mehtap Çiçen, who discussed strategic planning and sustainable quality improvement in Schools of Foreign Languages.

Participants then took part in hands-on grp activities, examining performance evaluation samples, reviewing an annual professional development plan, and reflecting on how these practices can be adapted to our institutional context.

This valuable experience supports our department's commitment to quality assurance, professional development, and continuous improvement in language education.



## Stress Management Training Held

Before the start of Module 2, our instructors Sibel Erözden and Gözde Rana Sezer delivered a training session on Stress Management. During the session, they shared how they overcame difficulties they had faced in the past, drawing on their own experiences.

The training adopted a holistic approach addressing the mind, body, and soul, offering practical strategies to help teachers feel better in their daily and professional lives. It was highlighted that even smal, easily applicable habits can make a significant difference.

## Direct Communication Meetings



Our instructors met with the administrative team of the Foreign Languages Department in focus groups to evaluate the first module. They exchanged ideas and discussed possible improvements for Module 2.

Our department head, Assoc. Prof. İhsan İkizer, also held individual meetings with instructors who wished to speak with him. As the Foreign Languages Department, we continue to grow together by listening to one another.



## End-of-Module Evaluation Meeting for the Foreign Languages Department

Our academic and administrative staff gathered at the Module End Evaluation Meeting organized by the Continuing Professional Development Unit on December 2, 2025. At the meeting, the results of the student satisfaction survey conducted at the end of the module were reviewed, and evaluations were made on the relevant areas for improvement.

Also, a satisfaction survey was conducted for teachers working in the Foreign Languages Department. The evaluation meeting concluded after a shared breakfast.



## Participation in the AI and CPD Forum

The 1st Istanbul Medipol University AI and Continuous Professional Development (CPD) Forum, organized by Istanbul Medipol University, was held on 29 November at the Kavacık North Campus.

The forum addressed the role of artificial intelligence in the field of Continuous Professional Development (CPD), current practices, future perspectives, and the ethical use of AI in education. The program featured keynote speeches, roundtable discussions, and mini workshops.

Representing our Department of Foreign Languages, Reporting and Planning Specialist Sefanur Onur attended the event. The forum proved to be a productive platform for sharing up-to-date approaches to AI-supported professional development practices.




## English Speaking Activities Training Conducted

As part of our Continuous Professional Development (CPD) program, the monthly teacher training session titled “Making Speaking Activities More Effective” was successfully delivered by our CPD Specialist, Seyed Hashem Hosseini.

The training focused on practical, classroom-based strategies to help instructors conduct speaking activities more effectively. Key topics included increasing student participation, improving the quality of classroom interaction, and managing speaking tasks in a more efficient and goal-oriented manner.

Through examples, discussions, and hands-on techniques, the session aimed to support instructors in designing more engaging and productive English speaking lessons.

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