



Hatice Tuğba Karayama

Research Assistant

PhD candidate and research assistant specializing in the spatial rights of people with disabilities and universal design in architectural education, with a focus on accessibility in architecture faculties and inclusive pedagogy. Her research combines spatial analysis and experimental studio practices to explore how the presence of disabled participants can foster inclusive design awareness. She also pursues interests in architectural photography and representation methods.

Awards

- 2022 | Turkish Photographic Art Federation (TFSF) "My First Exhibition" Competition, selection of pre-admission exhibition
- 2018 | Chamber of Architects Urban Dreams 10 - "Maltepe Havagazi Factory Field Assessment Project" Competition, Third Prize Winner

Volunteer Works

- 2022 | Member of The Western Black Sea Career Fair (BATIKAF) Organization Committee
- since 2019 | Member of the organization team of Mimarhane Ankara

Language

- English | C1 IELTS score: 8.0 (2020)
- French | A1 Beginner Level

References

Assoc. Prof. Göksenin İnalhan

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Prof. Mualla Erkiç

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Experience

2023 - present

Istanbul | Türkiye

Istanbul Technical University

Research Assistant | Faculty of Architecture

Serving as a teaching assistant in the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th year undergraduate design studios and the diploma project, contributing to different project studios each semester.

Actively involved in the ITU Graduate School, particularly in the organization of the annual Graduate Research Symposium.

2019 - 2023

Bolu | Türkiye

Bolu Abant İzzetli Baysal University

Research Assistant | Faculty of Architecture

Taught the 2nd-semester elective course "Architectural Model", and assisted undergraduate design studios in the 1st and 2nd years with the 1st-year "Architectural Drawing Techniques" course.

Organized photography workshops and served as an advisor to the architecture student society.

Served as academic advisor for the 2019 undergraduate cohort and member of the curriculum adjustment committee.

2019

Ankara | Türkiye

AYE Mimarlık Ofisi

Stajyer Mimar

Gained three months of professional experience in architectural design, focusing on dormitory complexes and student center projects.

Education

2023 - present

Istanbul | Türkiye

Istanbul Technical University

Doktora (Ph.D.)

Supervisor: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Göksenin İnalhan

PhD Dissertation (in progress) Title: The Design Studio as a Site of Encounter: Exploring How Disabled Students' and Instructors' Presence Shape Inclusive Design Awareness in Architectural Education

CumGPA: 4.0/4.0

2020 - 2024

Anadolu University | Open Education Faculty

BA in Philosophy

2019 - 2022

Ankara

Middle East Technical University

M.Arch Degree

Master's Thesis Title: An Inquiry Into the Necessity of Participation of People with Disabilities in Architecture

(open to access: <https://open.metu.edu.tr/handle/11511/99526>)

Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Mualla Erkiç

CumGPA: 3.93/4.0

2015 - 2018

Anadolu University | Open Education Faculty

Associate Degree in Photography and Camera Operation

2013 - 2018

Ankara

Middle East Technical University

B.Arch Degree

CumGPA: 3.01/4 | 80.10/100 Honour Student

Projects

TUBITAK 3501 | 2020–2022

Revitalization of the Archaeological Landscapes in Arslantepe Mound and Development of an Archaeological Park Model as a Management Strategy.

Role: Researcher

Principal Investigator: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Aysun Tuna

BAP | 2024–present

Developing Planning and Design Strategies for Inclusive and Equitable Learning Environments in Higher Education: The Case of ITU Ayazağa Campus

Role: Researcher

Principal Investigator: Assoc. Prof. Göksenin İnalhan

Articles Published in International Peer-Reviewed Journals

Karayama, H. T., & Hekimoğlu, Y. (2022). Cohen, Papanek ve Banham Üzerinden Mimarlıkta Ekoloji Kavramının Analizi [An Analysis of the Concept of Ecology in Architecture through Cohen, Papanek, and Banham]. *E-Scala*, 2(1), 37–42.

Book Chapters

Hekimoğlu, Y., & **Karayama, H. T. (2023).** Evaluation of Cultural Representation of Persons with Disabilities in Iranian Cinema through Cinematic Space and the Social Model. In M. Çakır & H. Gözlükaya (Eds.), *Architectural Sciences and Urban/Environmental Studies – II* (pp. 168–196). Iksad Publications, Ankara. ISBN: 978-625-367-295-9.

Hekimoğlu, Y., & **Karayama, H. T. (2024).** Sanal Müze Deneyiminde Erişilebilirlik: Göbeklitepe Örenyeri [Accessibility in the Virtual Museum Experience: The Case of Göbeklitepe Archaeological Site]. In M. Dal (Ed.), *Mimarlıkta Yenilik: İlerleyen Uygulama ve Araştırma için Tasarım, Yöntemler ve Teknoloji* (pp. 61–72). Livre, Lyon. ISBN: 978-2-38236-689-9.

Peer-Reviewed Conference Proceedings

Hekimoğlu, Y., & **Karayama, H. T. (2023).** Evrensel Tasarım Prensiplerinin Müze Tasarımında Kullanımının Örnekler Üzerinden İncelenmesi [An Examination of the Use of Universal Design Principles in Museum Design through Case Studies]. In 5th National Symposium on the Disabled: Technological Approaches in Universal Design (pp. 14–15). Konya, Turkey, May 4–5, 2023. (Full Paper, Oral Presentation).

Karayama, H. T., & Inalhan, G. (2023). *Inquiring the Relationship of Social Sustainability and Universal Design Paradigm: A Study on Atatürk Cultural Center and Presidential Symphony Orchestra Concert Hall Buildings.* In 4th International Conference on Islamic Architectural Heritage, p. 53 (Abstract, Oral Presentation).

Karayama, H. T. (2024). *Evaluation of Regulations on Disaster and Humanitarian Emergencies and the Built Environment in Terms of the Safety of Individuals with Disabilities and Detection of Deficiencies.* In 1st International İstiklal Symposium (pp. 35–43). (Full Paper, Oral Presentation).

Other Publications (Non-refereed Journals)

Karayama, H. T. (2024). Haber: Cumhuriyet Yüzyılında Öncü Bir Kadın Mimar: Leman Tomsu Sempozyumu [News Report: A Pioneer Female Architect in the Republic's Centennial: Leman Tomsu Symposium]. *İTÜ KAUM MİMOZA Journal*, 8, 80–81.

Conference Presentations (No Proceedings)

Karayama, H. T. (2025, June). *Accessibility of Faculty Buildings Shaping the Architecture Community: A Comparative Study of Spatial Access in ITU and METU's Architecture Schools.* Paper presented at the A+C PhD Symposium: Community Spaces, Contested Spaces, and Spaces of Conflict, hosted by the School of Architecture + Cities, University of Westminster, United Kingdom.

Karayama, H. T. (2023, May). *An Inquiry into the Necessity of Participation of People with Disabilities in Architecture.* Paper presented at "What Are We Up To?" (WAWUT), Department of Architecture, Middle East Technical University (METU), Ankara, Turkey.

Event Organization

Western Black Sea Career Fair (BATIKAF)

organized by the Presidency of the Republic of Türkiye Human Resources Office & Bolu Abant İzzet Baysal University, Bolu, Türkiye (March 2022)

Role: Member of Communication and Promotion Team, Organizing Committee

3rd International Graduate Research Symposium (IGRS'24)

organized by Istanbul Technical University Graduate School, Istanbul, Türkiye (May 2024)

Role: Member of Organizing Committee

The International Summer School on Mosque Design

organized by Istanbul Technical University Faculty of Architecture & Taksim Mosque Foundation, Istanbul, Türkiye (September 2024)

Role: Member of Organizing Committee

International Symposium "Future Palestine: Space, Geopolitics, and Global Insights"

organized by Istanbul Technical University Faculty of Architecture, Türkiye Design Council, UCL The Bartlett Development Planning Unit & Blue Shield Türkiye, Istanbul, Türkiye (October 2024)

Role: Member of Organizing Committee.

4th International Graduate Research Symposium (IGRS'25)

organized by Istanbul Technical University Graduate School, Istanbul, Türkiye (2025)

Role: Member of Organizing Committee

International Conference on Mosque Architecture IV (ICMA 4)

organized by Istanbul Technical University Faculty of Architecture & The Abdullatif Al Fozan Award for Mosque Architecture, Istanbul, Turkey (3-5 November 2025)

Role: Support Staff for the Organizing Team

Editorial & Reviewing Duties

Sürdürülebilir Kalkınma El Kitabı [Handbook of Sustainable Development] (Ed. Hatice Ayataç).

Istanbul Technical University Press

Role: Member of the Publication Preparation Team (2024, project not finalized/published).

MİMOZA Journal - ITU Journal of Women's Studies in Science, Engineering, and Technology (İTÜ Bilim, Mühendislik ve Teknolojide Kadın Araştırmaları ve Uygulama Merkezi Dergisi)

Istanbul Technical University Press, ITU KAUM

Role: Editorial Board Member and Graphic Designer for Issues 8 and 9 (2024).

Special Contribution: Cover Photo for Issue 8 (2024)

Peer Reviewer for PLANARCH – Design and Planning Research (Vol. 9, Issue 2, 2025).