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Editorial

The Melting Pot of Geography, Planning and Tourism: GPTStudioS Begins Its First Journey... Summer 2021

This is the first issue of the journal of GPTStudioS, which is committed to the promotion and enhancement of interdisciplinary and national-international studies on Geography, Planning, and Tourism. We considered many options for the title during the emergence of the journal, but none of them satisfied us until the moment when the ‘studio’ raised, and we decided on this ‘holistic’ name, which we think of as putting the disciplines in a single pot, bringing together different dimensions of natural and artificial environments, as well as human-nature interaction. Thus, ‘StudioS’ provides a platform for the studio studies, which have a special place for disciplines involving space, such as geography, planning, and tourism, to share interdisciplinary collaborations and to publish works of theory and practice in associated fields.

The special meaning of our first issue of Geographies, Planning & Tourism StudioS is not only the fact that it contributes with academic studies to the challenging current process but also that it drives the transition of new scientific publication practice by publishing papers for both practitioners and policymakers. With this approach, our journal intends to reach its audience through issues that include multidisciplinary and inter-disciplinary studies, thereby reflecting contemporary theoretical and practical issues in the fields of Geographies, Planning, and Tourism.

Given that, ‘Studio Studies’ have a special place in disciplines related to space and places, it connects theory with practice. Based on this discourse, the studies have been submitted to our journal by scientists from different disciplines such as the Geography, Planning, Tourism, and Archaeology fields. The journal’s first issue is aimed at contributing to this with its multidisciplinary perspectives while providing suggestions on practical topic areas which deserve scientific guidance and help. Therefore, our first issue focuses on prominent worldwide topics during the environmental and socio-economic crises of the 21st century.

The first issue of GPTStudioS comes with five interesting and attention-grabbing papers, consisting of four research papers and one review paper. The articles published in this issue are as follows:

- The first study focuses on the online reflection of tourist perspectives through data mining techniques, and it aims to analyse all the evaluations and comments shared by Turkish tourists on the most visited destinations in Greece, Georgia, and Bulgaria up to October 5, 2020 through TripAdvisor, according to the TripAdvisor Destination Discovery Algorithm, with “A Study on the Analysis of Tourists’ Destination Comments: Comparison of Greece-Georgia-Bulgaria”.

□ The second study, focusing on the problems in Turkey's water basins, climate indices, and its relationship with planning and tourism, aims to analyse the trends observed on rainy days in Turkey's river basins and annual and seasonal rainy-day series utilising the Mann-Kendall test with "Türkiye Akarsu Havzalarında Yağışlı Gün Sayılarında Gözlenen Eğilimler ve Planlama-Turizm Politikasına Yönelik Öneriler (Trends Observed in the Numbers of Rainy Days in Turkey's River Basins and Planning-Tourism Policy Suggestions)".

□ The third study aims to analyse the climate of Erzurum city, a winter destination, through Climate and Tourism Information Schemes (CTIS) based mainly on bioclimatic comfort conditions as well as effective climatic parameters on tourism, different from other indices, with "Analysing Climatic Characteristics for the Suitability of Some Tourism Types in the Case of Erzurum City Centre".

□ The fourth paper is titled "The Tourism Potential of Çayönü Tepesi and Hilar Rocks from the Perspective of Archaeo-Tourism and Geo-Tourism". The marriage of archaeo-tourism and geo-tourism is studied with a case study of Çatalhöyük Tepesi, one of the outstanding Neolithic settlements of Anatolia, and the Hilar Rocks, with their well-preserved karst shapes.

□ Finally, the fifth study aims to fill an important gap in understanding the working principles of GDS systems by conceptualization of the aviation sector and its network mechanism via tourism. This is titled "Küresel Dağıtım Sistemleri ve Havayolu Şirketleri (Global Distribution Systems and Airline Companies)".

We would like to thank all the Editorial Team and the Copy-Editing Editor of the journal for their invaluable help and support. We would also like to thank our esteemed colleagues for their contributions, and to the referees who contributed to the process of successfully turning the studies into published articles by expending intensive and invaluable scientific effort and time. We would also like to let you know that the study topics of GPTStudioS will be debated in more detail in the December issue by the 'grate-and-good' scholars.

Hoping that you will enjoy reading the studies in our first issue, and that they will make contributions to society and the universe of science.

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