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Dear Readers,

We are happy to share with you the second issue of GPTStudioS with two research papers and a review from geography, planning, and architecture disciplines. The articles published in this issue that we think will be of interest to you are as follows:

The first study is “Evaluation of Refunctioning/Adaptive Reuse in terms of Cultural Tourism in the Conservation of Architectural Heritage: The Example of Diyarbakır Ferit Köşk (Mansion)”; and it focuses on the relationship between the cultural continuity and the use of re-functionalized historical buildings in the context of tourism, especially cultural tourism. In this context, the existing structural problems of Ferit Köşk, which is one of the registered historical buildings of Diyarbakır which is about to be demolished, were examined. Suggestions were presented for the sustainability of the mansion and its refunctioning through adaptive reuse and cultural tourism focusing on the provision of conservation-use balance.

In the second study, “Neoliberal Urbanism and Commodification of Urban History as a Marketing Tool in Public Recreation”; although “neo-liberalism” is not an urbanization policy, the change it has created on urban practices since the 1970s is emphasized, and it is emphasized that neoliberalism creates “non-existent places”, which are defined as places that can be seen everywhere that do not have a socio-cultural connection, and that the difference of an area and a place is different. It is also emphasized that it should be definable not only spatially, but also historically and relationally. In this context, the effects of the commodification of urban history on user satisfaction are evaluated in the research.

In the third study, “Geographies of Gender in Turkish Higher Education Institutions: Conceptualization of Women Employment”; by emphasizing the importance of women’s employment for Turkey, the factors affecting women’s employment were investigated and these factors were associated with the relevant theories of gender studies. In this context, Pierre Bourdieu, Simon de Beauvoir, and Luce Irigaray have been some of the references. In addition, the liaison between the period of COVID-19 and women’s employment was questioned, and relevant general findings and findings specific to Turkey were determined and concluded in the same way.

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 vital scientific effort and time.

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

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