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The Melting Pot of Geography, Planning, and Tourism: GPTStudioS... Summer 2023

We are happy to share with you the first issue of GPTStudioS in its third year. This issue includes three research articles and two reviews. The articles that we think will be of interest to you in this issue are as follows: "A Mode of Space Production in the Nineteenth Century: Parceling (İfraz) as a Method of Land Commodification and Urbanization in Late Ottoman Empire", "Evaluation of Ancient Production and Landscape Values of Muğla Karabağlar Plateau in the Framework of World Cultural Landscape Heritage Areas", The Effect of Gastronomy Tourism on City Marketing: The Case of Üsküdar Gastronomy Street İstanbul", "A Systematic Review of Multidimensional Urban Poverty and Deprivation Indicators", "Women Entrepreneurship in Tourism Industry; General Outlook of Turkey".

• The first paper is from the field of urban history, by an independent researcher Burcu Arıkan, revealing the role of parceling (ifraz) as a main method of space production and land commodification in 19th century Ottoman Empire. This paper aims to contribute to Ottoman historiography through displaying the integration of Ottoman Empire to the rising capitalism through land commodification and widen the scope of urban historiography through scrutinizing the role of capitalism with a historical materialistic approach in order to go beyond discursive approaches based on modernization, westernization etc.

• In the second research is by Cesur & Karakaya-Ayalp is to evaluate Muğla Karabağlar Plateau in the scope of Cultural Landscapes of the UNESCO World Cultural Heritage List criteria with the Plateau’s semi-rural cultural landscape specificities, micro-climatic qualifications, and sensitive ecosystem character. Therefore, in the research, the answer to the question of “which criteria are sought in the possible candidacy process of Muğla Karabağlar Plateau, as a sensitive ecosystem, a living and agricultural production area with a unique cultural and architectural identity, to Cultural Landscapes of the UNESCO World Cultural Heritage List are relevant?” is asked. The results of the research reveal that Muğla Karabağlar Plateau has a valuable potential for Cultural Landscapes of the UNESCO World Cultural Heritage List candidacy with its micro climatic conditions, cultural landscape, local biodiversity, endemic species, agricultural biodiversity, and rural architectural typology.

• The third article is from the field of tourism by Yıldırım, Altunbağ, Tınmaz and Yılmaz, in this study the relationship between gastronomy tourism and city marketing was examined by the literature review method and detailed information was given about Üsküdar Gastronomy Street in the city of Istanbul. After the observation, a total of 63 businesses were reached on Üsküdar Gastronomy Street, which started operating in 2022 and is 250 meters long, and it has been determined that 31 of them are not gastronomy businesses and 32 of them are businesses that host gastronomic products. As a result of the research, the positive and negative aspects of Gastronomy Street were examined and the results and suggestions were presented.
The fourth article is by Roshani and Cihangır-Çamur and from the city and regional planning field: A Systematic Analysis of Multidimensional Urban Poverty and Deprivation Indicators. Rapid population growth, fast and uncontrolled urbanization leads to an increase in poverty in densely populated urban areas and may even exacerbate urban deprivation. Accurate measurement of poverty and deprivation in urban areas serves development of effective policies and assessing-alleviating social and economic inequalities. In this study to analyze how scientific literature is addressing the measurement of multidimensional poverty and deprivation to tackle such urban challenges, a systematic review following the PRISMA guidelines was performed in the Web of Science and Scopus databases. After screening according to inclusion criteria, 49 studies were identified that analyzed poverty and deprivation indicators in an urban context. Among these selected studies, most of them were utilizing Alkire-Foster (AF) method for measuring and evaluating the non-monetary dimension of poverty and deprivation. However, this review also highlighted that there appears to be a gap in the literature concerning the exploration of urban deprivation indicators in the context of urban planning and spatial dimensions.

Finally, the fifth article is a review of women’s entrepreneurship in the tourism sector in Turkey by Ozdemir. According to United Nations (UNWTO) Global Report on Women in Tourism (Ferguson et al., 2019), the majority of the tourism workforce worldwide is female; 54 per cent of people employed in tourism are women compared to 39 per cent in the broader economy. Over the past decade, Although women entrepreneurs have gained more education and experience, and more women are entering male-dominated occupations, the integration of women into positions of authority within business organisations has achieved only limited success. A high proportion of women are employed in the tourism area. However, their function in the sector is dominated by unskilled, low-paid jobs. In this study, women entrepreneurs’ position in Turkey has been examined briefly to show their existence by considering their obstacles and challenges.

We would like to thank our esteemed colleagues for their contributions, and to the referees who contributed to successfully turning the studies into published articles by expending intensive and invaluable scientific effort and time. We would also like to thank the Editorial Team and the Copy-Editing Editor of the journal for their invaluable help and support.

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

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