

E d i t o r i a l

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This issue of A|Z ITU Journal of the Faculty of Architecture covers the dossier on the subject of Sustainability. The World will need more natural resources in the next decades, if politics, researchers and other actors do not emphasize on the sustainable development.

There are four articles in the dossier of sustainability. The first article written by Conall Ó Catháin titled as “Space – the final frontier: Sustainability & housing standards” based on the question *how building control and ultimately housing standards developed in England from the twelfth up to the mid-twentieth century*. Professor Ó Catháin argues that *once the medical and technical problems of human settlement were solved and standards began to be based on purely spatial considerations they became unsustainable, particularly with the mass ownership of private cars and low density urban sprawl*.

Seda Kundak studies the interaction between disasters and sustainability in the second article of the dossier. The article titled “When disasters hit sustainability” aims to emphasize *the threats on economic sustainability on a given case of probable earthquake in Istanbul. Instead of mentioning about sustainability in scarcity, the sustainability culture should be assimilated in daily life to prevent long term losses and consumption of non-renewable resources*.

The article titled as “Sustainable tourism development and a governance model for Frig Valley” prepared by Ebru Kerimoğlu and Hale Çıracı mainly argues the sustainable tourism development in a historical and natural environment. The purpose of this study is explained by the authors *to develop a governance model for sustainable tourism development through determining network behaviors of cities for planning of tourism in order to provide regional development and collaboration of stakeholders. In this context, establishing a coordinative unit that will ensure coordination and continuous and reflective interaction between all related actors is inevitable. Interactive participation of lowest level actors moves the model away from a centralist approach, “planning” and “planning management” processes are designed operate in a structure which allows them regenerate during the process and that can increase the capacity of present institutions by all dimensions. Only this kind of a structuring can develop and manage dynamics and potentials of the area in a long term sustainable viewpoint*.

The article written by Didem Baş Yanarateş is titled as “Material paradoxes and priorities in: “Architectural sustainability” The article mainly *indicates the contradictions between the executions and the intention in architectural sustainability through the material approaches and the material role in the integration of discourse and practice in design is defined*. The author suggests that *the paradoxes originated from the extreme architectural submitting are respectively discussed due to the technology refers under the title of ‘Design for Material’ and at the other side due to the so-called natural refers under the title of ‘Material for Design’*. She argues the contradiction between design for material and material for design.