



Ankara Arařtırmaları Dergisi

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From the Editors

Journal of Ankara Studies, which we launched as “VEKAM’s gift to the ancient and eternal Ankara on the 90th anniversary of the establishment of the capital,” celebrated its 10th anniversary in 2023, coinciding with the commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the capital and the Republic of Turkey. Throughout these ten years, the journal, which we consider a service to our capital, has gradually achieved its goal of establishing a platform for academic studies from various disciplines that provide new data on the urban elements of Ankara and sharing these with the public.

Journal of Ankara Studies is published by VEKAM, a research center operating under the auspices of Koç University, and it has reached its current status as a result of an independent and ethical approach to academic decision-making, supported by financial resources. We are grateful to our entire university administration for this achievement.

Especially in the early stages of its decade-long existence, the journal required intensive and dedicated efforts to attract valuable studies related to Ankara and ensure that academics and researchers working specifically on Ankara were aware of its existence. The interdisciplinary nature of the journal, as well as its distinction of not being field-specific, sometimes brought about challenges such as the preference of submitting high-quality studies to internationally indexed field-specific journals. Presently, our journal is included in various databases and indexes, including TÜBİTAK ULAKBİM’s TR Index, as well as EBSCO, DOAJ, and many others. The necessary criteria have been fulfilled for some important indexes, and preparations are underway to initiate review processes. In this regard, we would like to express our gratitude once again to the esteemed authorities of TÜBİTAK ULAKBİM for their encouraging guidance, to the researchers who have chosen our journal for publishing their work, to the academics who have provided support as referees, and to the numerous expert colleagues who have supported us for the editorial.

As stated by Prof. Dr. Yaşar Tonta, an academic with over 30 years of experience in academic publishing (2015, p. 12, 15), the purpose of the first scientific journal, *Philosophical Transactions*, published 358 years ago in 1665, is science communication and the prompt dissemination of scientific discoveries. This enables the dissemination of research results and rapid interaction among scientists and serves as a means to increase societal benefit. Continuing to publish our journal, which is celebrating its 10th anniversary today, with a commitment to enhancing its excellence over time, is both our obligation and responsibility to our city, science, and society going forward. On the 100th anniversary of the Republic of Turkey and the capital, with respect and gratitude, we remember our great leader, Atatürk, who left us the invaluable legacy of the Republic, as well as all those who contributed to its establishment.

We hope you enjoy reading our 21st issue, which features studies on the city’s pre-Republican texture, cultural landscape elements, modern architectural heritage and collective memory, as well as articles on consumption habits in the city, factors affecting environmental pollution, and housing and road interfaces.

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