



Social Sciences
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SDGs in the Middle East

Host:

Social Science Institute, AGU

MAY 10, 2024

Date: Friday, 10 MAY 2024

Time: 08:45 – 12:30

Theme:

“SDGs in the Middle East”

Location & Room:

Abdullah Gül University, Conference Room
Sumer Campus
38080 Kayseri
Türkiye

Organizers:

Umut TÜRK
Armağan Teke LLoyd
Tomaz Dentino

“SDGs in the Middle East”

General Scope

In the contemporary context, the SDGs carry particular significance for the Middle East. Current circumstances highlight the pressing need for immediate action, particularly in the domain of SDG 16—Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions. Interconnected socioeconomic factors necessitate prompt attention to goals 10 (Reduced Inequality), 5 (Gender Equality), and 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth). The Middle East grapples with distinct challenges, including political instability, water scarcity, and socioeconomic disparities. Issues of inequality, unemployment, and social exclusion are prevalent in many Middle Eastern countries. Migration flows in the region have been significant, driven by factors such as economic opportunities, political instability, conflict, and social reasons. In addressing these multifaceted challenges, the SDGs offer a relevant framework, emphasizing critical goals such as peace, quality education, decent work, and reduced inequality. This meeting aims to address emerging research challenges and novel approaches/findings in this field.

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

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08.55 – 09:00

Welcome and Introduction: Umut Türk, Head of Social Science Institute

Time: 09:00 – 10:20

SESSION I

Chair: **Tomaz Dentino**

09:00 - 09:20

Understanding the attitudes of Muslims to climate change, food systems and alternative proteins
Shahid Jameel

09:20 - 09:40

Food Deserts: Big Data Driven Analysis
John Östh

09:40 - 10:00

Islamic Environmentalism and ‘Al-Mizan’
Heiko Schuss

10:00 - 10:20

Linking Foreign Trade and Food Security: A Panel Data Analysis in Middle Eastern Countries
Mustafa Semih Peker

10:20 – 10:40

European Cohesion Policy: from (real) convergence of regions to left behind areas (and place-base policies)
Ana Vinuela

10:40 – 11:00

Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:40

SESSION II

Chair: **John Östh**

11:00 - 11:20

Relating Sustainable Development Goals with Growth and Welfare using an Entropic Generalized Q Analysis Model Framework.
Tomaz Dentino

11:20 - 11:40	Strategic Optimization of International Trade Portfolios: Leveraging Data-Driven Insights for Sustainable Economic Development in the Turkey Hatice Büşra Gökbunar, Ramazan Ünlü
11:40 - 12:00	Peace and SDGs in the Middle East Armağan Teke Lloyd, Umut Türk
12:00 - 12:20	Women Peace & Security Agenda (WPS) for Sustainable Peace in the Middle East Bezen Balamir Coşkun
12:20 - 12:40	Happiness and Middle East Melodi Buket Kanlıoğlu
	Concluding words
12:50 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>