

# INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY FOR INTERCULTURAL LEADERSHIP

JULY 2024 | ISTANBUL (TÜRKIYE)

Project Aladdin and BAU's **International University for Intercultural Leadership** is an annual program supported by UNESCO. It brings together students from Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Asia, and the Americas for two weeks every summer since 2013. Its aim is to develop students' intercultural skills and give them the opportunity to study key issues in international affairs that are linked to coexistence, diversity, the rule of law and good governance.

## 2024 Theme:

### “Inclusive sustainability: women empowerment and social justice”

The International University for Intercultural Leadership will take place from July 16<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024, in Istanbul. This year's theme will be “Inclusive Sustainability: Building climate resilience and promoting women empowerment and social justice”.

During this year's two-week program, the students will be engaging in an in-depth exploration of the social aspects of sustainable development, with a particular focus on climate resilience and the crucial role of women in local communities. We will examine how technological innovations and sustainable business practices can foster a greener future that is more inclusive and affords a greater protection to vulnerable populations.

By the end of the program, participants will be equipped with sufficient knowledge to design and promote initiatives aimed at securing a more sustainable and inclusive future for all. UNESCO will also hold a workshop to introduce students to its “Toolkit for Intercultural Dialogue”, while cultural visits will enable students to gain a first-hand understanding of the major ethnic and religious groups in Istanbul.



## PROGRAM

- **Dates & duration:** 16-27 July 2024
- **Theme:** *Inclusive sustainability : women empowerment and social justice*
- **Location:** Istanbul (Türkiye)
- **Who can participate:** 3rd year undergraduate and masters students



## WHAT STUDENTS SAID

*“I learned to meet others, work in groups, and accept opinions that were different than mine. I learnt that dialogue is the basis for coexistence and peace.”*

**Amina Ouaziz**, Mohammed V University, Morocco — IUIL 2014

*“[It is inspiring] how much can be learned from listening to others’ perspectives and lived experiences.”*

**Michelle Gimenez**, UCLA, USA — IUIL 2019

*“The summer university is definitely one of those experiences which in some way changed my life. I am so grateful.”*

**Bastien Charaudeau**, SciencesPo Paris, France — IUIL 2019

*“My takeaway from the program is that anyone who is willing to listen to opinions from different cultures and perspectives has already taken the biggest step toward becoming a cross-cultural leader.”*

**Eve McDonald**, University of St Andrews, UK — IUIL 2022

*“I couldn't imagine that it would be so hard to say goodbye to such incredible people. At the end of the two weeks, I realized that I was surrounded by such amazing people who became like my second family.”*

**Batool Al-Mutawa**, Applied Science University, Bahrain — IUIL 2022

## APPLICATION

Students who wish to apply must be senior **bachelor** students (third year undergraduate) or **master** students, preparing a degree. Candidates must be **proficient in English** and will be selected on the basis of their level of education (third year undergraduate, masters) and their academic performance, with special emphasis on their **leadership qualities** (their role in student organizations, or their involvement in civil society, for example).

### Application must include:

- A curriculum vitae
- A letter of reference and/or a cover letter

## PROGRAM CONTENT

The summer school is designed for students who already have a background and/or a strong interest in the following disciplines: social science, political science, environmental science, international relations, sociology, international law, anthropology, and peace and conflict studies. Practitioners and academics who will come from partner universities will conduct lectures and workshops in English.

### LOCATION:

Bahçeşehir University is proud to host the 2024 cohort at its *Future Campus*, a freshly inaugurated university complex located in northern Istanbul, linked to the historic city by shuttle bus and subway.

### THE PROGRAM INCLUDES:

#### MORNING LECTURES

- Multidisciplinary lectures on a broad range of topics pertinent to the theme
- Academic lecturers as well as practicing specialists
- Learning experience with international peers and visiting experts

#### AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS AND SITE VISITS

- Small group research/study of selected issues addressed during morning lectures
- Visits of Istanbul and its UNESCO World Heritage sites
- A range of social and cultural activities, including the *Welcome to my Culture* evening, where participants introduce each other to their own cultural background.



### RESEARCH PROJECTS

Students will be equally divided into groups reflecting different countries and cultural backgrounds to work together on a common research project. Each group will be required to present an abstract by the end of the summer university. Final research projects are to **be completed after the two-week program** and submitted to an international panel of academics in October 2024.

## CERTIFICATE

Students who successfully complete the program will receive certificates naming them “Young Ambassador for Peace and Intercultural Dialogue” from the organizing institutions.

# IUIL Partner Universities

Academy of Public Administration (Azerbaijan)  
Addis Ababa University (Ethiopia)  
Ain Shams University (Egypt)  
Al Ain University (UAE)  
Al-Quds University (Palestinian Territories)  
American University of Iraq Sulaimani (Iraq)  
American University of Sharjah (UAE)  
Applied Science University (Bahrain)  
Autonomous University of Madrid (Spain)  
Bahçeşehir University (Türkiye)  
Bahrain Polytechnic (Bahrain)  
Baku State University (Azerbaijan)  
Bar-Ilan University (Israel)  
Boğaziçi University (Türkiye)  
Boston College (USA)  
Boston University (USA)  
Cadi Ayyad University (Morocco)  
Cambridge University (UK)  
Cheikh Anta Diop University (Senegal)  
Columbia University (USA)  
Côte d'Azur University (France)  
École Supérieure Polytechnique (Senegal)  
Florida International University (USA)  
Freie Universität Berlin (Germany)  
Georgetown University (USA)  
Harvard University (USA)  
INALCO (France)  
Johns Hopkins University (USA)  
Kadir Has University (Türkiye)  
Koç University (Türkiye)  
London School of Economics and Political Sciences (UK)

LUMSA University of Rome (Italy)  
Lyon Catholic University (France)  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology (USA)  
McGill University (Canada)  
Mohammed V University (Morocco)  
Muscat University (Oman)  
National Autonomous University of Mexico (Mexico)  
New York University (USA)  
Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne University (France)  
Peking University (China)  
Princeton University (USA)  
Sabancı University (Türkiye)  
Saint Joseph University of Beirut (Lebanon)  
Salahaddin University-Erbil (Iraq)  
Sapienza University of Rome (Italy)  
SciencesPo Paris (France)  
SOAS University of London (UK)  
Stanford University (USA)  
Stockholm University (Sweden)  
Tel Aviv University (Israel)  
The George Washington University (USA)  
The Graduate Institute (Switzerland)  
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Israel)  
Tsinghua University (China)  
University of California, Los Angeles (USA)  
United Arab Emirates University (UAE)  
University College of Bahrain (Bahrain)

University of Aix-Marseille (France)  
University of Amsterdam (Netherlands)  
University of Athens (Greece)  
University of Augsburg (Germany)  
University of Barcelona (Spain)  
University of Bristol (UK)  
University of Buenos Aires (Argentina)  
University of Cologne (Germany)  
University of Exeter (UK)  
University of Fribourg (Switzerland)  
University of Geneva (Switzerland)  
University of Haifa (Israel)  
University of Melbourne (Australia)  
University of Montpellier (France)  
University of Oslo (Norway)  
University of Oxford (UK)  
University of Pennsylvania (USA)  
University of Queensland (Australia)  
University of Salzburg (Austria)  
University of São Paulo (Brazil)  
University of South Carolina (USA)  
University of Southern California (USA)  
University of St Andrews (UK)  
University of Strasbourg (France)  
University of Sydney (Australia)  
University of Technology Bahrain (Bahrain)  
University of Vienna (Austria)  
University of Wrocław (Poland)  
University of Zurich (Switzerland)  
Vytautas Magnus University Education Academy (Lithuania)  
Yale University (USA)



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2024 EDITION

“Towards Environmental, Social and Economic  
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# OPENING CONFERENCE



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*PROVISIONAL PROGRAM*

Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup>

10:00–10:10

**OPENING REMARKS**

- **Prof. Dr. Esra Hatipođlu** , President of Bahçeşehir University

10:10–11:30

**KEYNOTE SPEECHES**

- **Dr. Leah Pissar**, Chair of Project Aladdin
- **HE Judge Mohamed Abdelsalam**, Secretary-General of the Muslim Council of Elders

10:30–11:45

**EMPOWERING WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS TO PROMOTE CLIMATE RESILIENCE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE**

**Moderator:** **Prof. Dr. Nilüfer Narlı**, Dean of the Department of Sociology, Bahçeşehir University

- **Eileen Akbaraly**, Entrepreneur, founder of Made for a Woman
- **Prof. Dr. Saniye Dedeođlu**, Professor at Muđla Sıtkı Koçman University
- **Arzuhan Dođan Yalçındađ**, Businesswoman, chairwoman of the board directors of Aydın Dođan Foundation
- **Demet Sabancı**, Businesswoman, founder of Densa Holding
- **Asya Varbanova** , Country Director of UN Women Türkiye

11:45–13:00

**IS ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY ACHIEVABLE?**

**Moderator:** **Abe Radkin**, Executive Director of Project Aladdin

- **Dr. Babatunde A. Ahonsi**, United Nations Resident Coordinator in Turkey
- **Prof. Dr. Ayşe Uyduranođlu**, Professor at Istanbul Bilgi University
- **Dr Bahadır Kaleađası**, President of the Bosphorus Institute (Paris–Istanbul) and lecturer at the Galatasaray University
- **Mustafa Ali Yurdupak**, Inclusive Sustainable Growth Portfolio Manager (Public Policies and Inequalities) at UNDP Türkiye
- **Humberto Lopez**, World Bank Country Director for the Republic of Türkiye

13:00

**Lunch**

## PROVISIONAL PLANNING SUMMER UNIVERSITY 2024 ISTANBUL

	TUESDAY, JULY 16	WEDNESDAY, JULY 17	THURSDAY, JULY 18	FRIDAY, JULY 19	SATURDAY, JULY 20
09:00-10:30		Opening ceremony	<b>Course #1:</b> “The implementation of sustainable development: international cooperation at stake”	Introduction of team research and selection of project themes	Tour of Istanbul and cultural activities
	Arrival of participants in Istanbul		<i>Dr. Babatunde A. Ahonsi (United Nations Resident Coordinator in Türkiye, Ankara)</i>	<i>Prof. Dr. Nilufer Narli (Chair Person Sociology Department at Bahçeşehir University, Türkiye)</i>	
11:00-12:30			<b>Course #2:</b> “Sustainable development at the era of the Anthropocene”	<b>Course #3:</b> “Inclusive sustainability: women empowerment and social justice ; Fostering inclusive and resilient societies”	
			<i>Prof. Gemenne (Professor at HEC Paris and Director of The Hugo Observatory, Paris, France)</i>	<i>Prof. Dr. Nilufer Narli (Chair Person Sociology Department at Bahçeşehir University, Türkiye)</i>	
12:30-14:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
14:00-18:00		Free afternoon/activities	Workshop Session in Research Groups #1	Workshop Session in Research Groups #2	
18:00	Free Evening until midnight	Free Evening	Free Evening	Free Evening	

## PROVISIONAL PLANNING SUMMER UNIVERSITY 2024 ISTANBUL

	SUNDAY, JULY 21	MONDAY, JULY 22	TUESDAY, JULY 23	WEDNESDAY, JULY 24	THURSDAY, JULY 25	FRIDAY, JULY 26	SATURDAY, JULY 27
09:00 10:30	Free day	<b>UNESCO Workshop:</b> “Promoting cultural diversity and socioeconomic heritage”	<b>Course #5:</b> “Sustainable development as a spearhead of social and economic growth”	<b>Course #6:</b> “Environmental management: implementation of Directives at regional scales”	<b>Course #8:</b> “Sustainable development as a tool for women empowerment”	Presentation of Preliminary Research Projects ( <i>Prof. Dr. Esra Hatipoglu, Prof. Dr. Tudor Parfitt</i> )	Departure of participants from Istanbul
		<i>Assoc. Prof. Serhan Ada (Head of the Cultural Management Program of Istanbul Bilgi University, Türkiye)</i>	<i>Dr. Yilmaz Argüden (Chairman of ARGE, Türkiye)</i>	<i>Dr. Bahadır Kalegasi (President of the Bosphorus Institute (Paris–Istanbul) and lecturer at the Galatasaray University, France ; Türkiye)</i>	<i>Mme. Letellier (Professor at Science Po Paris, France)</i>		
11:00 12:30		<b>Course #4:</b> “The social cost of climate change”	<b>UNESCO Workshop:</b> “Promoting cultural diversity and socioeconomic heritage”	<b>Course #7:</b> “Environmental law and human rights”	<b>Course #9:</b> “		
		<i>Dr. Jessica Thorn (Lecturer in Sustainable Development at St. Andrews University, Scotland)</i>	<i>Assoc. Prof. Serhan Ada (Head of the Cultural Management Program of Istanbul Bilgi University, Türkiye)</i>	<i>Prof. Armando Rocha (Vice-Dean at Católica Global School of Law, Portugal)</i>	<i>Prof. Elisabetta Morlino (Professor of Law at the University of Naples, Italia)</i>		
12:30 14:00		<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Lunch</b>		
14:00 18:00		Workshop Session in Research Groups #3	Workshop in Research Groups #4	Workshop Session in Research Groups #5	Workshop Session in Research Groups #6	Graduation Ceremony	
18:00		Welcome to my culture	Free Evening	Turkish Dinner	Free Evening	Free Evening	