About MURCIR

Marmara University Research Center for International Relations (MURCIR) was established in 1994 to conduct research and to create a public platform to discuss current developments in the field of international relations. Founded by Prof. Kemali Saybaşılı, and assisted by the academic staff at the Department of Political Science and International Relations, MURCIR developed its own research agenda to reflect the fast changing political dynamics of the globalization era.

Research

Turkish and international researchers affiliated with MURCIR have so far conducted a number of studies which examined the global political agenda from various angles. In its initial years, MURCIR’s main research focus was on Balkan Studies and Turkey-EU relations. New fields such as international migration, environmental politics and climate change were added to the Center’s agenda in the 2000s. Studies undertaken or contributed by MURCIR resulted in the publication of eight separate volumes printed by Turkish and international publishers.

Activities

MURCIR organizes various workshops, panels and conferences which bring together Turkish and international experts in the fields of political science and international relations. At MURCIR’s traditional “Wednesday Talks”, which are held periodically since 2000, young social scientists from various disciplinary backgrounds find an opportunity to present their studies to an informed audience. The Center has been a crucial platform in introducing current academic debates to the scholarly community in Istanbul.

Library

MURCIR collection was developed thanks to contributions from the academics, researchers and students that have lent support to the Center since its foundation. In 2018, MURCIR donated 2,071 books and 130 rare items to Marmara University’s Şehit Kaynakmak Muhammed Fatih Safitürk Library. The remaining part of the collection (425 books and 1,067 issues of 162 different periodicals) is available to readers at MURCIR’s office located in the Faculty of Political Science Building.