

ITCS Seminar (2021 Academic Year)

Three Ottoman Capitals: Bursa, Edirne, and Istanbul

Date : July 31 (Saturday), 2021, 17:00~18:00
Venue : Online
Lecturer : Dr. Suna Çağaptay (Assistant Professor, Bahçeşehir University)

The first seminar of the Institute of Turkish Culture Studies of the 2021 academic year was held online on Saturday, July 31, 2021. We invited Dr. Suna Çağaptay, an architectural historian and archaeologist from Bahçeşehir University, to give a lecture titled "Three Ottoman Capitals: Bursa, Edirne, and Istanbul."

She explained the architectural features of the capital cities of the Ottoman Empire—Bursa, Edirne, and Istanbul—based on examples of mosques, tombs, palaces, monasteries, and castle walls, with an eye to the transition from Byzantine architecture. We then discussed the identity of Ottoman architecture based on the traditions of these three capitals. It was a splendid workshop where we could fully enjoy the charm of Turkish architecture.

Traditional Japanese Architecture Interpreted by Bruno Taut

Date : March 14 (Monday), 2022, 17:00~18:00
Venue : Online
Lecturer : Dr. Murat Dündar (Dean, Professor, Bahçeşehir University)

The second seminar of the Institute of Turkish Culture Studies of the 2021 academic year was held online on Monday, March 14, 2022. We invited Professor Murat Dündar, Dean of the Faculty of Architecture and Design of Bahçeşehir University, to give a lecture titled "Traditional Japanese Architecture Interpreted by Bruno Taut."

First, there was an introduction to Bruno Taut. Professor Dündar then discussed the Glass Pavilion, Alpine Architecture, the house Taut designed for himself during his stay in Turkey, and the Faculty of Languages, History and Geography of Ankara University. This was followed by a careful unraveling of Taut's statements to illustrate his way of thinking on traditional Japanese architecture, using the Katsura Imperial Villa, Ise Shrine, Shirakawa Village, and haikus as examples. During the Q&A session after the lecture, a lively discussion took place, and the meeting ended on a high note.