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**In collaboration with**  
**Cappadocia University, Department of City and Regional Planning**  
**&**  
**Cappadocia Research Center**

**present:**

**International Summer School**  
***Architectural Design in Historical Context***  
**Cappadocia 2025**

The “International Summer School: Architectural Design in Historical Context” consists in a design workshop organized in Cappadocia (Mustafapaşa village, Ürgüp), where Italian and Turkish students will engage with the challenges posed by a region of immense cultural and historical significance. Cappadocia is a unique and complex territory, renowned for its remarkable landscapes and vernacular architecture. However, it is also highly vulnerable, facing the pressures of mass tourism that threatens to disrupt the delicate balance of its built environment and local communities.

The workshop will aim to explore design solutions and propose new scenarios that address the ongoing deterioration of the area. The goal is to protect the region's cultural identity and safeguard the integrity of its historical and vernacular structures, ensuring that the future of Cappadocia respects its past.

Topic: Architectural Design in Historical Context

Place: Mustafapaşa village (Sinassos), Ürgüp, Cappadocia

Period: June 21<sup>nd</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> 2025

Tutor working team:

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Schedule:

June 21, Saturday – Arrivals in Mustafapaşa.

June 22, Sunday – Opening speeches in the Oktay Sinanoğlu Conference Hall (Mustafapaşa Campus). Visit to the site (the village of Sinassos), field work

June 23, Monday - seminar and lectures in the Oktay Sinanoğlu Conference Hall (Mustafapaşa Campus)

June 24, Tuesday – visit to the site (the village of Sinassos), field work

June 25, Wednesday – workshop activities in the Oktay Sinanoğlu Conference Hall

June 26, Thursday – workshop activities in the Oktay Sinanoğlu Conference Hall

June 27, Friday – workshop activities in the Oktay Sinanoğlu Conference Hall, get ready for final presentation

June 28, Saturday - final presentation/exhibition, final remarks in the Oktay Sinanoğlu Conference Hall

June 29, Sunday – Departures