

## Kütahya Ceramics and Cultural Heritage Seminar

November 25, 2023

The Suna and İnan Kiraç Foundation Pera Museum, in collaboration with the Koç University Vehbi Koç Ankara Studies Research Center (VEKAM), is presenting a seminar on Kütahya Ceramics and Cultural Heritage aimed at undergraduate and graduate students, as well as postdoctoral researchers, within the scope of the Kütahya Tiles and Ceramics Collection. The seminar, which evaluates Kütahya ceramics through cultural heritage studies, aims to provide researchers with a new perspective on cultural heritage and its preservation.

The intensive one-day program consists of seminars and workshops. In the first part of the program, the importance of Kütahya tiles and ceramics in the cultural and artistic life of Türkiye will be examined with examples from the collection. Following this, Kütahya ceramics will be evaluated through the "Traditional Art of Turkish Tiles," which was included in UNESCO's Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity in 2016, thanks to the initiative of Türkiye.

In the second part of the program, the smuggling of cultural assets will be discussed in light of past and present examples, specifically focusing on Turkish-Islamic artifacts. In the practical part of the program, which includes case studies, Turkish-Islamic artifacts of worldwide accessible collections will be scanned using various contemporary practices and databases, and the inventory statuses of the related Anatolian-origin cultural assets will be examined.

**Kütahya Ceramics and Cultural Heritage Seminar will be held physically at the Istanbul Research Institute. Program language is Turkish. Attendance to the program is free; however, students traveling from outside the city must cover their own accommodation and transportation expenses.**

### Program Coordinators

#### Levent Tökün

After completing his undergraduate education in the Department of Archaeology and History of Art at Koç University in 2017, Levent Tökün simultaneously completed the world heritage studies program at Brandenburg Technical University and the Cultural Heritage Master's Program at Deakin University in 2020 with his thesis titled "Returning Illicitly Trafficked Cultural Property to its Country of Origin: The Strategies of the Republic of Turkey." Between the years 2021-2022, Levent, who was selected as one of the first European Heritage Youth Ambassadors, is a member of the International Council of Museums (ICOM), Europa Nostra, the European Student Association for Cultural Heritage (ESACH), and the ICORP Risk Preparedness Scientific Committee in Türkiye. He works as an assistant specialist for projects and events at the Koç University Vehbi Koç Ankara Research Center (VEKAM).

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## Yavuz Selim Güler

Yavuz Selim Güler completed his undergraduate and master's studies in the Department of Archaeology and History of Art at Koç University in 2020. Güler, who worked as a teaching assistant for Ancient Greek, Latin, and Ancient History courses at Koç University, continues to teach as a part-time faculty member in the Department of Tourism Administration at Boğaziçi University. After working in the field of museum education for a while in his professional life, he has been working as the collection supervisor of the Anatolian Weights and Measures Collection and the Kütahya Tiles and Ceramics Collection at the Suna and İnan Kıraç Foundation Pera Museum since 2021. Güler, who publishes his academic research in various international and peer-reviewed journals, mainly focuses on the weights and measuring instruments originating from Anatolia from the Bronze Age to the Ottoman period and Kütahya tiles and ceramics from the 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> centuries.

## Eligibility

The seminar is open to participation by undergraduate and graduate students, as well as postdoctoral researchers in the fields of archaeology, art history, history, ancient history, fine arts, cultural heritage, and museum studies at universities. Other applications will be evaluated by program coordinators.

## Application

Applicants must submit a resume not exceeding 200 words and a letter of intent not exceeding 100 words in a single page to the [info@peramuzesi.org.tr](mailto:info@peramuzesi.org.tr) email address by Friday, November 17, 2023. The subject line of the email should be "Kütahya Cultural Heritage Seminar\_Firstname-Lastname". The 15 participants who will attend the program will be determined after evaluating the applicants' documents.

## Certificate

A certificate of participation will be provided to all students who successfully complete the program.

Program	November 25, 2023 (Saturday)
10.00-10.15	Meeting
10.15-11.15	Introduction to Kütahya Ceramics (Seminar)
11.15-11.30	Break
11.30-12.30	Ceramics and Intangible Cultural Heritage (Seminar+Workshop)
12.30-13.00	Coffee Break (Exhibition Tour)
13.00-14.00	Lunch Break
14.00-15.00	Souvenirs of the Future (Exhibition Tour with the curator, Ulya Soley)
15.00-15.15	Break
15.15-18.15	The Past, Present, and Future of the Illicit Trafficking of the Turkish-Islamic Artifacts (Seminar+Workshop)