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NEWS RELEASE

UB School of Architecture and Planning Will Host Turkish Scholar This Summer

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This summer, the University at Buffalo Department of Urban and Regional Planning,

School of Architecture and Planning, will host visiting scholar Günes Ekin Aksan of Turkey, a PhD student in the

Political and Social Sciences Department at Marmara University and a lecturer in the Communication Department at Istanbul Bilgi University.

She will be in residence in the UB Center for Urban Studies from July through September, where she will conduct research on her dissertation, "The Symbolic Production of Urban-Rural Dichotomies as a Hegemonic Tool in Turkish Comics."

Robert Silverman, PhD, associate professor of urban and regional planning, says, "Güneş selected UB as a place to pursue her work because of UB's reputation for urban scholarship in departments like sociology, political

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science, social work, history, communications and media study. She thinks UB offers a unique opportunity to do comparative research on the urban migration experience and its representation in popular culture."

Aksan's summer research at UB is supported by a scholarship from The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK).

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