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The new issue of A|Z ITU Journal of the Faculty of Architecture covers the different theoretical research articles. Since we had a lot of articles, which were decided to publish by the referees in the last few months.

You will read six research papers in this issue. The first one is "Examination of safe boundary distances; dwelling cases from Istanbul" and deals with the fire problems of dwellings in Istanbul. The second paper is titled "A shape grammar algorithm and educational software to analyze classic Ottoman mosques". The research of the paper is based on the shape grammar of Ottoman Mosques and the researchers had a software for this shape grammar algorithm as an outcome of the research. The third paper is a research about the reuse of a vernacular house in a small town Alaçatı at the western coast of Turkey. The paper titled as "Complexity versus sustainability in urban space: The case of Taksim Square, Istanbul" has a debate on the duality between these two concepts in the case of the most famous square of Istanbul. Eco-tech design is the main subject of the fifth paper. This paper has a comparison between Turkish and Scandinavian housing eco-tech design approaches. The last paper in this issue is based on the evaluation of historical center of Istanbul.

The dossier of the Volume 6 No 1 (Spring 2009) of A|Z ITU Journal of the Faculty of Architecture is going to be titled as "Quality of Urban Life". This issue is going to be published in the beginning of 2009 and edited by two distinguished guest editors: Professor Dr. Robert W. Marans and Professor Dr. Handan Dülger Türkoğlu. You will find the call for papers (abstracts) for this issue in our journal's web site.