

Editorial

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Once upon a time, a little boy worked at his desk in the bluish bedroom of his childhood home in Istanbul. The boy's homework assignment was to write one of his dreams.

He started to think what he is going to tell. He could tell the girl he is in love with. The first goal scored against Bordeaux in midweek, by Fenerbahçe's legend striker Selçuk Yula was also like a dream. On the other hand, was it possible to tell his lifelong dream, to become the owner of a Porsche Carrera 911?

All of them deserved to tell as a dream. However, he decided to tell the boy who got to be architect. It is the most current research topic for him, especially after the last movie he watched that weekend with his grandma. It was Michelangelo Antonioni's *The Passenger*. Maria Schneider was a young student of architecture and the boy still remembers the scenes that Schneider and Nicholson moving around Gaudi's buildings in Barcelona.

Decades later, his dream come true, the boy got many degrees on architecture and design, and finally, in 2013, was offered to write the editorial at A|Z ITU Journal of the Faculty of Architecture, which has for 15 years told both dreams and realities of architecture and design. After 7 years of duty, starting in March 2020, as I step aside as your editor-in-chief, and I slide happily into my new role in the editorial board.

My warm appreciations go to both Prof. Mehmet Karaca, PhD., *the Rector* and Prof. Murat Gül, PhD., *the Dean*, for their invaluable and excellent sup-

port to A|Z ITU *Journal of the Faculty of Architecture*.

I also express my gratitude to Dr. Koray Gelmez. There are no words to tell his contributions to the Journal, during this time. Without his companionship, everything would be much harder for me and the Journal could not be beautifully designed as it is.

Last but not the least let me thank four wonderful ladies, Sinem Becerik, Pelin Elfiti, Ebru Şevkin and Ece Yurtaçan, whose competent, meticulous, and tireless work is absolutely invaluable. They have most of the merit for the present quality of this journal, and I hope that they will continue cooperating with our new editor-in-chief, in the same great way that they did with me.

Hereby, I would like to thank all our readers for the support they provide to the Journal, one more time. If we have told both dreams and realities of architecture and design for a long while, it all happened by your help. We really looked forward your comments, contributions, suggestions and criticisms. They all shaped our way. It's been a privilege to connect with the thousands of you who have reached out to me. Let's continue to do so, in my new duty as the head of the City Department of Parks, Gardens and Green Areas. I invite you to e-mail me at cagatay.seckin@ibb.gov.tr. Please do not hesitate to share your ideas that we could be focusing on, and let's make Istanbul green.

In this issue, there are 10 articles coming from the researcher of different universities and research institutes, typically. Enjoy your reading and meet with us again in next issue on March 2020.