

# *Academic Freedom and Rights Policy*

The principle of academic freedom is the right of academicians to express themselves freely in the context of their work, including teaching, learning, research, publication, and service.

Istanbul Okan University is dedicated to the promotion of free expression and the exploration of ideas in an environment of mutual respect, as an institution that is dedicated to teaching, learning, research, and societal impact. In this context, faculty members are entitled to complete autonomy in their research and the publication of their findings, provided that they fulfil their other academic obligations to the best of their ability. Moreover, faculty members are permitted to engage in open discussions regarding their subject matter in the classroom; however, they should refrain from introducing controversial topics that are not pertinent to their field.

Istanbul Okan University is dedicated to academic freedom and adheres to the Constitution of the Republic of Turkey, which establishes fundamental rights and freedoms for all, including the freedom of communication, residence, and movement, religion and conscience, thought and opinion, science and the arts, press, publication, association, and the right to claim.

Istanbul Okan University is committed to the preservation of academic freedom, which includes the unrestricted rights to teach, discuss, engage in scholarly and creative work, and provide service. It also includes the ability to select research areas and disseminate and publish their findings, express personal opinions, be free from institutional censorship, and participate in professional or representative academic bodies.