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Doğuş University

Department of English Language and Literature

1st Student Conference on Literature: Identity

The Department of English Language and Literature at Doğuş University is pleased to announce 1st Student Conference on Literature exploring the theme of “identity” in literature and related fields. We warmly invite submissions for this academic event, held on October 2nd, 2026.

In a time when personal, political, and collective identities are increasingly debated, literature offers valuable insight into how individuals and communities define themselves and are defined by others. From classic works to contemporary texts, stories often serve as a medium in which questions of race, gender, sexuality, nationality, class, and belonging are negotiated and reimagined.

This conference seeks to foster an inclusive academic environment for students to share their ideas, develop their research, and engage in discussions about identity and representation. The conference is open to all 3rd- and 4th-year undergraduate and postgraduate students in literature or related disciplines.

Suggested Topics (not limited to):

- National and cultural identity in literature
- Narratives of migration, diaspora, and exile
- Literary portrayals of race, gender, sexuality, or class
- Queer identity and queer readings
- Autobiography, memoir, and life-writing
- Postcolonial and decolonial perspectives
- Identity and the body in literature
- Intersectionality and the self
- The role of language and narrative voice in identity construction
- Identity in speculative, dystopian, or fantasy literature
- Digital identities and narratives in the age of social media
- Identity in film, art, and music

Submission Guidelines:

- Please submit a **250-word abstract** for a 15-minute paper along with a short bio (max 100 words) to dide@dogus.edu.tr by **20.08.2026**.



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Conference Date: 02.10.2026

Abstract submission Deadline: 20.08.2026

Notification of Acceptance: 03.09.2026

Announcement of Conference Program: 18.09.2026

Registration fee: Participation is free of charge.

Conference Venue: Doğuş University, Dudullu Campus

Dudullu Osb Mah, Dudullu OSB, Nato Yolu Cd No:265 D:1, 34775 Ümraniye/İstanbul

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Presentation Title

Name¹

University

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Abstract

About 250 words

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