

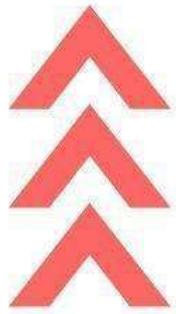


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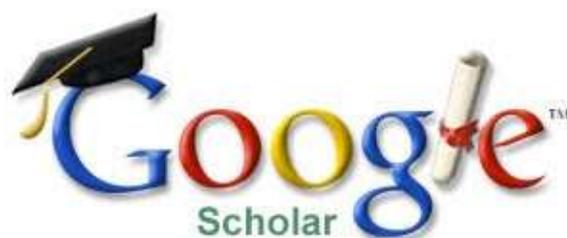
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It is our pleasure to present the new issue of the *International Journal of Excellent Leadership (IJEL)*. The articles in this volume address contemporary issues in education, leadership, and culture through diverse empirical and theoretical perspectives.

This issue includes studies focusing on students' and pre-service teachers' perceptions of effective teaching, teacher enthusiasm, excellence in education and professional competencies, highlighting the relational and emotional dimensions of educational practice. In addition, contributions examine the influence of social media on young people's aspirations and imagination, as well as university students' experiences of distance education in applied disciplines.

The volume also features review articles that expand the journal's interdisciplinary scope, addressing the role of artificial intelligence in language learning and teaching and offering a literary analysis of modernist aesthetics through the work of T. S. Eliot.

Together, these contributions provide valuable insights that connect research with educational practice and leadership. We sincerely thank the authors and reviewers for their contributions and hope that this issue will inspire further reflection and scholarly dialogue.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Mehmet Birgün

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