

# TURKEN TALKS



**TOPIC:**  
“ART IN ISLAM, ISLAM IN ART”  
A TALK ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ISLAM AND ARTISTIC EXPRESSION

All students are invited to join the talk with Prof. Dr. Hicabi Gulgen. Tea, coffee, and light refreshments will be served during the event.

**WEDNESDAY,**  
17 DECEMBER 2025 | 7:00 PM

**TURKEN HOUSE**  
300 E 41<sup>ST</sup> STREET, 16<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10017

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**PROF. DR. HICABI GULGEN**  
Department of Islamic History and Arts  
Faculty of Theology  
Uludağ University

**OPEN FOR ALL STUDENTS**



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**Turken Talks:** The talk **was** delivered by Professor Hicabi Gulgen from the Department of Islamic History and Arts, Faculty of Theology, Uludağ University on Wednesday, December 17th, 2025.

# TEZHIP ART WORKSHOP

## BEGINNER LEVEL


Tezhip is one of the most refined forms of Turkish-Islamic decorative arts. This workshop is designed for beginners who are encountering tezhip for the first time, offering a creative environment to produce their own artwork while learning the fundamentals of this traditional art.

Within the program, participants will receive introductory theoretical information on:

- The art of tezhip
- Materials used
- Motifs and forms
- Basic techniques and areas of application

The workshop is also practice-based. During the session, participants will:

- Transfer a prepared design onto paper
- Apply coloring techniques step by step
- Complete their own tezhip artwork
- At the end of the session, participants will take home their finished work in a frame.




**FRIDAY,**  
MAY 8, 2026 | 6:00 PM - 9.00 PM

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300 E 41<sup>ST</sup> STREET, 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10017

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This workshop will be conducted by  
**Nurcan Toprak Ayal,**  
Acting Chief of Arts and Handicrafts Section

REGISTRATION IS LIMITED TO  
10 STUDENTS



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### Tezhip Art Workshop: Beginner Level

We explored the beauty of Tezhip, one of the most refined forms of Turkish-Islamic decorative arts on May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Attendees discovered the patience and intricate precision required for this traditional illumination practice.

# THE HUMAN: FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF PSYCHOLOGY AND ISLAM



A Journey of Discovery with **Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sevde Düzgüner**

**WEDNESDAY,**  
MAY 20, 2026 | 20:30 PM

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TO ALL STUDENTS OUTSIDE OF TURKEN  
HOUSE AS WELL.



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**Turken Talks:** We were honored to host Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sevde Düzgüner for a seminar on “The Human: From the Perspective of Psychology and Islam on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026.