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Action Research Industrial PhD at Sabanci University, Turkey

Sabancı is a major Turkish holding company. The company built the impressive Sabancı University campus, outside Istanbul. Teaching started in 1999. The Library is called the Information Centre, The Performance Centre, Student Centre and Sports Centre are very modern. The 50-bedroom Education Development Unit is on the top floor of the Business School. Catering services are excellent.

Prof Oguz Baburoglu, founder of Arama Participatory Management Consultancy, led the Search process from 1995 which designed Sabancı University, which hosted the 1998 Fred Emery Memorial Conference. This led to the book "Educational Futures", edited by Oguz Baburoglu and Merrelyn Emery; Sabancı University Press, Istanbul 2000). In the last 8 years Sabancı University has achieved high rankings and won numerous awards for innovation and entrepreneurship.

Following a decision by the Sabancı University Board of Trustees, Prof Oguz Baburoglu is now Arama Chair at Sabancı University, tasked with developing the new Action Research Industrial PhD Programme. A design workshop was held 28th - 29th September 2019, with local, faculty and potential students, as well as international faculty. A Course Catalogue, in English and Turkish, was submitted. It is intended that the programme will be offered from 2020.

The Industrial PhD programme is intended for students, both Turkish and international, who are in senior executive roles. It starts with a focus on a Transformation Project, supported by a set of taught courses which present the depth and breadth of Action Research, delivered by teams of international and local faculty.

For details of the programme, and the Course Catalogue, please contact Prof Oguz Baburoglu at baburoglu@sabanciuniv.edu