

## **Attitudes of the Students of Geography Department in Contemporary World Issues: A Case Study from Turkey**

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**Abstract:** This research evaluated the attitudes of the students of geography department toward the issues of the world today in terms of several variables. 296 students who are studying in Karabuk University Faculty of Art Department of Geography in the academic year 2012-2013 participated in this research. Survey model was applied, and “Contemporary World Issues Attitude Scale” developed by Kılıçoğlu, Karakuş and Öztürk was used for data collecting instrument in the research. The SPSS software has been used to analyze the data which has been obtained from the data collecting tool. Frequency (f), percentage (%), mean ( $\bar{x}$ ), ‘t’ test and One way variance analysis (ANOVA) have been used to determine students’ personal characteristics and views. In order to evaluate test differences among the data, a confidence interval of .05 has been used. At research, it is concluded that the students of geography department have a positive and high attitude. In addition, attitudes of the students involved in the study of geography department towards the problems of today's world showed a significant difference according to gender; but attitudes of the students did not show any significant difference according to grade level, type of program, and secondary school which they graduated.

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