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Portfolio: Clinical Sciences and Outcomes Research; Executive Education, Curriculum and Research Communication

Prof. Özge Karadağ is a physician, public health academic, global health expert, and senior researcher whose work bridges **public health, health policy, health equity, global health, health promotion, migration and health, community participation, climate change and health, and sustainable development**. As **Lead at BAU HTA — Bahçeşehir University Health Technology Assessment Platform**, she contributes to the platform's leadership in **clinical sciences and outcomes research**, as well as **executive education, curriculum development, and research communication**.

Prof. Karadağ brings a strong academic and international profile to BAU HTA's mission of advancing evidence-informed and value-oriented decision-making in health technologies. Her background strengthens the platform's ability to connect health technology assessment, health economics and outcomes research, market access, value-based healthcare, and innovation with broader questions of public health relevance, equity, population impact, and health-system responsiveness.

She graduated from the **Istanbul University Cerrahpaşa Faculty of Medicine** and completed both her **Master's and PhD studies in Public Health at Hacettepe University**. She also completed a postgraduate diploma programme in **Health Promotion** at the **London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine**, further strengthening her international training in population health and health improvement.

Prof. Karadağ served for **12 years as an academic** at **Hacettepe University Faculty of Medicine** and the **Institute of Public Health**. She also worked as a **visiting researcher** at **Lund University in Sweden** and **Columbia University in the United States**. From 2019 onward, she worked for four years as a **senior researcher at Columbia University**.

Her main areas of academic and professional work include **health inequalities and the health of disadvantaged populations, global health and health policies, health education and health promotion, migration and health, community mental health, community participation in health research and services, climate change and health, and sustainable development**. These areas are highly relevant to BAU HTA's regional mission, particularly as health systems increasingly need to evaluate

technologies not only through clinical and economic evidence, but also through their implications for equity, access, implementation, population outcomes, and social value.

For more than **15 years**, Prof. Karadağ has provided consultancy in global health and community health to major international and national stakeholders, including **WHO, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNHCR, UNDP, IOM, European Union institutions, ministries, and civil society organizations**. This experience gives her a strong understanding of how evidence, policy, implementation, institutional priorities, and stakeholder engagement interact across complex health and social systems.

Prof. Karadağ was a member of the Scientific Secretariat at **The Lancet COVID-19 Commission** (2020-2022) and one of the experts of the **Global Happiness Council** (2020-2022), where she chaired the Vulnerable Populations Thematic Group and co-authored the Global Happiness and Well-being Policy Report 2022. Prof. Karadağ is currently a Steering Committee Member of “**The Lancet Regional Health Europe Commission on “Health, Migration and Climate Change”**” and a Commissioner in the “**Lancet Psychiatry Commission on Climate Change and Mental Health**”.

Within BAU HTA, Prof. Karadağ’s role is strategically important because she brings a population-health perspective to health technology assessment and value-based healthcare. Her expertise helps strengthen BAU HTA’s ability to evaluate health technologies, policies, and innovations in relation to real-world health needs, patient and community impact, equity, implementation feasibility, and health-system value.

Her portfolio supports BAU HTA’s work in connecting clinical evidence with broader public health outcomes. Her leadership in **executive education, curriculum, and research communication** also strengthens BAU HTA’s capacity to design high-quality educational programmes, communicate evidence effectively to diverse stakeholders, and build capacity among students, researchers, public institutions, industry representatives, healthcare organizations, NGOs, and regional partners.

Prof. Karadağ’s profile is particularly valuable for organizations seeking a partner who understands not only technical evidence generation, but also the social, institutional, and policy environments in which health decisions are made. Her work is relevant to projects involving health-system strengthening, population health impact, health equity, migration and health, vulnerable populations, public health policy, outcomes research, executive education, and stakeholder-oriented evidence communication.

Through her role at BAU HTA, Prof. Karadağ contributes to an interdisciplinary platform designed to support **better evidence, stronger systems, more informed decisions, and meaningful regional collaboration** across Türkiye and neighboring regions. Her combination of academic depth, international research experience, public health leadership, and policy-oriented consultancy strengthens BAU HTA’s credibility as a platform that connects scientific rigor with practical relevance and societal impact.