

# Towards constructing interactive virtual spaces

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Over the past year, many of us have experienced positive and negative sides of online conferences. A big challenge of online platforms is in hosting a venue for further discussions on the spot among participants. In this talk, we would like to share our experience in architecting an online environment to accommodate this while trying to bring online one of the long-run semiannual Physics student events in Turkey. In bringing coffee breaks and spontaneous discussions online, we will discuss the features we chose to focus on and our attempts at realizing them virtually. The result we had was quite successful and led to a longer-lasting and dynamic venue for discussions than the range of conversations in face-to-face conferences we had experienced before. We will end the talk by focusing on the further inclusivity of researchers from socioeconomically disadvantaged regions that online conferences make possible and resolutions for face-to-face conferences to ease the main challenges in this respect.

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