

Episodes<sup>3</sup>

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THE  
SMOKE

NEMESTUDIO  
AND THE  
CURATORIAL  
TEAM

17TH INTERNATIONAL ARCHITECTURE EXHIBITION  
LA BIENNALE DI VENEZIA  
PAVILION OF TURKEY

Architecture<sup>12</sup> as<sup>2</sup> Measure<sup>7</sup>  
Ölçü<sup>4</sup> Olarak<sup>6</sup> Mimarlık<sup>8</sup>

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Image: NEMESTUDIO and the Pavilion of Turkey.

The deer<sup>●1</sup> held her breath as she swiftly jumped into the container bursting at the seams to fill the only remaining spot.<sup>1</sup> It was the final container to be lifted in the basin and she had run for hours not to miss it.<sup>2</sup> Passing through the seals, lynxes, wild boars, caracals, and crushed figs, she found an opening to look out towards the basin that she was gradually losing sight of. The smoke seeping through the cracks was covering the entire basin, and the air smelled of rotten eggs.<sup>3</sup> Apart from the miles of pipes and smoke,<sup>●2</sup> nothing else could be seen.

1 Alageyik/Fallow Deer (Dama dama) existed in Anatolia since ancient times, from where it has spread the world. Alageyik currently faces extinction due to illegal hunting and industrialization; therefore, they were sheltered in the Dilek Peninsula National Park located in the Büyük Menderes Basin to create new habitat.

2 Büyük Menderes Basin, defined by the Büyük Menderes River, is located in Western Anatolia covering ten cities, including the city of Aydın. Aydın is a half agricultural and half industrial city with high quality of fig, olive, and cotton production while hosting 85% of the Geothermal Power Plants in Turkey.

3 Smoke (hydrogen sulfide) gushes through the Geothermal Power Plant pipes of Aydın. Geothermal Power—assumed to be eco-friendly renewable energy production—could be hazardous to the environment when the extraction and the re-injection of the resource are not inspected as is due.

As she watched the vast areas of land that were summoning an extinction, her anxiety about this long journey was steadily disappearing. The reason for this reluctant escape was a collective struggle for survival, but she could not resist the growing excitement in the container towards the new destination.