



## YouTube CHANNELS AS SUPPORT MATERIALS IN DISTANCE LEARNING

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### **Absract**

Video hosting and sharing website YouTube that was founded in 2005 is one of the social networking websites reaching a very high number of users. It is a sharing medium open to everyone, and users can upload contents. It is possible to open various channels whether official or personal from different themes in YouTube, and these channels can be reached directly or through membership. In addition to the channels classified under the categories of music, comedy, sports and technology, there are channels with educative contents as well. Almost half of the higher education students in Turkey are enrolled in institutions that provide education through distance education system. There are channels for the students who are enrolled in this system as well among YouTube channels. Among the 600 results found as a result of searching with “Açıköğretim-AÖF” (Open Education-OEF) key words, 11 channels were directly for the students in the system, and they provided open access with numerous videos. These channels will be examined particularly in terms of the characteristics of the videos they shared and their ratings, and will be evaluated in terms of the contributions they provided students in this study.

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