News from November

SU GENDER SABANCI UNIVERSITY GENDER AND WOMEN'S STUDIES CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

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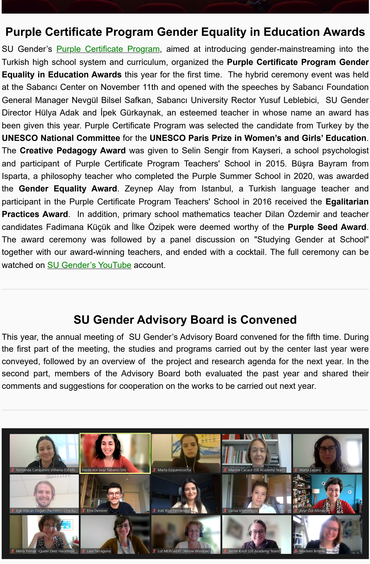
Purple Certificate Program Gender Equality in Education Awards

SU Gender's Purple Certificate Program, aimed at introducing gender-mainstreaming into the Turkish high school system and curriculum, organized the **Purple Certificate Program Gender Equality in Education Awards** this year for the first time. The hybrid ceremony event was held at the Sabancı Center on November 11th and opened with the speeches by Sabancı Foundation General Manager Nevgül Bilisel Safkan, Sabancı University Rector Yusuf Leblebici, SU Gender Director Hülya Adak and İpek Gürkaynak, an esteemed teacher in whose name an award has been given this year. Purple Certificate Program was selected the candidate from Turkey by the **UNESCO National Committee** for the **UNESCO Paris Prize in Women's and Girls' Education**. The **Creative Pedagogy Award** was given to Selin Sengir from Kayseri, a school psychologist and participant of Purple Certificate Program Teachers' School in 2015. Büşra Bayram from Isparta, a philosophy teacher who completed the Purple Summer School in 2020, was awarded the **Gender Equality Award**. Zeynep Alay from Istanbul, a Turkish language teacher and participant in the Purple Certificate Program Teachers' School in 2016 received the **Egalitarian Practices Award**. In addition, primary school mathematics teacher Dilan Özdemir and teacher candidates Fadimana Küçük and İlke Özipek were deemed worthy of the **Purple Seed Award**. The award ceremony was followed by a panel discussion on "Studying Gender at School" together with our award-winning teachers, and ended with a cocktail. The full ceremony can be watched on SU Gender's YouTube account.

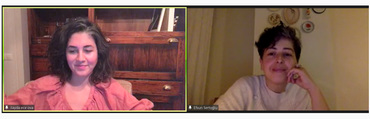
SU Gender Advisory Board is Convened

This year, the annual meeting of SU Gender's Advisory Board convened for the fifth time. During the first part of the meeting, the studies and programs carried out by the center last year were conveyed, followed by an overview of the project and research agenda for the next year. In the second part, members of the Advisory Board both evaluated the past year and shared their comments and suggestions for cooperation on the works to be carried out next year.



How Do We Get Together for Gender Equality in Universities?

On November 5th, SU Gender brought together students from Deusto University in Spain, one of SU Gender's partners in the GEARING-Roles project, and Sabancı University Computer Engineering Department student and Cins Club member Ege Atacan Doğan and Hacettepe University American Culture and Literature Department student and QueerDeer representative Melis Yılmaz, in a panel event where students discussed gender equality studies at universities. Talking about the difficulties of doing such studies as students and the strategies they use to overcome these difficulties, the speakers were inspired by each other's experiences.



Webinar with Efsun Sertoğlu:

"Are These Issues Covered At School?"

On November 23rd we came together with sexuality trainer and counselor Efsun Sertoğlu within the scope of Purple Certificate Program webinars. In this session, we talked with Sertoğlu about adolescent sexuality and the kinds of protective and preventive work teachers can carry out regarding the different types of sexual violence that adolescents are exposed to.

What activities did we attend?

- Ayşe Gül Altınay made a presentation titled "Feminist and LGBTIQ+ Movement in Turkey during the Pandemic Period: In Search of Better Stories" at the conference titled "Gender, Activism and Political Theory in the Period of COVID-19", organized by Queen's University Belfast on 28-29 October 2021. The paper presented builds on research being carried out at SU Gender as part of the RESISTIRE project.

- Within the scope of our ProGender+ program, we continued our work with Doğadan Company this month, responding to the corporate needs of the private sector on gender equality, diversity and inclusion activities. Our discussions with the Doğadan team this month focused on "Being LGBTI+ in Work Life".

Publications

- SU Gender Director Hülya Adak's article "Gender+ Justice Amid the Pandemic: The Year of Biographical Writing in Turkey" was published in the Journal of Biography.

What's Next Month?

Şirin Tekeli Research Award Conference

The fourth Şirin Tekeli Research Award Conference and Award Ceremony will be held online between 13.00-17.00 on Saturday, December 4th. The conference is organized every year in memory of Şirin Tekeli, who did pioneering work in the fields of democracy, academic freedom, gender equality and feminism in Turkey. During this year's event, first the award winners of 2020 will present their research outputs, then the winners of this year will be announced. Click to access the program.

Dicle Koğacıoğlu Article Award Conference

The Dicle Koğacıoğlu Article Award Conference is organized annually with the support of Sabancı University Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences in memory of our colleague, friend, sociologist Dicle Koğacıoğlu, who passed away in 2009. This year the event will be held online on Saturday, December 25th. You can follow the conference time and registration information on the SU Gender's Facebook, Instagram and Twitter accounts in the coming days. The event will be held in Turkish.

#Genderstruggles Website is Being Launched

The international project #Genderstruggles brings together a group of feminists, LGBTI+ activists and activists/academics from Turkey and Sweden together for a year to talk about the strategies and good practices developed against the anti-gender movement on digital platforms. The promotional website of the project will be launched on Friday, December 17th. The event will be held in English. You can register via this link.

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