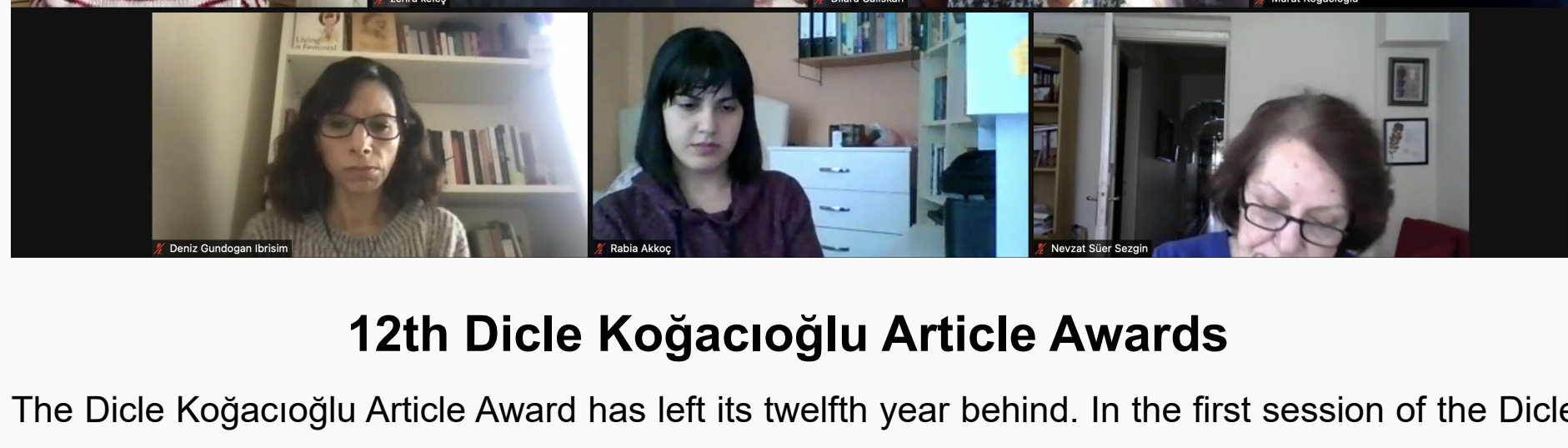


## Şirin Tekeli Research Awards Given to Outstanding Prizewinners

The Şirin Tekeli Research Award Conference, which aims to support gender-focused research in Turkey and has taken place for the 5th time this year, was held online on 4 December. In the opening session, facilitated by Ayşe Gül Altınay, Meral Akkent gave a speech titled "Growth through Nurturing: Şirin Tekeli". Then, in the panels facilitated by Begüm Acar and Özge Ertem, the 2020 award recipients, Ayşe Akalın, Demet Lüküslü, Yonca Cingöz, Gülçin Con Wright and Füsun Kökalan Çımrın, presented the results of the studies they carried out. At the end of the conference, this year's award-winning researchers were announced. The Şirin Tekeli Research Incentive Awards were granted this year individually to Canan Balan, Delta Meriç Candemir and Rüya Kalintaş, and to the joint research of Eda Acara and Ayça Kurtuluş, as well as Merve Altun Ekinci and Canan Koca.

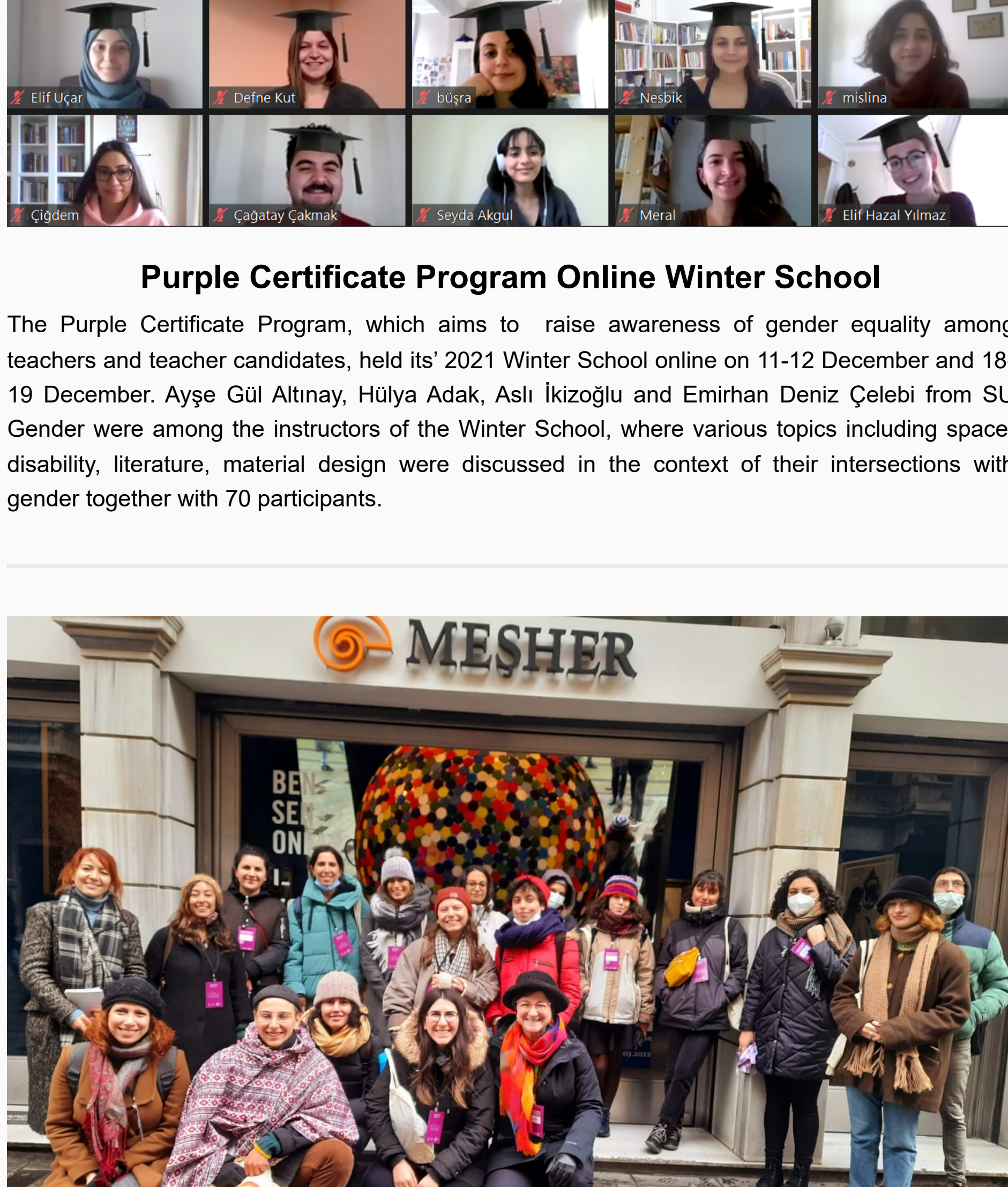


## 12th Dicle Koğacioğlu Article Awards

The Dicle Koğacioğlu Article Award has left its twelfth year behind. In the first session of the Dicle Koğacioğlu Article Award Conference this year, which we held on December 25, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Deputy Dean Eren İnci, SU Gender Director Hülya Adak, and family members of Dicle Koğacioğlu including Nevzat Süer Sezgin, Murat Koğacioğlu and Poyraz Koğacioğlu delivered the opening speeches. Afterwards, Necmiye Alpay, Fulya Kama and Dilara Çalışkan shared their memories and thoughts about Dicle Koğacioğlu and the award ceremony. Biray Anıl Birer and Şeyma Gümüş, who won the awards last year, facilitated the panels where presentations were made by this year's award recipients, Dilan Alataş, Zehra Keleş, Gözde Cöbek and Gökse Köktürk.

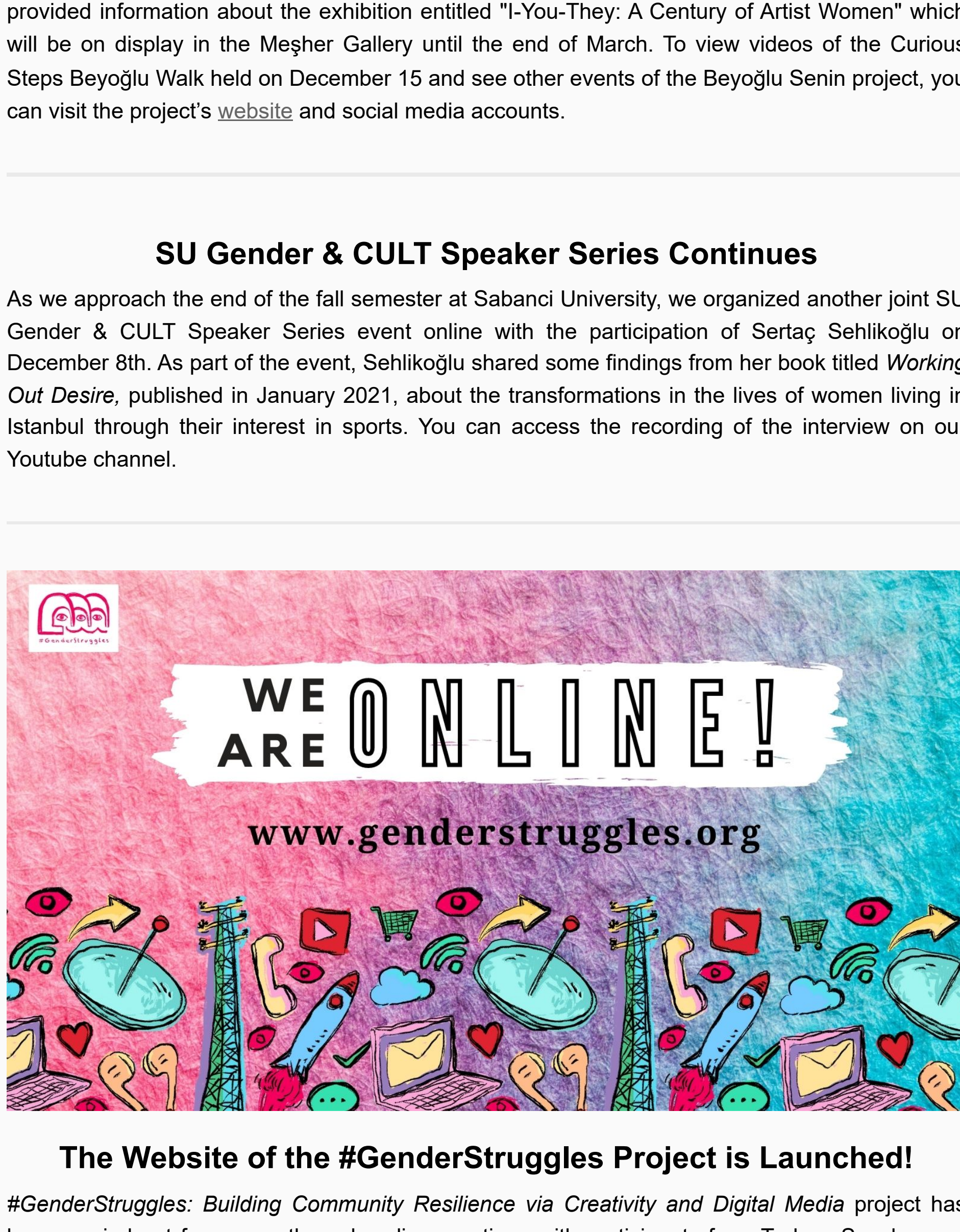
## SU Gender is Looking for a New Teammate

SU Gender is looking for a researcher to work as a part-time Project Specialist in the EU Horizon 2020 ACCTING (AdvanCing behavioral Change Through an Inclusive Green deal) project, which will be led by Ayşe Gül Altınay. Among the objectives of the project, which will examine climate change and the European Green Deal practices from a gender+ perspective on the axis of inequalities, are to identify and make visible the inspiring transformations initiated by marginalized groups, especially women and youth, and to learn from these transformations. [Click](#) to access the ad.



## Purple Certificate Program Online Winter School

The Purple Certificate Program, which aims to raise awareness of gender equality among teachers and teacher candidates, held its' 2021 Winter School online on 11-12 December and 18-19 December. Ayşe Gül Altınay, Hülya Adak, Aslı İkizözü and Emirhan Deniz Çelebi from SU Gender were among the instructors of the Winter School, where various topics including space, disability, literature, material design were discussed in the context of their intersections with gender together with 70 participants.



## Curious Steps was in Beyoğlu

After a long pandemic break, SU Gender's Curious Steps: Gender and Memory Walks program held its first physical walk in Beyoğlu on December 15. This walk was realized as part of the Beyoğlu Senin (Beyoğlu is Yours) project carried out by the Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality, that involves organizing different thematic walks in Istanbul along different routes. During the walk, Şeyda Çetin, curator of Meşher Gallery, who was also among the participants, shared striking examples of artist stories that can be added to the Curious Steps' Beyoğlu route. In addition, she provided information about the exhibition entitled "I-You-They: A Century of Artist Women" which will be on display in the Meşher Gallery until the end of March. To view videos of the Curious Steps Beyoğlu Walk held on December 15 and see other events of the Beyoğlu Senin project, you can visit the project's [website](#) and social media accounts.

## SU Gender & CULT Speaker Series Continues

As we approach the end of the fall semester at Sabancı University, we organized another joint SU Gender & CULT Speaker Series event online with the participation of Sertaç Sehliloğlu on December 8th. As part of the event, Sehliloğlu shared some findings from her book titled *Working Out Desire*, published in January 2021, about the transformations in the lives of women living in Istanbul through their interest in sports. You can access the recording of the interview on our Youtube channel.



## The Website of the #GenderStruggles Project is Launched!

*#GenderStruggles: Building Community Resilience via Creativity and Digital Media* project has been carried out for a year through online meetings with participants from Turkey, Sweden and Germany. The project website launch event was held on December 17. While the outputs of the project were shared at the event, Jenny Sunden from Karlstad University gave a speech on humor and resistance. The [#GenderStruggles website](#) aims to create a digital storyboard where feminist/queer activism, resistance, solidarity practices and related discussions that emerged in different contexts against the anti-gender movements are conveyed in visual and written language. The project, which received a grant within the framework of the Swedish Institute Creative Force program, was completed in collaboration with Raoul Wallenberg Institute, SU Gender and Humboldt University Center for Comparative Research. Aslı Aygüneş, as a project assistant, supported the project carried out by Zeynep Gülrü Göker, Selin Çağatay, Olga Selin Hünler and Aslı Polatdemir. For detailed information: [www.genderstruggles.org](http://www.genderstruggles.org)

## Lectures, Conferences, Workshops, Award Ceremonies

- Hülya Adak participated in Duke University's Franklin Humanities Institute Manuscript Workshop for her book *Afterlives as Archives* (together with Melanie Tanielian and Erdağ Gökmar). As a prestigious workshop to honor books in the publication process (mostly through Duke University Press), the ceremony hosted world renowned scholars, such as Marianne Hirsch, Dirk Moses, Cemil Aydın, Shai Ginsburg, Priscilla Wald, Ranjana Khanna, Diane Nelson, Paul B. Jaskot, and Rebecca Stein to provide feedback on the final stages of the book *Afterlives*. Duke University Editor Sandra Korn also presented some final evaluations. The planned publication date for *Afterlives* is 2023.

- On December 7, Kristen Biehl participated in the conference 'Face to Face Again: Project Interim Meeting' organized by the *Gender Equality Monitoring Association (GEID)* and presented the findings of the report titled *Women Refugees and Gender Equality*, which she prepared together with Cavidan Soykan for GEID. Then on December 11, Biehl participated in the "Gender Equality for Green Policy - Women in Action Conference" organized by the *Green Thought Association* and the Green Europe Foundation, where, together with Özlem Aslan they presented the paper titled "Report in 'Environment and Ecology Organizations in Turkey'". This paper was based on the report titled *'Migration and Environment from a Gender Lens: Examples from Civil Society in Turkey'*, written by Biehl and Aslan together.

- Within the scope of the Business Against Domestic Violence (BADV) project supported by UNFPA and Sabancı Foundation and carried out by the Sabancı University Corporate Governance Forum, in December we held a gender equality training with municipality participants from different provinces of Turkey. During the two full-day training, we focused on many issues such as basic concepts of gender, inclusion, diversity, and municipal policies. Our adult training organized under the ProGender+ program will continue in the coming months with our other stakeholders. Emirhan Deniz Çelebi, Hülya Adak, Ayşe Gül Altınay and Ceyda Karadaş from SU Gender gave the training.

- Hülya Adak participated in the *Feminist Leadership Workshop* organized by Yellow Window (Lucy Ferguson), which was a follow-up to a series of workshops organized in 2020, as part of the *Gearing Roles EU Project* on Gender Equality. Attended by gender studies experts, scholars and leaders in various European Universities that are affiliated with the Gearing Roles Project, the agenda of the workshop held on December 15 included improving one's leadership skills and potential while concentrating on new models of leadership during the pandemic.

- On December 9, Deniz Gündoğan İbrişim joined at *Feminist Research Methodologies and Digital Feminist Research* online seminar organized by The New University in Exile Consortium, the New School, New York, giving a speech titled "Shifting the Paradigm: towards a Feminist and Queer Poetics of Literature" as a visiting scholar. On the 16th of December, İbrişim joined the *Geography, Ecology, Literature and Art Meetings* in the Anthropocene Age meetings organized by Boğaziçi University's Nâzım Hikmet Culture and Art Research Center, presenting a talk titled "Anthropocene Narratives in Turkish Literature: What Kind of Literary Aesthetics?". On 22 December, İbrişim held a webinar titled "Viewing Climate Trauma Through a Gendered Lens" organized by Özyeğin University, as part of the *Sustainability Talks Series* of the Sustainability Platform. Then on December 25, she presented a paper titled "Descent to Earth from Isolation: The Ecological and Climatic State of the Experience of Trauma, Grief and Mourning" in the Political Ecology, Ecological Grief and Deep Ecology series of talks organized by the POEDAT Academy.

- As part of the ProGender+ program, we organized a Gender Equality, Diversity and Inclusion training for executives from various companies within Sabancı Holding in cooperation with EDU, Sabancı Holding and SU Gender. During this training and workshop held on December 15 as part of the In-Lead program, we asked managers to look at the organization they work for from the perspective of diversity and inclusion. Hülya Adak and Emirhan Deniz Çelebi from SU Gender carried out these training and workshop studies, which ended with a case study.

- Our Curious Steps program was part of the conference titled "New Walking Practices" organized by the *Justice in Space Association (MAD)* on 25 December. The conference, in which the coordinators of the project, Sema Semih and Özge Ertem, explained how the Curious Steps walks take place as a walking practice, was held as the closing event of the mapping project implemented by MAD in 2021 about walking routes in various cities. Maps and booklets within the scope of the project will soon be available on the MAD website and documentaries of all hiking routes will also soon be available on MAD's Youtube channel.

- We started negotiations with experts in the field to expand the trainer pool of SU Gender's adult training program, ProGender+, which includes training and consultancy activities for professionals in the business world in the fields of gender, diversity and inclusion.

## What's for Next Month?

### Purple Certificate Program Awareness Meeting to take place on January 8-9!

The Awareness Meeting, where we present the core sessions of the Purple Certificate Program and aim to disseminate the program to wider audiences of teachers and teacher candidates, will be held online this January.

