

The Final Conference of the GEARING-Roles Project took place in Brussels

On October 18th, we attended the final conference of the 4-year-long EU Horizon 2020 GEARING Roles Project in Brussels. The conference was held under the theme “Journey Towards Institutional Change: Transforming Gender Roles in Academia,” and Roman Kuhar and Victoria Showunmi delivered the opening speeches. In the first panel on Gender Equality Action Plans (GEAPs), Ayşe Gül Altınay shared insights about the process of creating and implementing the [Action Plan](#) developed with the contributions of more than 100 participants at Sabancı University. She also talked about creative practices such as the Wikipedia Marathon and the Cinspedia event organized by Sabancı University's Cins Club. The second panel focused on the sustainability of GEAPs. Panelists emphasized the importance of communicating project results to policymakers at the EU level, collaborating with decision-makers for access to resources, and establishing structures to further carry out the mechanisms created in institutions after the project ends. At the end of the conference, Beste İrem Köse, a graduate of Sabancı University, received an award for her paper.

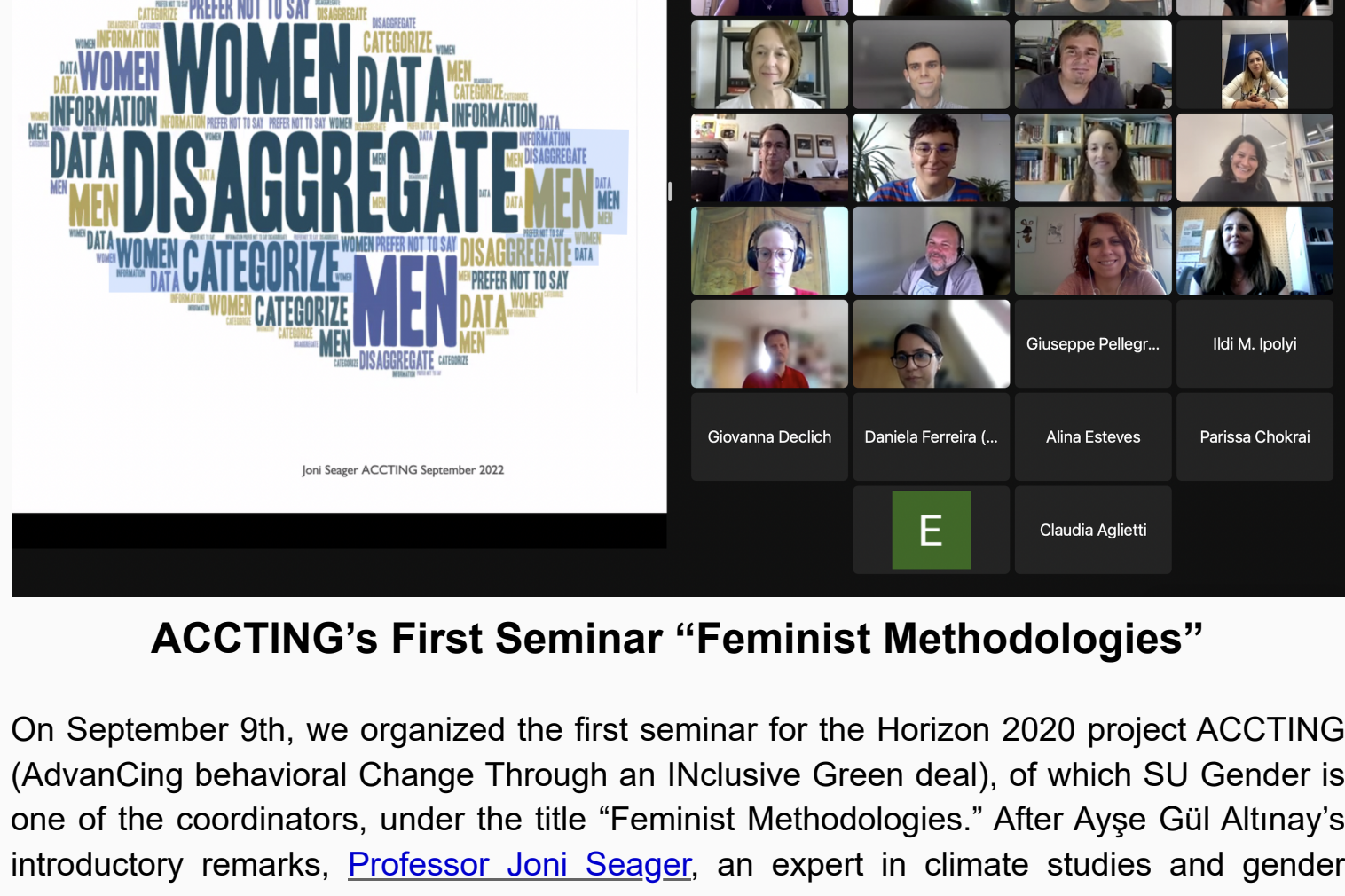


The European Year of Youth in Brussels

EU Horizon 2020 sister projects GEARING-Roles and GENDER-SMART came together on October 19th in Brussels in a joint meeting focused on the European Year of Youth. Within the framework of the event, Ayşe Gül Altınay from SU Gender moderated the roundtable titled “Youth and gender in the digital age,” while Fulya Kama Özelkan, a Ph.D. student in Gender Studies at Sabancı University gave a talk about how in a digitalized world we can produce better stories with the opportunities provided by digital tools to create a more inclusive, equal, and creative future. Sharing examples from her dissertation research, she emphasized that the fight against gender-based violence in the field of cultural production in Turkey has been creatively transformed through feminist solidarity networks organized both online and offline.

Evren Savcı discusses her book Queer in Translation

On October 13th, we organized an online event with Evren Savcı, a faculty member at the Department of Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies at Yale University and a member of the International Advisory Board of SU Gender to talk about her book *Queer in Translation: Sexual Politics under Neoliberal Islam*. Savcı built her talk around the murder of Ahmet Yıldız, one of the examples she also highlights in her book, which she discussed within the larger conceptual framework of her work. This was followed by a group discussion informed by the questions and comments of the participants. You can access the recording of the conversation in English on SU Gender's [Youtube channel](#).



ACCTING's First Seminar “Feminist Methodologies”

On September 9th, we organized the first seminar for the Horizon 2020 project ACCTING (AdvanCing behavioral Change Through an Inclusive Green deal), of which SU Gender is one of the coordinators, under the title “Feminist Methodologies.” After Ayşe Gül Altınay's introductory remarks, [Professor Joni Seager](#), an expert in climate studies and gender studies at Bentley University, presented current and seminal examples of how feminist methodologies can be applied in different disciplines. Esin Düzel and Burcu Türeli's piece on the highlights of the seminar was published on ACCTING's [website](#).



UNFPA's Turkey Representative Mr. Mohtashami visited Sabancı University

On October 11th, UNFPA's Turkey Representative Hassan Mohtashami visited Sabancı University to explore possible collaborations on gender and women's studies, jointly meeting with Ata Can Bertay, Director of the Corporate Governance Forum (CGF), Sevdâ Alkan, Project Manager of CGF's Business Against Domestic Violence project, and Hülya Adak, Director of SU Gender. During this meeting Hülya Adak introduced the Purple Certificate Program in particular, and SU Gender's activities in the field of education in general, and discusses with Mr. Mohtashami new training and research opportunities.



Our Purple Certificate Program's Gender Equality, Purple Seed, and Ipek Gürkaynak Creative Pedagogy Awards were handed out

On October 19th, the Purple Certificate Program's Gender Equality Award Jury consisting of Aylin Vartanyan, Fatma Gök, Aksu Bora, Kenan Çayır, Ayşe Alan, Işık Tüzün, and Hülya Adak met to decide on the awards' recipients. The award, which will be given for the second time this year, recognizes teachers across Turkey who transform the field of education and gender equality by using creative pedagogies in their work. This year, the awards will be presented at Sabancı Holding on November 22nd. SU Gender Education Coordinator Ezgi Şeref and Muhammed Atalay, one of the Purple Certificate teachers, will moderate the panels that will be held on the same day.

Which Events Did We Attend?

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- On October 18th Hülya Adak and Caner Hazar attended [Sabancı Foundation's Sowing Season](#) event at the Sabancı Center in Istanbul. The event, held for the 16th time this year, serves as a gathering where the various projects supported by the Sabancı Foundation Grant Program are showcased. We listened to the stories of seven projects implemented in 2021-2022 in the fields of women, children/youth, and people with disabilities.

Academic Boards

- Hülya Adak was invited to join the Board of Directors of the international Polycultural Institute Chicago, which was founded in 2022 by University of Chicago alumni and the [Silk Road Rising Theater Company](#) with the goal of bringing together intersectionality, the arts, and academia .

Publications, Impressions

- Deniz Gündoğan İbrişim participated in the Institute for World Literature (IWL) Summer Program at Harvard University between July 3-28, 2022. During the program, she presented her postdoctoral work on ecological witnessing, memory, and literature, and led a four-week colloquium. Click [here](#) for Deniz Gündoğan İbrişim's piece on her observations about the program.

What's Next Month?

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