



## Gender Equality in Education Awards Were Awarded for the Second Time

We were proud to organize the Purple Certificate Program Gender Equality in Education Awards for the second time during Teachers' Day week this year. On November 22nd, we held a ceremony at Sabancı Center, where Sabancı Foundation General Manager Nevgöl Bilsel Safkan, Sabancı University President Yusuf Leblebici, and SU Gender Director Hülya Adak delivered welcome speeches, and Aylin Vartanyan from Boğaziçi University delivered the keynote speech. **Büşra Nur Serdar**, a Guidance Counselor in İstanbul, and **Berna Diblen**, an English teacher in Hatay, both graduates of the Purple Certificate Training in 2022, received the Ipek Gürcaynak Creative Pedagogy Award. The Equitable Practices Award was given to **Elif Selçuk**, a Religious Culture and Ethics teacher in Denizli, and **Yeliz Öztürk**, a Philosophy teacher in İzmir, also graduates of our training in 2022. The Incentive Award for Equitable Practices went to **Nurbanu Yıldız**, a Guidance Counselor in Kayseri, who joined the program in 2022. Finally, the Purple Seed Award went to **Evrım Dilara Onat**, a Turkish Language and Literature teacher in İstanbul, who completed the program in 2022. Following the panel discussion on "Gender in Education and New Pedagogical Approaches," the ceremony ended with a cocktail reception.



## SU Gender Advisory Boards Convened

On November 30th, we came together in online meetings with two advisory boards that counsel SU Gender on its programs, projects, and collaborations. First, we held the annual meeting of the **SU Gender Advisory Board** for the sixth time this year. At the meeting, we presented the Center's activities and programs of the past year, and the Advisory Board members shared their evaluations, comments, and suggestions for the work to be carried out in the coming year. In the second meeting, we came together with the **SU Gender International Advisory Board**, which includes leading academics and researchers in the field of gender studies from different parts of the world. We discussed international collaborations as well as our priorities in the field of research and project activities, and the participants shared their ideas and suggestions for the upcoming period.



## European Journal of Women's Studies Special Issue on Transformative Activism

The November 2022 Special Issue of the European Journal of Women's Studies, edited by Ayşe Gül Altınay and Andrea Pető (our International Advisory Board Member), was published with the title "Transformative Activism." The special issue, which also mentions the Feminist+ Solidarity events organized by SU Gender in March 2022, begins with an introduction by Ayşe Gül Altınay and Andrea Pető titled "Feminist+ Solidarity as Transformative Politics" as well as an interview with Shahrzad Akbar on women's struggle in Afghanistan. It concludes with a roundtable discussion on "Feminist+ Solidarity," to which our International Advisory Board Members Cynthia Enloe and Arlene Avakian and our alum Mert Koçak (MA, Cultural Studies) also contributed. The special issue also features Sabancı University alum Irem Az's (MA, Cultural Studies) article titled "Little prayer: Ambiguous grief in the LGBTQIA+ movement in Turkey."

## We Discussed Gender Equality in Academia at CULT & SU Gender Event

Sabancı University Cultural Studies Program and SU Gender organized an online Speaker Series event on November 2nd with the participation of Hande Eslen-Ziya. In her talk titled "Gender hierarchies in academia: In the era of post-truth," Eslen-Ziya shared her findings from her newly published book *Populism and Science in Europe* as well as from three different studies conducted with academics on the topics of gender inequality, power relations, and care work.



## RESISTİRÉ Project Conducts a Survey on Experiences of the Pandemic

How has the COVID-19 pandemic affected you? It is essential to better understand current problems in order to create sustainable solutions! The Horizon 2020 RESISTİRÉ Project (RESponding to outbreakS through co-creaTive inclusive equality stRatEgies), of which SU Gender is part, has published a survey to explore individuals' views and experiences on the COVID-19 pandemic. The survey, coordinated by Oxford Brookes University, one of the consortium members in the project, aims to better understand the inequalities created or deepened by the pandemic as well as the policies developed in response to the pandemic, and to contribute to the development of better methods and inclusive policies to cope with future crises. Individuals participating in the survey will have the opportunity to compare their experiences with those of other participants through dynamic graphs while answering questions on various topics such as employment, income, and care responsibilities. The survey can be accessed via your [web browser](#) or via a mobile application that can be downloaded free on [iOS](#) and [Android](#) devices. [The survey](#) is available in 14 languages, including Turkish, and is open to anyone over the age of 18 living in the 27 EU member states, Turkey, Serbia, Iceland, and the United Kingdom. (Image: Aslı Alpar)

## Which Events Did We Attend?

### ProGender+

- Ezgi Şeref and Hülya Adak attended the launch event of the Business Against Domestic Violence (BADV) Project Corporate Network at Sabancı Center on November 8th.
- On November 26th, Caner Hazar gave a guest lecture for MEF University students, in addition to a presentation on SU Gender and an activity on intersectionality.

### Conferences, Meetings, Events

- Deniz Gündoğan İbrişim made a presentation on the literature of Suat Derviş and narratives of İstanbul at the "Voices of Emerging Scholars" program organized by Columbia Global Centers (İstanbul) and Columbia University (New York).
- Esin Düzel made a presentation in the panel titled "Imagination and Aesthetics in Revolutionary Movements" at the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association.
- Begüm Acar participated in a meeting organized by Bahçeşehir University to share experiences on practices of gender equality in universities.

### Publications & Videos

- As part of the webinar series we have been organizing since 2020, we continue to publish past videos. Angela Santamaria's talk "Local Women's Experiences in the Caribbean Region of Colombia: Practices Developed to Survive Sexual Violence," which had taken place on July 20th, is now available [online](#).
- Click [here](#) to watch the recording of the event we organized with Evren Savcı about her book "Queer in Translation: Sexual Politics Under Neoliberal İslam" on October 13th.

## What's Next Month?

### Şirin Tekeli Research Award Conference Will Take Place on December 17th

SU Gender will organize its fifth Şirin Tekeli Research Award Conference and Award Ceremony on Saturday, December 17th between 12.30-16.30. At the conference, the winners of the award from 2021 will present their research outputs and the winners of this year's competition will be announced. The conference will be held at Karaköy Minerva Palace and is open to the public.

### Dicle Koğacioğlu Article Award Conference to Be Held on December 24th

With the support of Sabancı University Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, we will organize for the thirteenth time this year the Dicle Koğacioğlu Article Award in memory of our friend, sociologist Dicle Koğacioğlu. The Dicle Koğacioğlu Article Award Conference will take place in a hybrid format on Saturday, December 24th. The aim of the award is to support gender-focused research and encourage young researchers. At the conference, applicants will present their work, while the 2022 prizes will be presented at the award ceremony.