



### Şirin Tekeli Research Awards Announced

We organized the Şirin Tekeli Research Award Conference on December 17th at Minerva Palace and announced the winners of this year's award, given for the sixth time. After Hülya Adak welcomed the audience, Deniz Kandiyoti and Yeşim Arat delivered the opening speeches. In the panels facilitated by Marhabo Saparova and Ayşecan Terzioğlu, last year's award winners Canan Balan, Rüya Kalıntaş, Eda Acara, Delta Meriç Candemir, Merve Altun Ekinci, and Canan Koca presented the outputs of their year-long research. This year's award winners were announced at the award ceremony at the end of the conference. Esra Demirkol Colosio, Burcu Saka, and Elif Mura were awarded the Şirin Tekeli Research Award which aims to support gender-focused research in Turkey. İlkay Özkürüplü, Özden Senem Erol, and Mine Egbatan were awarded the Research Incentive Award.



### Dicle Koğacıoğlu Article Awards Announced

The Dicle Koğacıoğlu Article Award was given for the thirteenth time this year. On December 24th, the Dicle Koğacıoğlu Article Award Conference was held at Minerva Palace in a hybrid format. Hülya Adak and Ayşecan Terzioğlu gave the opening speeches. In the first session, Elif Çelebi from the team working on Purple Tales for Gender Equality, whose compilers include Nevzat Süer Sezgin, explained the project, and Melek Karanis told a fairy tale. Last year's award winners Dilan Alataş and Gözde Cöbek facilitated the panels where this year's finalists Nur Sinem Kourou, Merve Çopuroğlu, Aslı Aygüneş, Zeynep Özge Iğdır, and Simla Sunay presented their research. At the award ceremony at the end of the conference, this year's awardees were announced.



### We organized the Gender Equality Day at Sabancı University

Within the scope of the [GEARING-Roles Project](#), which we carry out with the support of EU Horizon 2020, we held the "Gender Equality Day" at the University Center Cinema Hall on Wednesday, December 21st with the participation of faculty members, administrative staff, and students at our university. The event was facilitated by project specialist Fulya Kama Özelkan and GEARING-Roles Project coordinators Ayşe Gül Altınay and Gülrü Göker gave opening speeches. They pointed out that the [Gender Equality Plan](#), one of the most significant outputs of the project, is a starting point to ensure gender equality at the university and highlighted the importance of sustainability and the institutionalization of this plan. We also had the opportunity to listen to and discuss the work done in various units of the university to ensure and institutionalize gender equality.



### We held the first training of the Purple Certificate Winter School

We organized two of the three trainings planned by the Purple Certificate Program for the 2022-2023 period between December 10-11 and 17-18. More than 80 teachers and teacher candidates attended the inter-sectional trainings, where we covered the fundamental concepts of gender and discussed topics ranging from disability to health and from discrimination to politics. Additionally, for the first time in this training, we organized a module on gender and ecology. The training was completed with two workshops where teachers examined the Purple File materials and developed their own materials. In addition to the sessions, we also held weekday evening meetings with LISTAG parents and a reading theater.

### Webinar held on Gender and Perception of Beauty

On December 29th, we had the opportunity to reflect on the gender of beauty with the webinar Gender and Perception of Beauty with Ceyda Karadaş as the speaker. In the webinar, we held a workshop on how aesthetic operations, social media filters, and AI applications, which become increasingly easier to access, affect first our world as teachers and then the world of young people. We discussed whether beauty and beauty tools create a new opportunity for empowerment or new burdens. The Purple Certificate Program's webinars on different topics will continue in the coming days.



### Curious Steps Program's Eco Steps Workshop took place at the SSM

The workshop organized by the Curious Steps Program as part of its "Eco Steps" activities took place at the Sakıp Sabancı Museum on Sunday, December 18th. Workshop participants, including SU Gender, students taking political ecology courses at Sabancı University, and participants of the Transformative Activism Program, gathered around Agnes Denes's site-specific installation called [Living Pyramid](#), a sculpture with a natural life cycle. The workshop started with Seden Edgü, one of the SSM Guides, describing the Living Pyramid, the SSM garden, and the Bosphorus, and continued with interspecies stories at the intersection of gender, climate justice, and memory. The Curious Steps Program continues its programming by adding an ecology perspective to gender and memory walks. For more information: [cinsadimlar@sabanciuniv.edu](mailto:cinsadimlar@sabanciuniv.edu).

### Curious Steps Team met with CIP Students

The Curious Steps Program organized the Curious Steps Beyoğlu walk for the field studies of students taking courses within the scope of Sabancı University Community Involvement Programs (CIP). The Social Sensitivity Projects Unit collaborated with the Gender Equality Program for SDG 5: Gender Equality in its field studies designed for the advancement of Sustainable Development Goals. Curious Steps: Gender and Memory Walk took place online on December 4th.

### Which Events Did We Attend?

- Begüm Acar participated in the 21st Inter-University Workshop on Cooperation, Support, and Communication Against Sexual Harassment and Assault, hosted by Istanbul Topkapı University on Friday, December 2nd. In the first session of the meeting where we came together with representatives from different universities, we discussed the issue of combating sexual violence with the participation of Leyla Soyduñ from Mor Çatı Women's Shelter Foundation and Cemre Baytok from Gender Equality Policies Association. This was followed by a panel discussion on the KADES application.
- In collaboration with the SU Gender team and the Executive Development Unit, a training named Overcoming Barriers in Recruitment Interviews was designed to focus on accessible workplaces and recruitment interviews. The training took place twice over 2 sessions spreading over four days.

## What's Next Month?

### Purple Certificate Program Online Winter School Applications Started

The Purple Certificate Program Online Winter School, run by SU Gender with the support of the Sabancı Foundation, will take place online (via Zoom) between February 1-4 with the participation of 60 teachers and teacher candidates from all over Turkey. Participation in the program is free of charge and teachers and prospective teachers from all levels and branches can apply to the program. Academics and experts from many fields ranging from literature, history, law, psychology, health, and material design, all working on contemporary research will contribute to the program with presentations, discussions, and workshops. Participants who successfully complete the entire program will receive a certificate at the end of the training.