SU Gender Activity Bulletin January-June 2024

SU Gender dates back to 2010 and it has been continuing its work with the status of application and research centre within Sabancı University since 2016, contributing to gender and women's studies in Turkey with its research, training and awareness activities.





Greetings

In the first half of 2024, we launched a new international research project. EU Horizon Europe "Express2 - Specify and Protect the EU Social Contract" kicked off with a conference held in Barcelona. In the first half of the year, we continued our research focusing on gender in the fields of migration, ecology, politics, city, education, art, literature and other topics, presented and published their outputs in various national and international academic outlets. We have listened to 9 speakers since January as part of the 'Cumartesi Söyleşileri' (Saturday Conversations). We hosted a number of speakers as part of our March 8th events focusing on labor and employment this year, and designed an interactive game with Sabancı University's Civic Involvement Projects (CIP) and students. The Purple Certificate Program winter school was held in January with 50 teachers and candidate teachers from across Turkey, and we continued our gender focused trainings within and outside the university. The Second International Gender Studies in Turkey Conference will take place on December 7-8, 2024, for which we have ongoing preparations and we are still accepting applications. This bulletin presents a summary of our research, training and awareness activities in the first six months of 2024. We would like to thank each and every participant and contributor involved in our work and those who contributed to the organization of our events.

Research

- We have been a partner in the EU funded collaborative research project "Express2 - Specify and Protect the EU Social Contract", and its inaugural conference was held in Barcelona on March 7-8, hosted by the consortium coordinator Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona. The project is based on the idea that social contracts are living documents, and its primary aim is to develop a new social contract for the EU that is more inclusive, democratic and sustainable. As part of the project, we will conduct research focusing on insecurity, populism, gender inequality, climate change, digitalization and pandemic, and develop policy recommendations to increase the resilience of the social contract. The SU Gender team working in this project consists of Gülru Göker, Ayşe Betül Çelik, Oya Yeğen, Cenk Özbay, Kristen Biehl and Meriç Çağlar. The team is responsible for leading the work package on gender inequality and conducting research in Turkey, Hungary and Spain. We also contribute to research within the scope of other work packages on insecurity, digitalization and climate change.
- Within the scope of the EU Horizon 2020 project ACCTING "Advancing behavioral Change Through an Inclusive Green deal," Esin Düzel and Burcu Borhan Türeli from the ACCTING project team attended a workshop to Monitor the Pilot

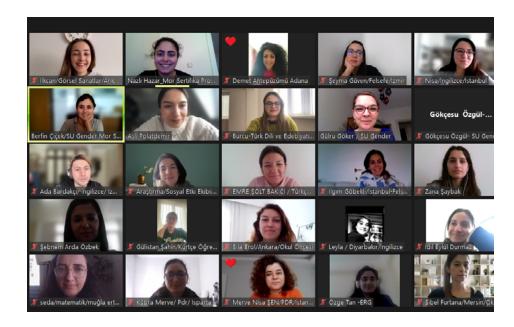


Implementations held in Rome on January 23-24. The ten pilot projects selected through an open call in 8 thematic research areas were presented by their implementing NGOs. A number of workshop sessions were held to create the impact assessment framework and set the evaluation criteria for the projects.



Purple Certificate Program

- The Purple Certificate Program Winter School was held online on January 13-14 and 20-21 with 50 teachers and candidate teachers from various cities of Turkey. We selected the participants by valuing diversity of branches and grades, and included teachers and candidate teachers teaching creative drama, preschool and special education, among others. In addition, we held sessions on "Looking at Gender Inequality from a Philosophical Perspective," "Gender and Conflict Resolution," "Ecology" and "Violence Against Children and Children's Rights" in the program in order to increase the diversity of training topics this year, creating the opportunity for academics and teachers from various universities to come together and talk about their current studies.
- This year's Summer School of the Purple Certificate will take place in the Tuzla campus of Sabancı University on August 19-22. The Summer School has a program enabling academics from various universities, experts, teachers and candidate teachers to have face-to-face meetings and discussions on literature, history, law, psychology, healthcare, etc., to present their current research, to hold workshops and develop methods that can be used in educational studies.



Training

- In collaboration with Sabancı University's EDU, we provided trainings geared towards organizations on "Leader of Change in Gender Equality," "Women's Representation and Gender in Social Media," and "Gender and Prevention of Discrimination." For detailed information on our gender training for institutions, please <u>click here</u>.
- We continued our training and awareness activities within the university. Gökçesu Özgül, education coordinator of SU Gender, gave a seminar to students from the project groups "Human Rights" and "Gender and Sexual Health" within the scope of the CIP course. The two-hour seminar focused on current debates on gender, basic human rights and discrimination, sexual health, etc. and ended with a Q&A session.
- One of our researchers, Meriç Çağlar, organized a session on "Disasters and Gender" within the scope of the CIP course and organized a workshop to discuss a number topics, including the importance of post-disaster communication and coordination, the use of limited resources and the identification of vulnerable groups based on gender.



Events

As SU Gender we continued our event series called 'Cumartesi Söyleşileri' (Saturday Conversations) in the first half of this year, where we hosted a number of public talks and conversations on various topics within the framework of gender studies at Minerva Han on the first Saturday of each month. We held the first event of Cumartesi Söyleşileri in 2024 on January 6 to host Sibel Irzık with her talk on "Republic, novel and gender". We continued with **Serpil Sancar**'s discussion on "Gender of Politics" on February 3. On March 2, we listened to **ipek ilkkaracan**'s research on "How the political choices of female voters are affected by their involvement in paid or unpaid work: Findings from Turkey and Spain". On April 6, we hosted a talk titled "Housework and Technologies" with Leyla Bektaş Ata, Defne Karaosmanoğlu and Bahar Emgin as speakers. We organized the last event of Cumartesi Söyleşileri in the spring term on May 4 and talked about "Power, politics and masculinity" with Cimen Günay-Erkol, Selin Akyüz and Feyda Sayan-Cengiz. As of June, we took a short summer break from Cumartesi Söyleşileri, and will resume the event series on October 5, 2024.



SU GENDER SABANCI DIMERSITESI

SU GENDER TOPLUMUL CINEDIET SE KARIN GALISMI
MÜNEMMELNET MERKEZI

. Sabancı Universites



Events

SU Gender organized various events throughout March as part of 8th of March, International Women's Day, focusing on the theme of labor and employment, among other topics.

- In the March event of Cumartesi Söyleşileri moderated by Ayşe Betül Çelik, we hosted İpek İlkkaracan and listened to the research presentation "How the political choices of female voters are affected by their involvement in paid or unpaid work: Findings from Turkey and Spain".
- On March 11, students participated in an event titled "Scavenger Hunt: Answer questions about gender and feminism while moving around the campus" we organized in collaboration with the Civic Involvement Projects to find the clues about gender equality, answer the questions and learn about the different units conducting gender-related work on campus.



Kayıt için/To register: linktr.ee/sugender

SU GENDER TOTAL CHARLET AT ALLES DEL PRELADO



2 Mart 16.00 Minerva Han, Karaköy

Cumartesi Söyleşileri: İpek İlkkaracan Kadın seçmenlerin ücretli/ücretsiz iş statüsüne göre farkılıqsan siyasi tercihleri

Moderatör: Ayşe Betül Çelik

11 March 13.00 Sabanci University

SU Gender-CIP Scavenger Hunt Answer questions about gender and feminism while moving around the campus

Starting point: The green area across from the University Center

20 Mart

17.45 Sabancı Universitesi, SUSAM Binası, Giriş Katı

Stand-up Komedi ve Toplumsal Cinsiyet Üzerine: Çağla Alkan, Ege Öztokat ve Özge Özel ile Söyleşi

Moderatör: Sümeyra Günes

26 Mart 18.00 Çevrimiçi

Webinar: Afetler, Krizler, Kadın Emeği Moderatör: Semiha Arı

Kırsal dönüşüm ve kadın emeği: borçlanma, işçileşme, tanm-dışılaşma Burcu Saka, Elif S. Uvar

Türkiye'de yeni-muhafazakarlık ve yeniliberalizm uzlaşısının bir ürünü olarak kadın kooperatiflerine yaklaşım: piyasaya giriş geleneğe dönüş Aslı Çoban, Ayşe Gönüllü Atakan

Depremden etkilenen kentlerde kadınların ücretli-ücretsiz emeği Özgür Genç

6 Nisan 16.00 Minerva Han, Karaköy

Cumartesi Söyleşileri: Leyla Bektaş Ata, Defne Karaosmanoğlu, Bahar Emgin Ev işleri ve teknolojileri

Moderatör: Aysecan Terzioğlu





Events

- On March 20, we organized a talk titled "Stand-up Comedy and Gender" with Sümeyra Güneş as the moderator and Çağla Alkan, Ege Öztokat and Özge Özel as the speakers.
- The events continued with a webinar titled "Disasters, Crises, Women's Labor" that we organized on March 26. Semiha Arı moderated the webinar and Burcu Saka, Elif S. Uyar, Aslı Çoban, Ayşe Gönüllü Atakan and Özgür Genç presented their respective research studies.



Collaborations and Cooperations

- As part of the Purple Certificate Program, we held a workshop on February 12 on "Transforming Project Ideas into 'Good Examples'" led by the Education Reform Initiative. Teachers from different branches and grades attended the workshop where the workshop coordinators, including Ayşe Naçar, Education Reform Initiative (ERG) project manager, Ceren Suntekin, Child and Youth Studies expert, and Meltem Ceylan Alibeyoğlu, R&D coordinator of Darüşşafaka Educational Institutions, touched upon important issues regarding the development of project ideas and addressed several topics including, needs analysis, the specifics of drafting participatory, interdisciplinary and inclusive projects, target setting, and evaluation criteria.
- Together with the Sabanci University Cultural Studies MA program, we held a book talk on June 8 hosted where Aslı Zengin discussed her book "Violent Intimacies: The Trans Everyday and Making of an Urban World" published by Duke University Press. The talk was moderated by Ezgi Güler, postdoctoral researcher in Sabancı University, who actively contributes to the SU Gender's projects.

Kitap Söyleşisi

Violent Intimacies: The Trans Everyday and Making of an Urban World

Aslı Zengin



8 Haziran 2024 Cumartesi 18:00-20:00 Minerva Han



Aslı Zengin Rutgers Üniversitesi Kadın, Toplumsal Cinsiyet ve Cinsellik Çalışmaları Bölümü'nde akademisyen olarak çalışmaktadır. Rutgers'dan önce Brandeis, Harvard ve Brown Üniversitelerinde öğretim üyesi olarak görev aldı. Doktorasını Toronto Üniversitesi Antropoloji ve Toplumsal Cinsiyet Çalışmaları ortak programında tamamladı. Kendisi ayni zamanda İktidarın Mahremiyeti: İstanbul'da Hayat Kadınları, Seks İsçiliği ve Şiddet adlı kitabın yazarı. Yakın zamanda Türkiye'deki trans yaşamlar ve siyasal mücadeleye dair yazdığı kitabı, Şedit Yakınlıklar: Translığın Gündelik Hayatı ve Kentsel bir Dünyanın Yaratıcılığı (Violent Intimacies: The Trans Everyday and the Making of an Urban World) Duke University Press tarafından yayınladı. Zengin'in çalışma alanları arasında cinsiyet ve cinselliğin aşkın ve aykırı halleri, egemenlik ve şiddet, sağlık ve hukuk politikaları, ölüm, yas ve toplumsal öbür dünyalar, yakınlık ve duygular antropolojisi, ve feminist, queer ve trans hareketler bulunuyor.

*Etkinlik dili Türkcedii





GRADUATE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

Announcements



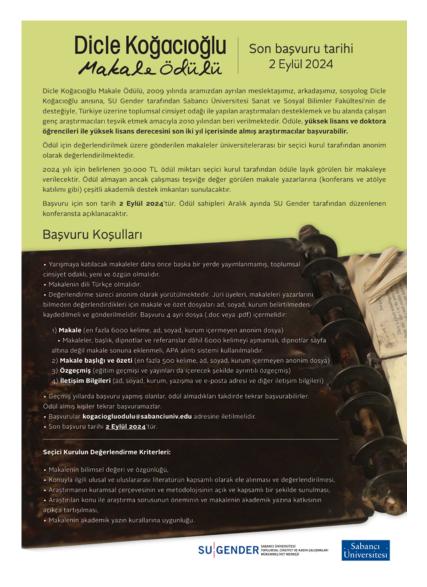
The deadline for applications to present a paper and/or organize a workshop at the Second International Gender Studies in Turkey Conference to be held in Istanbul on December 7-8, 2024 is August 1, 2024. You can access detailed information about the conference, the call for papers and current announcements about participation on the conference website.



We are waiting for your applications for the Şirin Tekeli research award and the deadline for this year's applications is September 6, 2024. The Şirin Tekeli Research Award is open to PhD students and all other researchers who have completed their PhD in the past 15 years. The submitted research proposals are assessed by an inter-university selection committee based on the international academic criteria. For detailed information on application requirements, please visit our website.

Announcements

The Dicle Koğacıoğlu Article Awards are given by SU Gender with the support of Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Sabancı University, in memory of sociologist Dicle Koğacıoğlu, our colleague and friend who passed away in 2009. This year, the deadline for applications is September 2, 2024. The aim of the awards, announced annually since 2010, is to support gender research focusing on Turkey and to encourage young researchers. The awards program is open for applications by master's and PhD students and researchers who have completed their master's studies within the last two years. For detailed information on application requirements, please click here.





Publications

- Acar, B. (2024). "Bakım emeği, iş şarkıları ve ninniler" (Care Labor, Work Songs and Lullabies), Emeğin Kadın Halleri (haz. F. Saygılıgil, N. Akgökçe) içinde. Ankara: Dipnot Yay. s. 87-107.
- İkizoğlu Erensü, A. (2024). Appearing to disappear: Ordering visibility in a Turkish border spectacle. *Media, Culture & Society*, 46(3), 534-551. https://doi.org/10.1177/01634437231207758
- Özbay, C. (2024). "Transforming Buildings, Reorienting Lives: The Desire for Gentrification in Istanbul", *Urban Geography* 45(3): 411-432. https://doi.org/10.1080/02723638.2023.2190265
- Ozbay, C. and Ipekçi, İ.C. (2024). "State-Led Antigender Politics, Islamism, and the University: Experiences of Gender Studies Scholars in Turkey", *Journal of Middle East Women's Studies* 20(1): 89-110. https://doi.org/10.1215/15525864-10961794





