



Kadir Has University

2019 & 2020

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Gender and Women Studies Application and Research Center Activities

Relevant Conferences

- **Conference: International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women November 25, 2019**

To commemorate November 25th, as the Gender and Women's Studies Research Center, we organized a panel with the main theme of "Media" and the slogan was #WeSeeViolence. In addition to the panel, we worked with a number of student clubs (KHAS Law Club, KHAS Psychology Club, KHAS+ -- Student Club of Sexual Identity and Sexual Orientation Studies Club, KHAS Cinema Club, KHAS Theater Company and KHAS Music Club) to put on a week's worth of activities to raise awareness about gender based violence.

- **Seminar on the Importance of Gender During Covid-19 Days**

As part of Coronavirus quarantine activities, the Center's director Prof. Dr. Mary Lou O'Neil delivered a talk on the importance of a gender perspective when discussing COVID-19. The talk was part of the Center for LifeLong Learning activities.

Relevant Reports

- **Survey: The Perception of Gender and Women in Turkey 2020**

This annual survey is one of the hallmarks of the Center. Each year, the Center conducts this survey to monitor the general trends among people in Turkey regarding women and gender issues. The survey focuses on questions related to women, family and society; women and work life; equal opportunities in business; social roles and working relationships; approach on women and LGBTI rights; abortion; women and politics. The study was conducted with 1216 people 18 years old and older representing the urban population of Turkey. The 2020 survey results show that in general, there is progression in perceptions of gender equality between women and men. However, women report a more egalitarian orientation than men.

- **Situation of LGBTI Employees in the Public and Private Sector in Turkey – 2019**

This research has been conducted by the Kaos GL Association for the private sector since 2015 and for the public sector since 2017. The focus of the research is the hiring processes, general working conditions and personal experiences of discrimination of the LGBTI+

employees of different sectors. Since 2018, Kadir Has University Gender and Women's Studies Research Center has also been part of the team. In 2019, there were 228 public sector and 772 private sector participants. In line with the findings of previous years, very few employees completely disclose their gender identity, sexual orientation or intersex situation in their workplaces.

Relevant Trainings

- **Talking About Safer Sex 11.12.2019**

The Center and KHAS+ (Student Club of Sexual Identity and Sexual Orientation Studies Club) organized a panel on December 11, 2019 on the topic of safer sex. Obstetrician and Gynecologist Dr. Irmak Saraç and Sexual Health and Reproductive Health Educator Berat Can Erdoğan talked about safer sex and answered the questions asked by audience.

- **Presentation on Gender of Life in Turkey for Lead Network**

Prof. Dr. Mary Lou O'Neil was a guest of the LEAD Network (Leading Executive Advancing Diversity)

monthly meeting. The network supports women leaders working in the retail and consumer products sectors and aims to increase the number of senior female managers and contribute to their development. The February meeting was hosted by Coca-Cola İçecek. In the presentation, O'Neil discussed the issue of gendered language, the division of labor in the home and issues that face working women. O'Neil emphasized that we should avoid language that includes sexism and discrimination for an inclusive and egalitarian work environment.

- **Presentation on Gender Equality and Struggle Practices for Yemeksepeti 09.03.2020**

As part of celebrations surrounding International Women's Day (March 8) Deniz Altuntaş from the Center made a presentation about Gender Equality and Practices for the employees of Yemeksepeti on Monday, March 9. During the seminar Deniz and the participants discussed what can be done both as an NGO and as an institution in the struggle for gender equality. Deniz also discussed with the participants on what can be done both in the company and in their daily lives to advance gender equality.

- **Guide for Safer Sex**

In order to develop the information and advocacy capacities of young people about sexual health and safer sexual practices, we as Kadir Has University Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation Studies Club (KHAS +) and Kadir Has University Gender and Women's Studies Research Center, prepared a Guide for Safer Sex. This guide was prepared with the support of Turkish Family Health and Planning Foundation (TAPAV). The responsibility for the content of this publication belongs to KHAS+ and KHAS Gender and Women's Studies Research Center, it does not reflect the views of the Turkish Family Health and Planning Foundation. Please click here for the Safe Sexuality Guide.

- **Access to Emergency Contraception in Istanbul**

Access to EC in Turkey - specifically in Istanbul - is expensive and not always guaranteed. EC is widely available at pharmacies although price is an issue and accessibility is marginal at best at government supported Family Health Centers (Aile Sağlığı Merkezleri). Accessibility to EC is crucial for women's reproductive health and rights. The project aims to determine whether access to EC varies depending on the district within Istanbul, and between pharmacies and Family Health Centers.

- **Nursery / Daycare services provided by universities for academic and administrative staff**

This research includes 127 public universities and 73 private universities. It investigates whether the universities provide academic and administrative staff with access to nursery or day care support for their children. Employer supported access to childcare facilities is vital for work life balance for all employees, both women and men, as well as supporting women's return to work after childbirth.

- **Units on Gender Equality, Sexual Violence, Mobbing and Student Clubs at Universities**

This research investigated whether universities in Turkey (127 public universities and 73 private universities) have regulations, directives, units and/or student clubs regarding discrimination, gender equality and gender-based violence.

- **Research on individual, familial and social factors that protect subjective well-being during the pandemic of COVID-19 (TÜBİTAK)**

Research on individual, familial and social factors that protect subjective well-being during the pandemic of COVID-19, has been funded by TÜBİTAK. The project manager of this research is Member of the Executive Board of our Center, Assoc. Dr. Aslı Çarkoğlu. Also, Manager of the Center Prof. Dr. Mary Lou O'Neil is in the research project team. The primary aim of the study is to examine the impact on subjective well-being of adults in Turkey during the pandemic of COVID-19 in terms of health psychology, family and women's studies and to develop solutions at various levels (individual, family, policymaking).

Projects

- **GenderEX: Gender for Excellence in Research (H2020-Widespread Project)**

The Widespread (Twinning) titled "GenderEX: Gender for Excellence in Research" has been funded by the European Commission for three years from 2021-2023. The project will be coordinated by the KHAS Gender and Women's Studies Research Center. The project team consists of: Prof. Mary Lou O'Neil (coordinator) and Assoc. Professor Salih Bıçakçı

(researcher) and Asst. Prof. Şebnem Eşsiz (researcher). KHAS is partnering with Technical University of Dublin, University of Genoa, and Lund University for the project.

Directorate of Core Program Activities

One of the basic 5 modules of the "KHAS 105 Universal Values and Ethics" course, included within the compulsory courses of Fall semester in the KHAS Core Program, focuses on the topics of Gender and the Gender Equality. In this module, the subject is discussed thoroughly in both historical and current aspects by reviewing cases from Turkey and the world and thus it is intended to raise the awareness of the students significantly. Students taking this course in Fall 2019 were required to do research within the scope of this module and they have prepared discussion forums focusing on different issues related to gender inequality topic in Turkey.

Faculty of Communication Activities

Relevant Publications

- Selen, E. 2020. Publication. “‘The Public Immoralist’: Discourses of Queer Subjectification in Contemporary Turkey.” *International Journal of Communication* 14: 5518–5536 , <https://ijoc.org/index.php/ijoc/article/view/12033>
- Selen, E. (forthcoming in 2020). Publication. “Türkiye’de Performans Düşüncesi ve Sanatına Dair Minör Bir Etüt,” [The Art of Performance from Turkey: A Minor Etude], *Akış: Marina Abramovic[Flux: Marina Abramovic]*. To be published by Sakıp Sabancı Museum, Istanbul in Turkish and English.
- Selen, E. 2020. “*Bedenden Mekana: Performansın Konu ve Kavramları* [Body/Space: Issues and Concepts of Performance].” Keynote Speaker for Public Programme for Marina Abramović Exhibition. Sakıp Sabancı Museum, Istanbul, Turkey (December 2020).
- Selen, E. 2020. Panel Chair and Organizer: “Titreşimler: Teknoloji, Deneyim ve Performans” [Vibrations: Technology, Experience and Performance], Public Programme for Marina Abramović Exhibition. Sakıp Sabancı Museum, Istanbul, Turkey (December, 2020).
- Selen, E. 2020. Panel Chair. “Representation of Women on Stage in Performing Arts,” Stage at the Museum. “Adı Sanı, İsmi Cismi: Topyekûn Kadın” (“Totally Woman: By Name, Title and Person”) Sakıp Sabancı Museum, Istanbul, Turkey. August 7-15, 2020
- İnceoglu, İ. (2020) “Gender Representation on Turkish Television” in *The International Encyclopedia of Gender, Media, and Communication*, Karen Ross (Ed.). NY: Wiley. ISBN: 1119429102, 9781119429104

Conference

- Selen, E. 2020. Conference Presentation: “For Love's Sake, Beyond Visibility: Supporting LGBTI+ Rights in Turkey,” International Conference on Hate Speech and Discrimination. Hrant Dink Foundation. December 11-12, 2020.

Interview

- İnceoğlu, İ. (2019) “Medyada Kadın Temsilleri ve Ekranda Eril Şiddet” (Women's Representations in the Media and Masculine Violence on Screen) March 18, 2019. Orta Doğu Öğretim Elemanları Derneği (Middle East Teaching Staff Association). METU /Ankara.
- İnceoğlu, İ. (2019) Kamera Önü/Arkası Kadınlık ve Erkeklik Halleri (Women and Masculinity Through Both The Front / Back of the Camera). May 22, 2019. İFSAK (İstanbul Photography and Cinema Amateurs Association) Talks. İstanbul.

Faculty of Economics, Administrative and Social Sciences Activities

Courses

- PS 353 Gender and Politics is lectured. This course aims to show students how the issue of gender shapes politics. The course provides an analysis on the key concepts related to politics and gender. For example, the effect of gender on citizenship or voting behavior is examined. Issues such as the importance of the gender for our political representatives and balance of political institutions in terms of gender are discussed. In addition, topics such as women's rights and human rights, the international development of gender and the role of gender in armed work are also covered.

55 students were enrolled in this course in the Fall semester of the 2019-2020 academic year and 83 students in the Fall semester of the 2020-2021 academic year.

- PS 356 Women and Gender Studies course is lectured. The aim of this course is to introduce students to the concept of "gender" and to enable them to analyze gender. This course aims to enable students to systematically study women and gender. Within the scope of the course, the concept of gender and its effect on the daily life of men and women are discussed. In addition, broader topics such as media, law, sex and politics are also examined from this perspective.

22 students were enrolled in this course in the spring semester of the 2019-2020 academic year.

- PS 343 Social Change and Development course is lectured. This course aims to enable students of political science and public administration to make connections between the economic and political economic dimensions of development. It is aimed for students to see the reflection of the international view of politics and development at the local level. In this way, students will be able to establish a link between global and local politics. The Social

Change and Development course, which will convey the basic concepts and debates on social change, examines the relationship between modernization and development. Various dimensions of development are covered through case studies on Latin America, the Middle East and South and East Asia.

20 students were enrolled in this course in the Fall semester of the **2019-2020** academic year and **16** students in the Fall semester of the **2020-2021** academic year.