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Activities

- **February 18**

The content of the conference, which will be held under the title of "Family Conference in the Age of Globalization", was evaluated with a second workshop held on February 18, 2021. In this workshop, the conference draft program was discussed.

- **March 1**

In cooperation with the Association for Sustainable Education, Development and Excellence (SEGM), "The Effects of Pandemic on Female and Male Employees" research was conducted. This research aimed to determine the needs and expectations of the employees by exposing the psychological, social, and economic effects of the changing conditions and dynamics due to the COVID-19 pandemic, through the subjective experiences of male and female employees working in various positions in aviation, textile, and banking professions.

- **March 8**

In cooperation with the Sustainable Education Development and Excellence Association (SEGM), "Beyond Symbols: March 8, International Women's Day" panel was held on March 8, 2021, as part of the International Women's Day. In this related panel the keynotes were Prof. Gulriz Uygur, Prof. Serpil Sancar, Prof. Yıldız Ecevit and Ebru Özberk Anlı from the ILO (International Labor Organization).

- **March 17**

Upon the invitation of CEID, a meeting which allowed us to discuss cooperation/collaboration opportunities was held. In accordance with our cooperation, we became part of CEID's large-scale project '*Enhancement of Participatory Democracy in Turkey: Monitoring Gender Equality*', funded by the European Union. This project aims to serve the institutionalization of an independent, scientific, and mainstreamed rights-based monitoring

strategy in Turkey by developing gender-sensitive indicators and evaluating them on a regular basis.

- **August 19-20**

As MUKCAM and UNESCO Chair on Gender Equality and Culture, we took part in W36 Global Summit of Gender-Related UNESCO Chairs organized by UNESCO Chair in Gender Equality & Women's Empowerment, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, where all gender-related UNESCO Chairs came together and contributed to the most recent innovations, trends and discussed concerns, and solutions adopted to address practical challenges and improve women's resilience. During the first day of the Summit, Center President and Chair Director Prof. Hülya Şimşak made a presentation.

- **October 13**

In the meeting held with the UNESCO Chair on Women, Peace and Security Director Asst. Prof. Fotini Bello from University of Macedonia possible cooperation opportunities as MUKCAM and UNESCO Gender Equality and Culture Chair were discussed and carrying out a project, preferably a European Union project, was decided.

- **October 22-23**

With the support and grant provided by Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Foundation Turkey, a two-day Family in the Age of Globalization Conference was held in which the change and the transformation of the family institution in the era of globalization was pursued from an interdisciplinary perspective. The conference was broadcast live on Youtube and was watched by a total of more than 850 people.