



UNESCO Chair on
Gender Equality and Culture
Maltepe University, Turkey

unesco

Chair

2022

Annual Activity Report

Activities

- **March 3-5**

As MUKCAM and UNESCO Chair on Gender Equality and Culture, we have participated in the “International Conference on Advancing Women's Empowerment through Systems Model Expansion” (AWESOME)” with a paper titled " “Looking at Child, Early and Forced Marriages from a Systems Thinking Perspective: An Evaluation on Turkey”, organized by AMMACHI Labs and UNESCO Chair in Women’s Empowerment & Gender Equality. Subsequently, we began preparing an article onto the very presented topic for the book which will be published by Springer Publishing.

- **April 22**

MUKCAM President and UNESCO Chair on Gender Equality and Culture Director Prof. Hülya Şimga, in cooperation with Maltepe University Application and Research Center for Children Living and Working on the Streets (SOYAÇ) and Istanbul Marmara Education Foundation (İMEV), gave a talk titled “Women Issue and Gender Equality.”

- **July 6-9**

As MUKCAM and UNESCO Chair on Gender Equality and Culture, an abstract with the title of ‘Women Refugees and Women Peace and Security Agenda: The Case of Syrian Women Refugees in Turkey’ has been sent to ‘Visions and Impediments in the promotion of Women, Peace and Security Agenda in Southeastern Europe and East Mediterranean’ conference and is confirmed.

- **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with UNESCO Chair in Gender Equality & Women's Empowerment, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham University**

After the visit of Dr. Meltem Alkoyak-Yıldız from Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham University UNESCO Chair for Gender Equality & Women's Empowerment and lecturer at AMAACHI Labs, a protocol (Memorandum of Understanding) was prepared between Maltepe University Women and Family Studies Application and Research Center and Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham University. Within the terms of the agreement based on MoU,

joint seminars, workshops, and lectures are being planned, starting with Spring 2022 term.

- **Preparing Gender Equality Plan (GEP)**

With the changes in the legal legislation of the European Union, having a Gender Equality Plan (GEP) has become an eligibility criterion for applying to Horizon Europe 2021-2027 funds as of 2022. GEP concerns individual organizations applying to any part of Horizon Europe if they belong to the legal entities established in EU Member States or Associated countries. Therefore, for Higher Education Institutions to apply any type of grant opportunities, they are obliged to have a GEP or a strategic plan equivalent to GEP. Depending on this legislative change, MUKCAM and UNESCO Chair on Gender Equality and Culture have volunteered to prepare a GEP suitable for Maltepe University. As the first phase of GEP, a set of gender aggravated indicators have been prepared and will be distributed to the institution for collecting data on May 2022.