

## EDUCATION IN TÜRKİYE : ACTORS AND PRACTICES

International conference

9-10 October 2025 - University of Galatasaray

Thursday 9 October

### 9.00-12.30 - Turkish education system's integration into global capitalism Chair -

\* Dr. Fabio Salomoni (Lecturer, Koç University)

***The structure of the Turkish educational system: centralization, examinations, and hierarchy. Local cultural factors and global trends***

\* Dr. Çetin Çelik (Associate Professor of Sociology, Koç University)

***Temporally Displaced and Dispossessed: The Failure of Vocational Students under Global Capitalism and Neoliberal Meritocracy***

\* Dr. Zeynep Savaşçın (Associate Professor of Philosophy, Galatasaray University) & Seçil Doğuç (Lecturer, Department of Sociology, Galatasaray University)

***The Working Student at the Crossroads of Rights and Market: Precarity, Contradictions, and the Restructuring of Higher Education***

\* Dr. Nazlı Somel (Assistant Professor, Department of Education Science, Boğaziçi University) & Dr. Bengü Börkan (Associate Professor, Department of Education Science, Boğaziçi University)

***The Global in the Maarif Education Model: Intersecting Networks, Values, and Competencies***

\* Dr. Gülşah Şenkol (Lecturer, Koç University)

***Advancing Gender Studies: Strategies for Sustainable Impact in Higher Education in Türkiye***

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### 14.00-17.30 - Inequalities Chair -

\* Dr. Fetiye Erbil (Lecturer, School of Foreign Languages, Boğaziçi University)

***Early Childhood Education in Türkiye: A Case for Systemic Reform***

\* Kaan Şenel (PhD candidate, Department of Educational Policy Studies, University of Wisconsin–Madison)

***After the Quake, Before the Exam: Children's Experiences of High-Stakes Testing in Hatay***

\* Dr. Zehra Şamlıoğlu Berk (independent researcher)

***Beyond the Classroom: Parental Preferences for Private Schools and the Deepening of Educational Inequalities in Istanbul***

\* Bora Bayrak (PhD candidate, department of Sociology, Université d'Orléans, ÉRCAÉ)

***The Segregative Massification of Higher Education in Türkiye***

**Friday 10 October**

**9.30-12.30 - Education and dynamics of ideological/political power**

**Chair - Nazlı Ökten (department of Sociology, Galatasaray)**

\* Dr. Ayça Akarçay (Associate Professor of Economy, Galatasaray University / GİAM) & Dr. Sezgin Polat (Professor of Economy, Galatasaray University / GİAM)

***Education Expansion, Conservatism, and Values in Türkiye***

\* Dr. Zühre Emanet (Lecturer, department of Political Science and International Relations, Istanbul 29 Mayıs University)

***The “protocol system”: ‘Novel’ policy approaches in compulsory education***

\* Dr. Elif Can (CMW – IFEA)

***Political Socialization of Youth: Learning Ottoman History and politics in School***

\* Dr. Ayşe Yılmaz (Sociology, Bahçeşehir University)

***Children’s Agency in Türkiye’s Educational Landscape: Confronting the Illusion of- participation***

\* Dr. Elif Can (CMW - IFEA), Dr. Sümbül Kaya (Associate professor, Université de Lyon, ENTPE, UMR EVS), Dr. Cem Özatalay (Associate Professor of Sociology, GSU)

***Reconfigurations of the Academic Field and Investment in Alternative Spaces in Post-2016 Türkiye***

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**14.00-16.30 - Education & state's position within a changing international order**

**Chair - Gabrielle Angey (Researcher, IFEA)**

\* Muhammet Topal (PhD Candidate, Graduate Teaching Associate School of Middle Eastern and North African Studies, The University of Arizona)

***Finding a Place in the World: The Formation of Political Subjects through History Education (1839-Present)***

\* Dr. Deniz T. Kilincoglu (Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient -ZMO-, Berlin)

***Rewriting the Nation: Civilizationism, Education, and Identity (Re)Construction in Türkiye’s Maarif Model***

\* Dr. Claire Visier (Associate professor of Political Sociology, Université de Rennes/Arènes)

***Foreign-language education and foreign educational models in Türkiye***