### **CURRICULUM VITAE**

#### **Personal information**

• Family name Acar

First names Ayşe Feride

Nationality Turkish

• Sex Male  $\square$  Female  $\boxtimes$ 

## Relevant qualifications summary

Prof. Feride Acar has been a faculty member in the Department of Political Science and Public Administration of Middle East Technical University (METU) in Ankara, Turkey for almost forty years. She has also taught in METU's Gender and Women's Studies Graduate Program, of which she is the Founding Chairperson.

Prof. Acar has been active in the international women's human rights and gender equality arena, either as an independent expert or representing Turkey in global and regional events. She has taken part in the negotiations, drafting and/or monitoring the implementation of several fundamental international instruments on women's rights and gender equality (CEDAW, Beijing Platform for Action, CEDAW Optional Protocol, Istanbul Convention). She has organized and carried out 'trainings' on women's rights and gender equality in many countries.

She is a former Chairperson and current member of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW).

She has participated as researcher or coordinator in several nationally and internationally sponsored cross-cultural research and implementation projects, given numerous lectures, and published works on international standards of women's rights and gender equality, including on the links between CEDAW and the Istanbul Convention.

## **Current professional activity**

1. UN Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)

• Start date 2010

Name and address of employer High Commissioner for Human Rights, Geneva

Sector of activity International Organization

• Occupation or position held Member of the CEDAW Committee

(Independent Expert)

Main activities and responsibilities Reviewing state reports; writing Concluding

Observations; drafting General Recommendations; considering Individual Communications and Inquiry

requests under the Optional Protocol

2. EC 7thFramework Project: Effective Gender Equality in Academia and Research (EGERA)

• Start date 2014

• Name and address of employer EC

• Sector of activity Research- Implementation

• Occupation or position held Project Director for the Turkish team

## Relevant previous professional activities

1. Department of Political Science and Public Administration, Middle East Technical University (METU), Ankara, Turkey

• Dates 1976 - January 2015 (Retired: 14.1.2015)

• Name and address of employer METU Dumlupinar Bulvari No 1 Ankara

Sector of activity
 Higher Education

• Occupation or position held Professor, Head of Department (2001-2007)

• Main activities and responsibilities Teaching, research, academic administration

2. Gender and Women Studies Graduate Program, Middle East Technical University (METU), Ankara, Turkey

• Dates 1994- January 2015

• Name and address of employer METU Dumlupinar Bulvari No 1 Ankara

• Sector of activity Higher education

• Occupation or position held Professor, Founding Chairperson (1994-2003)

• Main activities and responsibilities Teaching, research, administration

3. Ad Hoc Committee on Preventing and Combating Violence Against Women and Domestic Violence (CAHVIO), Council of Europe, Strasbourg, France

• Dates 2009-2010

• Name and address of employer Council of Europe, Strasbourg, France

• Sector of activity International Organization

Occupation or position held
 Turkish Representative to CAHVIO

• Main activities and responsibilities Participating in the negotiations and drafting of the Istanbul Convention

# 4. Task Force to Combat Violence against Women, including Domestic Violence, Council of Europe

• Dates 2006-2008

• Name and address of employer Council of Europe, Strasbourg, France

Sector of activity International Organization

Occupation or position held
 Expert Member

 Main activities and responsibilities Evaluating the outcomes of the CE Campaign on Violence Against Women and Domestic Violence; contributing to the report of the Task Force

# 5. UN Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)

• Start date 1997-2005

• Name and address of employer UN Headquarters, New York

Sector of activity International Organization

• Occupation or position held Chairperson 2003-2005; Vice-Chairperson 2001-2003;

Rapporteur 1999-2001; Member 1997-2005

• Main activities and responsibilities Chairing CEDAW Committee meetings and the

Bureau; reviewing state reports; writing Concluding Observations; drafting General Recommendations; considering Individual Communications and Inquiry

requests under the Optional Protocol

## 6. UN CSW Working Group on the Optional Protocol to CEDAW

• Start date 1998-2000

• Name and address of employer UN Headquarters, New York

• Sector of activity International Organization

• Occupation or position held Representative of the Turkish Government

• Main activities and responsibilities Participation in the negotiations and drafting of the Optional Protocol to CEDAW

### 7. Fourth UN World Conference on Women, Beijing

• Start date 1995

Name and address of employer UN

Sector of activity International Organization

• Occupation or position held Member of the Turkish Delegation

• Main activities and responsibilities Participation in the negotiations and drafting of the

Beijing Platform for Action

## Relevant additional responsibilities

### 1. Civic Training for the Conscripts (Mehmetçik)

• Dates 2012-2013

• Name and address of organisation/body UNDP and Turkish General Staff

Sector of activity
 Training

Position held
 Member of Scientific Committee; Expert

responsible for `human rights of women`

Main activities and responsibilities
 Producing the main Training Manual; training

the trainers

## 2. Joint Programme of Fostering an Enabling Environment for Gender Equality in Turkey

• Dates 2012-2013

• Name and address of organisation/body UNDP and Turkish Parliament

• Sector of activity Research, implementation

Position held
 Senior Expert and Member of Scientific

Committee

• Main activities and responsibilities Research and Capacity Building

## 3. Quality in Gender and Equality Policies (QUING)

• Dates 2006- 2011

Name and address of organisation/body EC

• Sector of activity Research

• Position held Project Director for the Turkish Team

• Main activities and responsibilities Coordination; research; outreach

activities

# 4. Supporting Turkey's Efforts to Combat Human Trafficking and Promote Access to Justice for All Trafficked Persons

• Dates 2008-2009

• Name and address of organisation/body International Organization for Migration (IOM)

and Turkish Ministry of Interior

Sector of activity
 Research

Position held
 Senior Researcher

Main activities and responsibilities
 Research; drafting of the report

## 5. Human Rights Training of the Inspectors of the Turkish Ministry of Interior

• Dates 2007-2009

• Name and address of organisation/body Danish Government and Turkish Ministry of

Interior

Sector of activity
 Research, training

Position held
 Coordinator and Senior Researcher for

gender

Main activities and responsibilities
 Project coordination; research supervision; producing report and manual;

training of trainers

6. UN Advisory Panel on Gender Mainstreaming at the UNDP

• Dates 2004-2005

• Name and address of organisation/body UNDP, New York

• Sector of activity International Organisation

Position held
 Member

the UNDP

## **Education/training**

1. Phd

• Date 1976

• Title of qualification awarded Ph.D.

Principal subjects/occupational skills covered
 Political Sociology

• Name and type of organization Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, Pa.,

USA

2. MA

• Date 1973

• Title of qualification awarded MA

Principal subjects/occupational skills covered
 Sociology

• Name and type of organization Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, Pa.,

USA

#### 3. BS

• Dates 1970

• Title of qualification awarded BS

Principal subjects/occupational skills covered
 Sociology

Name and type of organization
 Middle East Technical University
 (METU), Ankara, Turkey

### **Publications**

- Acar, F. & Popa, R. (forthcoming) "Gender Equality Norms in Regional Treaty Making: The Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (Istanbul Convention)", Journal Européen des Droits de L'Homme/ European Journal of Human Rights (submitted for review).
- Acar, F. (2014) "CEDAW'dan İstanbul Sözleşmesi'ne: Kadınların İnsan Hakları ve Kadınlara Karşı Şiddete İlişkin Uluslararası Standartların Evrimi," (From CEDAW to the Istanbul Convention: International Standards on Women's Human Rights and Violence against Women) Kadına Yönelik Şiddet ve Ev İçi Şiddet, (violence Against Women and Domestic Violence) F. Kaya, N. Özdemir, G. Uygur (eds.), Savaş Yayınevi, Ankara.
- Acar, F., Altunok G. (2013) "The 'Politics of Intimate' at the Intersection of Neo-Liberalism and Neo-Conservatism in Contemporary Turkey," Women's Studies International Form, vol. 41 (1) pp. 14-23.
- Acar, F., Arıner H.O., (2012) "Women's Human Rights and Gender Equality," **Human Rights Handbook,** Turkish Ministry of interior, Ankara.
- Acar, F., Altunok G., (2012) "Understanding Gender Equality Demands in Turkey:
  Foundations and Boundaries of Women's Movements in Gender and Society," Gender
  and Society in Turkey: The Impact of Neoliberal Policies, Political Islam and EU Accession, S.
  Dedeoğlu and A.Y. Elveren (eds.), IB Tauris, London
- Acar, F., Ertürk Y., (2011) "Kadınların İnsan Hakları: Uluslararası Standartlar, Kazanımlar, Sorunlar" (Women's Human Rights: International Standards, Advances, Problems), Birkaç Arpa Boyu: 21. Yüzyıla Girerken Türkiye'de Feminist Çalışmalar (Feminist Studies in Turkey in the 21 Century), S. Sancar (ed.), Koç Universitesi Yayınları, İstanbul.

- Acar, F., (2010) "Kadınların İnsan Haklarında Ulusalüstü Standartlar ve Denetim:
   CEDAW Örneği Bağlamında Bazı Gözlemler" (Supranational Standards and Monitoring
   in Women's Human Rights: Some Observations in the Context of CEDAW), Türkiye'de
   Toplumsal Cinsiyet Çalışmaları (Gender Studies in Turkey), H. Durudoğan, F. Gökşen, B.
   E. Oder and D. Yükseker (eds.), Koç Üniversitesi Yayınları, İstanbul, 197-206
- Acar, F., (2010) "Türkiye'de Kadınların İnsan Hakları: Uluslararası Standartlar, Hukuk ve Sivil Toplum" (Women's Human Rights in Turkey: International Standards, Law and Civil Society), Kadın Hakları: Uluslararası Hukuk ve Uygulama (Women's Rights: International Law and Implementation), G. Ayata, S. Eryılmaz Dilek and B. E. Oder (eds.) Istanbul Bilgi Üniversitesi Yayınları, İstanbul, 13-22
- Acar, F., (2007) "Thoughts on the Committee's Past, Hopes for Its Future", The Circle of Empowerment, 25 Years of UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women, H. B., Schöpp-Schilling and C. Flinterman (eds.), The Feminist Press, New York, 340-345.
- Acar, F., (2005) "Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women", **The Essentials of Human Rights**, R.K.M. Smith and C. van den Anker (eds.), Hodder Arnold, London; New York, 58-61.

### Computer skills

- Software packages MS Word, MS Power Point, e-mail programs (MS Outlook, etc)
- Other IT skills and competences

Language skills					
Mother tongue	Turkish				
	Understanding		Speaking		Writing
Language	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	Writing skills
English	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
French	B1	B1	B1	B1	A2