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Personal information

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• First names	Ayşe Feride
 Nationality 	Turkish
• Sex	Male 🗆 Female 🖂

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 Dumlupınar Bulvarı No 1 Ankara
Sector of activity	Higher Education
 Occupation or position held 	Professor, Head of Department (2001-2007)
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• 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 Dumlupınar Bulvarı No 1 Ankara
• Sector of activity	Higher education
 Occupation or position held 	Professor, Founding Chairperson (1994-2003)
Main activities and responsibilities	es 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 responsibilitie 	esParticipating in the negotiations and drafting of the Istanbul Convention
4. Task Force to Combat Violence against Women, including Domestic Violence, Council of Europe	
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	e against Women, including Domestic Violence, Council of 2006-2008
Europe	
Europe • Dates	2006-2008
Europe • Dates • Name and address of employer	2006-2008 Council of Europe, Strasbourg, France

• 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 responsibilitie	es 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		
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• Start date	1995	
 Start date Name and address of employer 	1995 UN	

Aain 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 Policie	s (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 activities 	Coordination; research; outreach
4. Supporting Turkey's Efforts to Comba for All Trafficked Persons	t Human Trafficking and Promote Access to Justice
• Dates	2008-2009
 Dates Name and address of organisation/body 	
	International Organization for Migration (IOM)
• Name and address of organisation/body	International Organization for Migration (IOM) and Turkish Ministry of Interior
 Name and address of organisation/body Sector of activity 	International Organization for Migration (IOM) and Turkish Ministry of Interior Research
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• 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
 Main activities and responsibilities the UNDP 	Evaluation of Gender Mainstreaming at

Education/training

1. Phd

• Date	1976		
 Title of qualification awarded 	Ph.D.		
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	Political Sociology		
• Name and type of organization USA	Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, Pa.,		
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		

3. BS

• Dates	1970	
 Title of qualification awarded 	BS	
 Principal subjects/occupational skills covered 	Sociology	
 Name and type of organization 	Middle East Technical Universi (METU), Ankara, Turkey	ty

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).
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- 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.

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- 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)

Language skills							
Mother tongue	Turkish						
	Understanding Speak			king	Writing		
Language	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	Writing skills		
Language English	Listening C2	Reading C2			-		

• Other IT skills and competences