

GENDER AND WOMEN'S STUDIES RESEARCH CENTER

Activity Report 2015-2016

Kadir Has University



About the center

The **Kadir Has University Gender and Women's Studies Research Center** was founded in 2012 with a commitment to create a dialogue around issues of gender and equality. Ours is an explicitly feminist organization with an understanding that gender is not limited to male and female prototypes, but also includes lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender individuals. More than anything, we try to ensure that all of our work is rooted in the pursuit of equality and dignity for all individuals.

In an effort to create dialogue around issues related to gender, the **KHAS Gender and Women's Studies Center** will sponsor conferences, seminars, and panels as well as develop resources for use in research and classroom teaching. We also aim to foster cooperation and exchange between already established centers, both in Turkey and abroad, which are engaged with topics pertaining to gender. Lastly, we strive to ensure that our own institution is itself an exemplar of gender equity in all regards. In this vein, we support academic staff in the development of academic programs related to gender and women's studies as well as work undertaken with the administration to develop and implement the best institutional practices related to gender equity

As an organization, the **KHAS Gender and Women's Studies Research Center** is a collaboration of individuals from the University as well as the local community. Our intention is to run the Center in a democratic, collaborative, non-hierarchical manner to create the broadest space possible for a diversity of voices and approaches to the study of women and gender.

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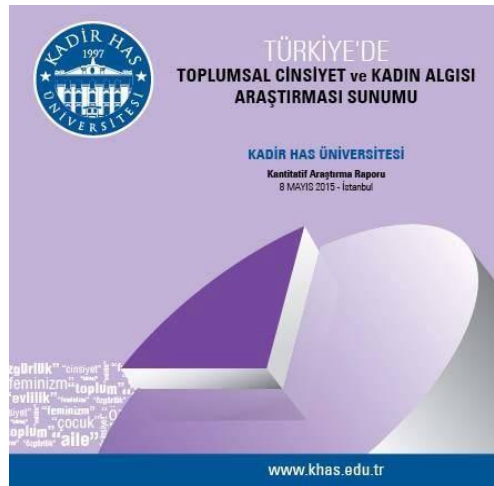
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1. Projects

Public opinion project on the perception of gender and women in Turkey (2016)

The public opinion project on the perception of gender and women in Turkey aims to create a database for comparison on gender studies and a basis for researchers. As such it is an annual survey on hot topics related to gender and women issues in Turkey. The recent survey includes seven different parts: women, family and society; women in working life; equal opportunities in business; social roles and working relationships; approach on women and LGBTI rights; women in the media; women and politics.



The Availability of Abortion at State Hospitals in Turkey

Abortion in Turkey has been legal since 1983 and remains so today. Today, abortion is legal upon request through ten weeks of pregnancy and twenty weeks if the pregnancy is the result of a crime. The study aimed to determine the number of state hospitals in Turkey that provide abortions. The results have been published in our website as a report in both [Turkish](#) and [English](#).

Speak-out LGBTI+ Stories

The LGBTI+ community in Turkey is hidden, discriminated and refused from the public sphere leading to a widespread ignorance and prejudices (WVS Database). Research indicates that 50% of university students and graduates living in Ankara and Istanbul show high level of homophobia and that high levels of homophobia are related to low levels of knowledge of LGBTI+ individuals (Şah 2012). Therefore the Kadir Has Gender and Women's Studies Research Center decided to apply to the Dutch Consulate Human Rights Funds to develop the project "Speak-Out LGBTI+ Stories".



Kingdom of the Netherlands

The project aimed to create an interactive web platform as a tool for providing a forum for LGBTI+ individuals to define themselves and share their experience of being an LGBTI+ person in Turkey. The project provides an opportunity for LGBTI+ to express and identify themselves. It also provides the audience with first-hand knowledge. The stories are accessible through the web platform: <http://www.sesiniduyurlgbti.org/> where video, audio files and written stories can be seen, read, heard, and also uploaded.

1.1. On-going projects

Mapping Sexual Harassment in Turkish Universities Toolkit



Making sexual violence and harassment a more visible subject of discussion in society is an important part of fighting against it. This is a joint project with Boğaziçi University Women Studies Club (BÜKAK) and the Association for Struggle Against Sexual violence (CSMD). We will put together different ways of approaching this issue in order to find and systematize the best techniques and practices.

Our part in the project aims to create a Toolkit on Preventing and Acting against Gender- based and Sexual Harassment in Turkish Universities in order to create a campus community free of abuse, harassment, and other forms of sexual and intimate partner violence, in which students and the whole universities community enjoy equitable, nonviolent relationships. The Toolkit will consist of a report and a guide. The report aims to map the state of sexual harassment at universities in Turkey using the networks of Sexual Harassment and Violence and Center directors. In addition to the report, the guide will aim to prevent and protect against sexual and gender-based harassment.

Systemic Action for Gender Equality (SAGE)

SAGE is a three year H2020 project with the objective of documenting, assessing, and addressing barriers to equal participation of women and men in research and decision making through the design and implementation of Gender Equality Plans for higher education institutions. The project coordinator is Trinity College Dublin and the other participants are: University of Brescia; University Institute of Lisbon; Sciences Po Bordeaux; International University of Sarajevo; and Queen's University Belfast. The KHAS team includes: Director of Gender and Women's Studies Center, Assoc.Prof.Dr. Mary Lou O'Neil (KHAS Coordinator); Assist. Prof.Dr. Olgun Akbulut from Law Faculty; and Rosa Maria Quirant Quiles from the Center.



2. Events

Thinking with Duygu Asena

In an effort to create dialogue around issues related to gender, the KHAS Gender and Women's Studies Center and the KHAS Faculty of Communication sponsored the event called "Thinking with Duygu Asena" which celebrated Duygu Asena's birthday on April 19th.

Duygu Asena was a Turkish journalist, best-selling author and activist for women's rights. From the 1980s onwards, Duygu Asena became a leader of movement for women's rights and status in Turkey with her publications in the media. She wrote about marriage, inequality and violence against women among other issues.

Duygu Asena ile Düşünmek
(1946 - 2006)

19 Nisan 2016
9:30 - 19:30

Kadir Has Üniversitesi
Cibali Kampüsü

Program

19 Nisan 2016
Kadir Has Üniversitesi, Cibali Kampüsü, Fener Salonu
Canlı Yayın Bağlantısı: <https://www.youtube.com/user/khashaber/live>

9.00 - 9.30 Kayıt
9.30 - 10.00 Açılış konuşmaları ve Film Gösterimi
Kadının Adı: Duygu, 2016. Yön. Nebil Özgentürk, 14 dak.

10.00 - 10.45
Ana konuşmacı: Prof.Dr. Fatmaçülli Berktaş

Paneller

11.00 - 12.30 Panel I: "Astında Özgürsün": Kadın, Hukuk ve Siyaset
Moderatör: Reyde Ergün
Şahika Yüksel, D. Meriç Eyüboğlu, Filiz Keçali

12.30 - 13.30 Yemek Arası

13.30 - 15.00 Panel II: "Kahramanlar Hep Erkek": Gazetecilik ve Kadın
Moderatör: Sevdâ Alankuş
Zeynep Oral, Yazgülu Akdoğan, Derya Sazak, Nazım Alıyman

15.00 - 15.30 Ara

15.30 - 17.00 Panel III: "Aymada Aşk Vardı": Kadın ve Eşeden
Moderatör: Eser Selen
Saffet Murat Tura, Mişge İplikçi, Esin Paça Cengiz
Performans: Derya Alabora, Eser Selen

17.30 - 18.30
Dinleti: Vedat Sakman

Film Gösterimleri

19 Nisan Sinema 9 Salonu, 19 Nisan Galata Salonu | 10.30 - 19.00

Kadının Adı 70k, 1987. Yön. Atıl Yılmaz, 90 dk.
Dyn. Hale Sıyğazi, Aytaç Arman, Sevil Akatığa, Tanık Tarcan, Şahika Tekand

Umut Yarnalı Kaldı, 1988. Yön. Yavuz Özkan, 93 dk.
Dyn. Lale Mansur, Duygu Asena, Yavuz Özkan, Ayçan Çetin, Mustafa Güçünen

Yarın Cumartesi, 1988. Yön. Bilge Dilgac, 99 dk.
Dyn. Duygu Asena, Büleent Bilgiç, Erdal Özyeğinciler, Güzin Özipek, Hüseyin Kütman

#duyguasenailedusunmek

A Woman's Career Empowerment has never been done

This event provided an opportunity for some of the successful Kadir Has University women students to meet with business women and discuss career related empowerment issues.

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Öğle Yemekli Yuvarlak Masa Paneline Davetlisiniz

***Bir kadının kariyer yolculuğu
asla bitmeyen bir serüvendir***

18th Mart Cuma 2016 -
13.00-15.00

Üçüncü Kat "Senate Room", Kadir Has Üniversitesi, Cibali Kampüsü, İstanbul

LCV: Merve Bulut: mbulut@apcoworldwide.com, 0212 362 42 00

Öğle yemeği alanı sınırlı olduğu için en kısa sürede katılım bildirmeniz önemle rica olunur.

3. Awareness Raising Activities

25th November. International Day for the Elimination of violence against women.

In honor of the International Day for the Elimination of violence against women the Gender and Women’s Studies Research Center’s team distributed white ribbons on the Kadir Has University Campus in order to raise awareness forward the elimination of violence against women.



Same day a workshop on fighting sexual harassment was organized in collaboration with Hollaback Istanbul. The workshop provided the students with information about the Turkish legal system on sexual abuse and harassment as well as the psychological effects of it.

8th March. International Women's Day

The Kadir Has University Gender and Women's Studies Research Center organized a party on 8th of March to gather women working at Kadir Has (faculty members and administrative staff) to commemorate the International Women's Day.

In addition, on 8th of March the center hosted a small campaign where people could donate items such as feminine hygiene pads, panty liners, moist towelettes, etc. in order to create menstrual kits for Syrian Refugee women in Turkey. 100 kits were created and distributed among women in collaboration with the NGO Small Projects Istanbul.

8march
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

SUPPORTING THE DIGNITY OF SYRIAN WOMEN

Did you know that menstrual items are often forgotten during humanitarian crisis settings?

This 8th of March, the **Gender and Women's Studies Research Center**, in collaboration with the NGO, **Small Projects Istanbul**, is hosting a menstrual dignity kit campaign for Syrian refugee women living in this city.

Please donate items such as pads, panty liners, wet towels and etc.

DROP OFF ITEMS @ THE GENDER CENTER

TUESDAY, MARCH 8TH
BLOCK B, ROOM 320
FROM 11:00 TO 17:00

DIGNITY KITS

SMALL PROJECTS ISTANBUL

Gender and Women's Studies Research Center
Kadir Has University



5. Courses

Human Sexuality (PSY 339)

The definition and description of human sexual behavior, its contents and development are studied in this course. Sexuality in human species, reproductive behavior and sexuality, gender roles and sexuality, sexual orientations are some of the topics that will be covered in this course.

Gender and Politics (PSY 353)

This course provided an overview to some key topics regarding politics and gender. The topics were examined as an impact of gender on citizenship, voting behavior and whether political representatives matters are gender balanced. The course gave information about women's rights, human rights, the importance of gender in international development and the role of gender in armed conflict. Women's equality as well as the role of masculinity and men's movements were discussed in the course.

Women and Gender Studies (PSY 356)

The Women and Gender Studies course introduced students to a systematic study of gender and women. It was examined the concept of gender and how it impacts the everyday lives of men and women. The explored topics were grouped under the broad headings of media, law, sexuality and politics.

Close relationships and families (PSY 321)

The course introduced students to the scientific study and understanding of family life, while opportunities were provided to examine attitudes and values regarding relationships and families. The class was designed to incorporate various learning styles including lectures, films, small group exercises and class discussions to facilitate the student's active participation in learning. The class provided the students with necessary information for understanding issues regarding dating, marriage and family life.

Gender and Media (CF 311)

The course provided the students with a range of theoretical debates about gender and representation in media studies, while examining the representation of gender. A selection of media, texts, including news, television shows, advertising, magazines, movies, photographs and the internet is analyzed. The course enabled students to understand the role of media in constructing and presenting gender stereotypes within a political, economic, social and cultural context.

Space and Gender (DES 520)

It is well known that ideas about gender increase our knowledge of the world and everyday life. Gender contributes to our understanding of human behavior, cultural expression and intellectual inquiry. The course provided the students with a comprehensive introduction to issues of gender as they are related to the understanding of space, in order to explore the dialectical relationship between social constructions of gender and the production and use of spaces, together with the relationship between gender ideologies and conceptualizations of space.

6. Gender @ KHAS

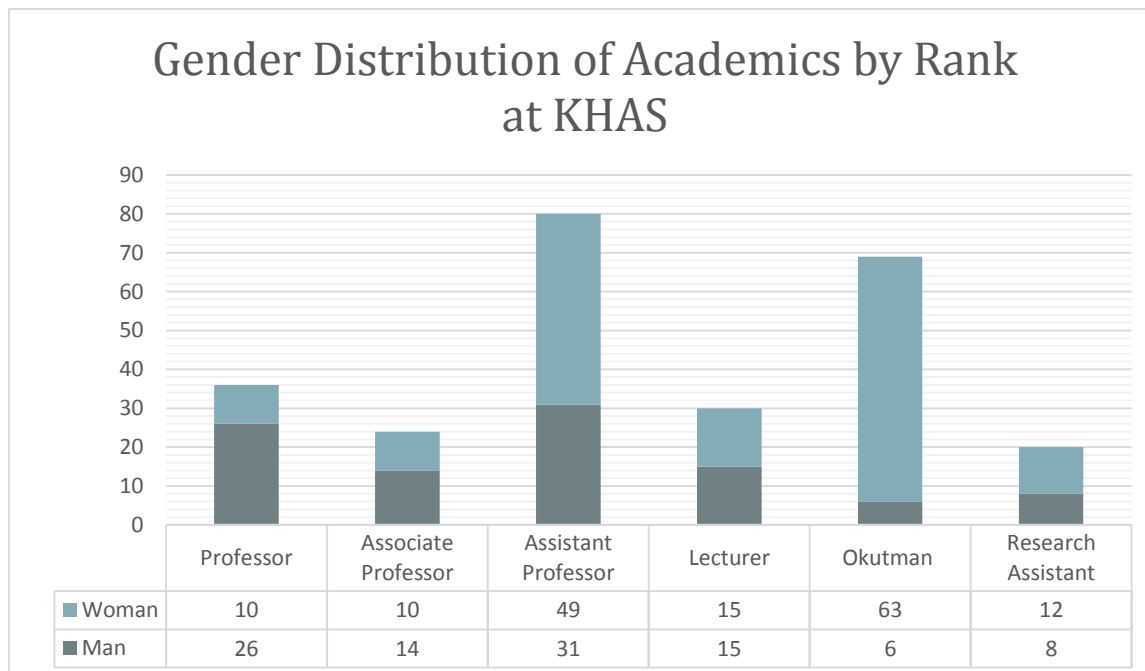
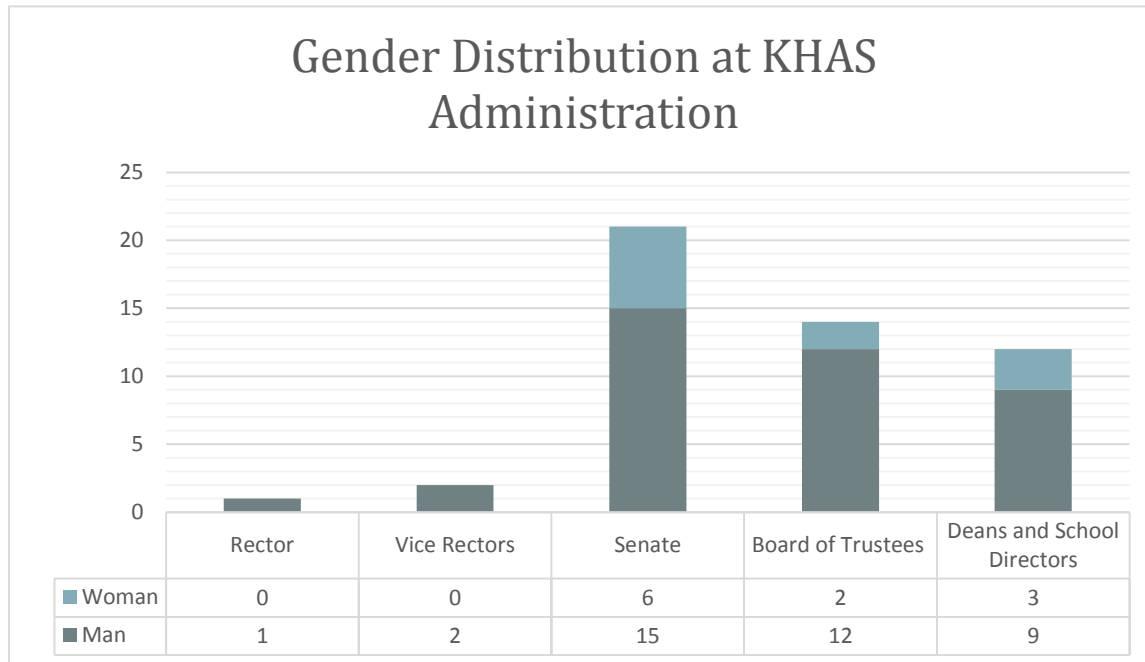
Family-friendly practices

The Kadir Has Gender and Women's Studies Research Center strives to ensure that our own institution is itself an example of gender equality in all regards. In this vein, the center with all stakeholders at the University to develop and implement the best institutional practices related to gender equality.

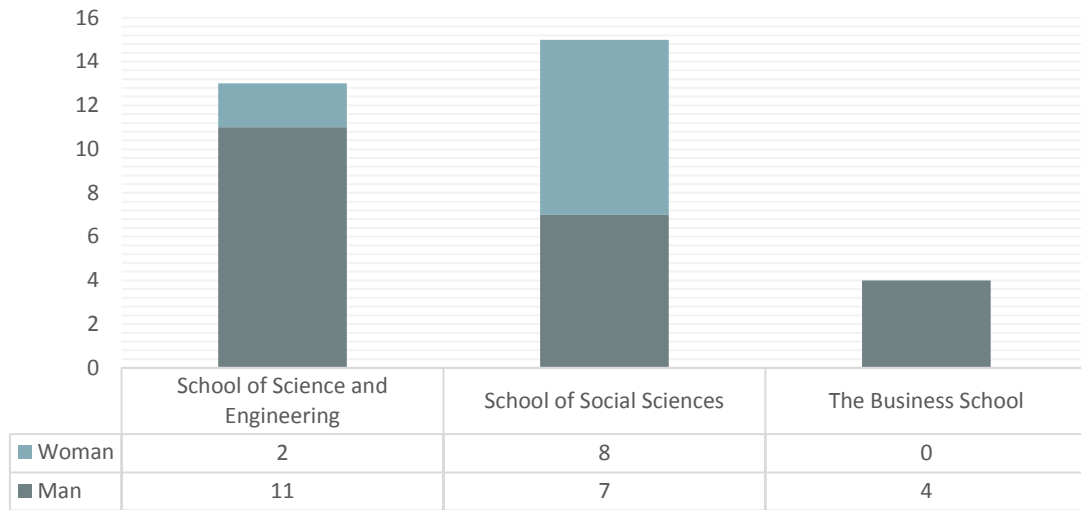
Policy against sexual harassment

Since 2012, KHAS has had a Policy Against Harassment and Discrimination. During 2015-2016 the Center has been working with the administration and academic colleagues to draft a regulation on Sexual Assault and Harassment that would heighten the level of legal protection for all members of the KHAS community.

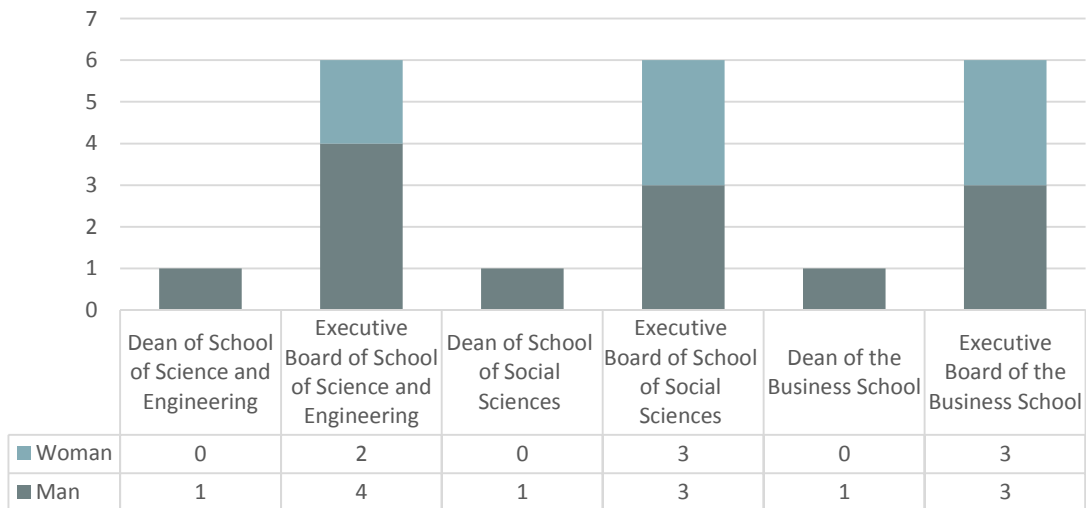
7. KHAS gender disaggregated data



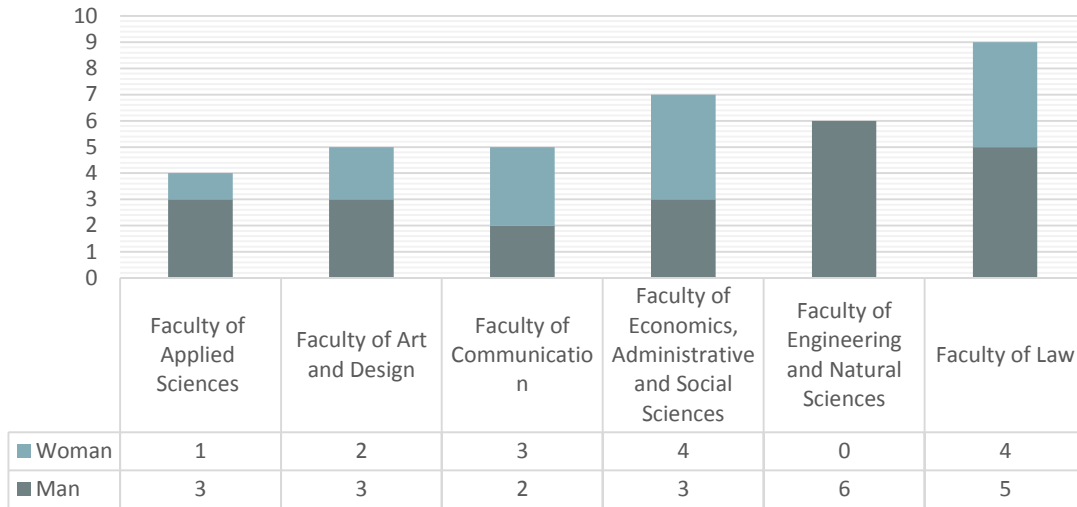
Gender Distribution of the Graduate Schools (Head of Programs)



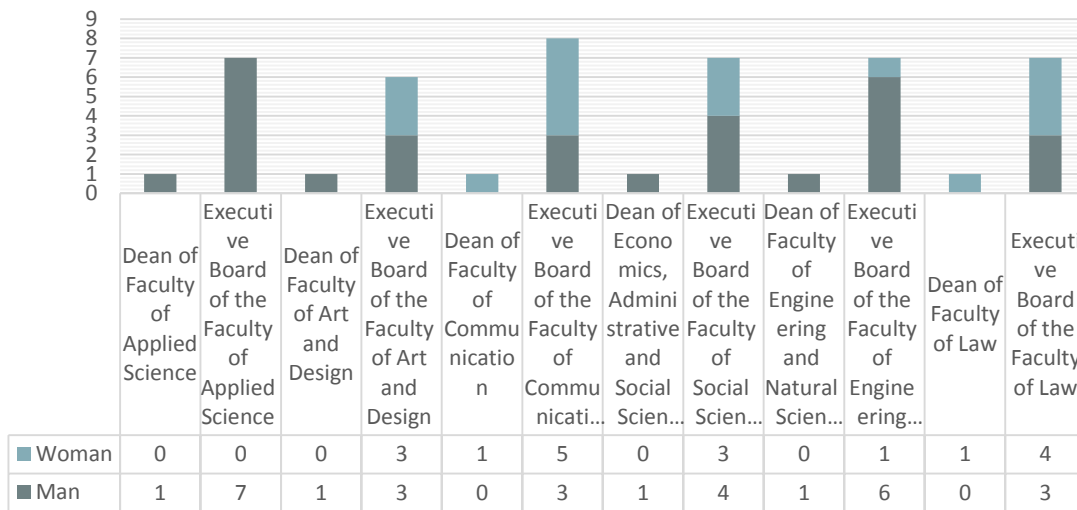
Gender Distribution of KHAS Graduate School Administration



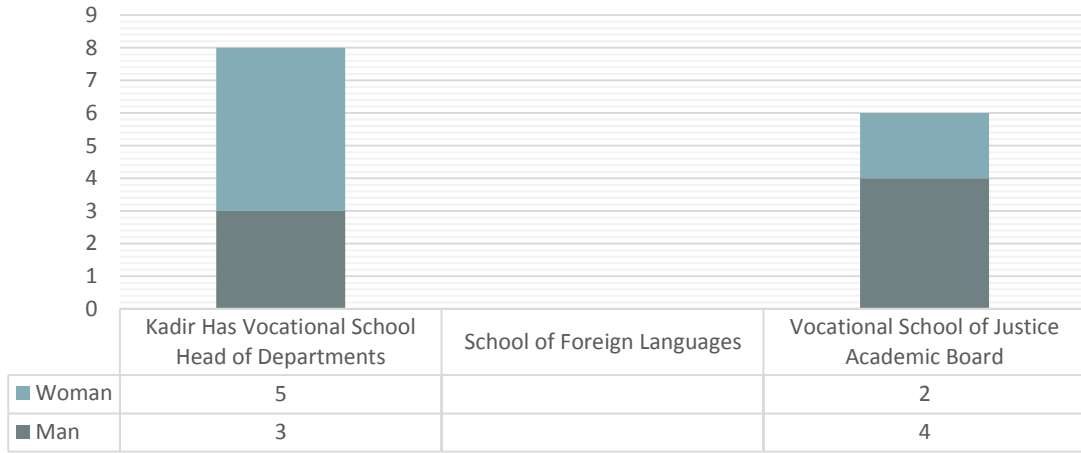
Gender Disribution of KHAS Faculties (Head of Departments)



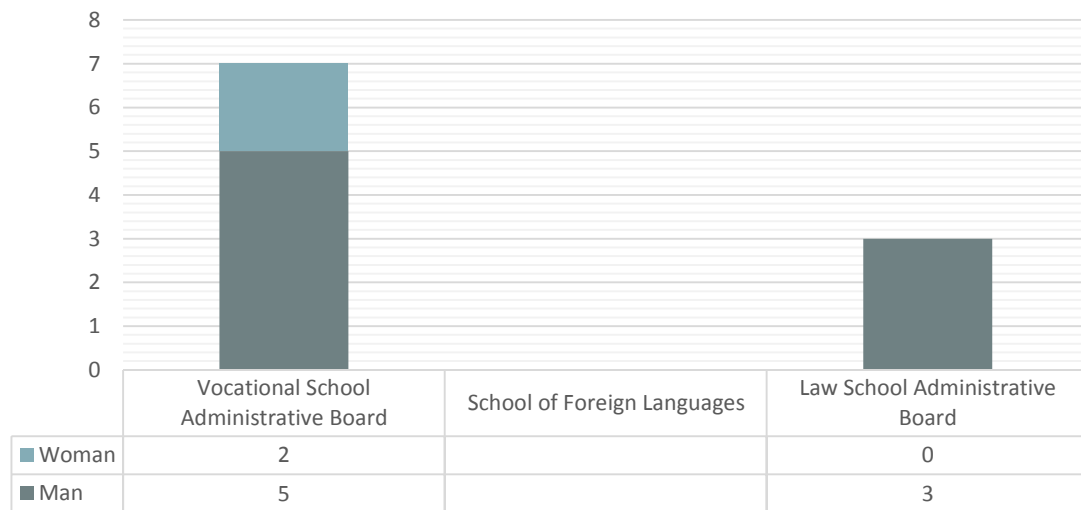
Gender Distribution of KHAS Faculty Administration



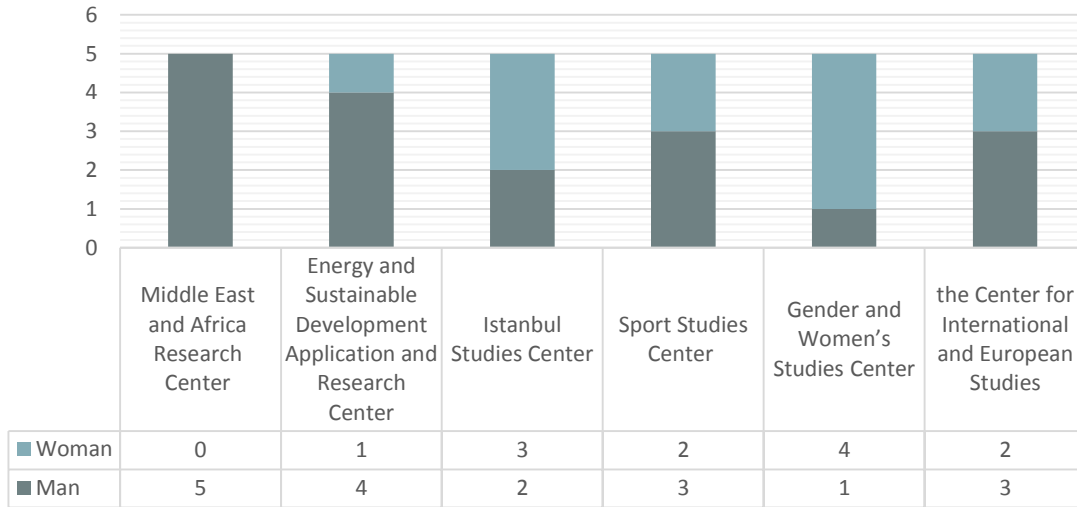
Gender Distribution of Head of Programs and Academic Boards at KHAS Schools (Head of Programs)



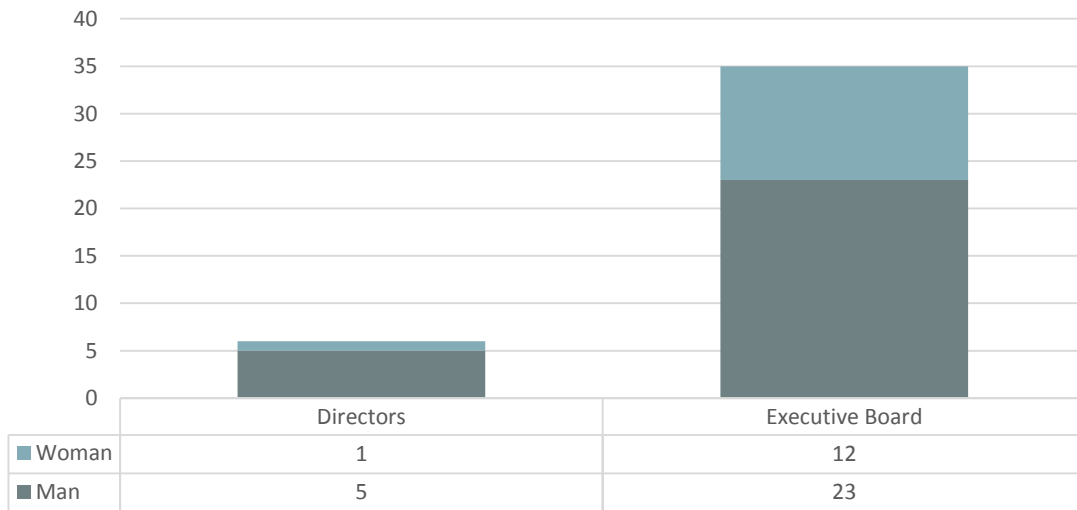
Gender Disribution at KHAS Vocational School Administration



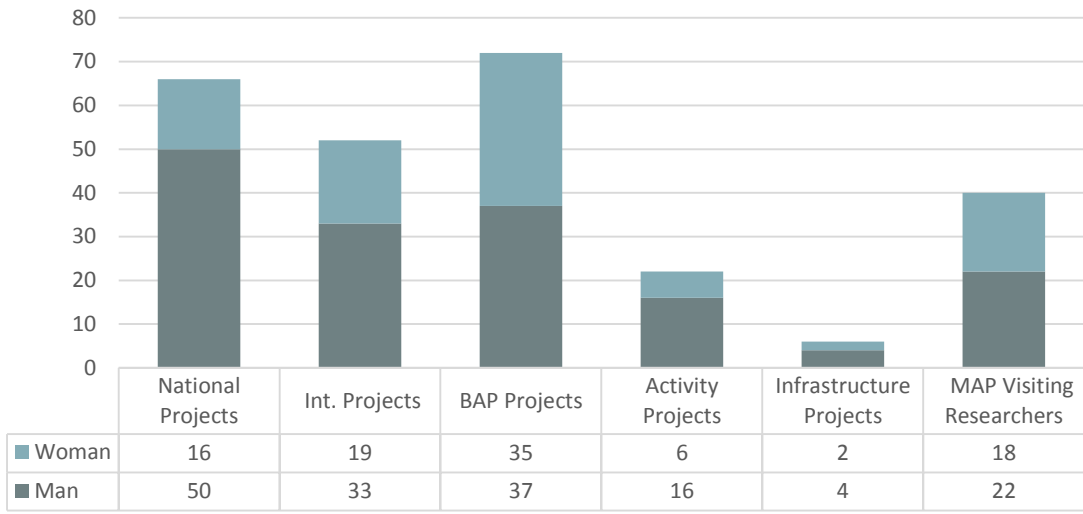
Gender Distribution of KHAS Research Centers



Gender Distribution of Directors and Board Members at KHAS Research Centers



Gender Distribution of Research Project Coordinators (2016)



8. Post-Doc Fellows and Interns

Post Doc Fellows

Namalie Jayasinghe

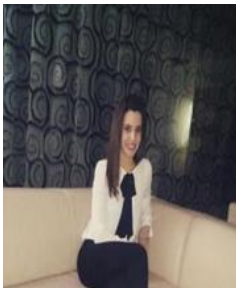
Namalie completed her doctoral degree at the School of International Service at American University, studying the gendered impact of natural disasters in Sri Lanka. Namalie received her BA in economics from New York University and later obtained an MSc in environment and development at the London School of Economics. She has been active in the field of sustainable development, as a volunteer at a rural microfinance group in Uganda and with the United Nations Development Programme in Sri Lanka. She has also worked at a national social justice foundation in New York, focusing on economic development, gender inequality and post-disaster rehabilitation, particularly in the Gulf Coast, and across the United States. As a Postdoctoral Fellow at the Center, Namalie is working on a TUBITAK funded cross-cultural study with Dr. Eser Selen that analyses the discourses around violence against women,



as well as gender equality, as made by Turkish and Sri Lankan politicians' in their public statements, in order to provide greater insights into the strength and commonalities of patriarchy apparent within both countries. By investigating the systems of power within the Turkish and Sri Lankan contexts, better comprehension of the intricacies and variations of patriarchy and hegemonic masculinity across space and cultures will be gained.

Interns

Antonija Jukic



Antonija has a master degree in Sociology, methodological and social research orientation at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, at the University of Split. During the academic year 2014/2015 she was a student on Erasmus exchange program at the University of Wroclaw in Poland. Within this program she was focused on Intercultural mediation. Later, she did her internship at The Gender and Women's Studies Research Center at Kadir Has University. Even though she spent a short period in Istanbul, it had a great impact on her, professionally and personally. Currently, she is working in a small consulting firm in Zagreb.

Frida Eurenus



Frida will complete her social work studies in January 2017. She did her first internship at a NGO in Kathmandu - Nepal with social and society reintegration for survivors of human trafficking. After that, she won an Erasmus Scholarship and studied in Istanbul where she had the chance of working at the Kadir Has University Gender and Women's Studies Center as an intern as well. Before her social work studies she travelled in South and Central America for 3 years, where she did three different internships and did volunteer work with children. Her main internship was mostly involved with girls and young women with reproductive health aims. She has also worked with the elderly and disabled in care homes for some years.

Bahar Aldanmaz



Bahar received her BA from Koç University studying both Psychology and Sociology (2015). During these five years, she has been working in various different corporations either as a volunteer or an intern. Her interest on gender issues started with her internship at the Women Entrepreneurs Association of Turkey (KAGİDER) and after she became the campus leader of Turkish Women's International Network (TURKISHWIN). She worked as an intern at BEYMEN, NADİS Training and Consultancy, TOÇEV and APCO Worldwide. In addition to these, she found great excitement on academic research and worked as an undergraduate research assistant for different projects. During her last semester in college, she participated in the Erasmus Program and moved to Netherlands. She studied Evolutionary and Social Psychology at Tilburg University for 6 months. In order to increase her knowledge and gain experience before starting her master's degree, she started working at the center on September 2015. During this time, Bahar went to India for 6 weeks in order to work on a project called MULAN, which aims to spread awareness on women rights and empower underprivileged women.

Joana Gameiro

Joana received her BA (2013) and MA (2015) in Law at the Law Faculty of Coimbra's University. After that she was a trainee Jurist at a Portuguese NGO where she provided legal support to victims of Human Trafficking and worked in development cooperation projects. Throughout last years she has been involved in volunteering work in Coimbra's Group of Amnesty International Coordination where she was the Responsible for Communication Department. Moreover, she is a youth worker at the NGO Akto- Human Rights and Democracy where she cooperates with the Portuguese Refugees Welcome Platform and develops projects funded by the Portuguese Commission of Citizenship and Gender Equality. In addition to that, she is responsible for promoting Erasmus + youth exchanges and training courses. Joana did her internship at the Gender and Women's Studies Research Center at Kadir Has University for 3 months (April 2016-July 2016).



