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The Economic Empowerment of **Women** Through **Legal Reform**



TURKEY

Istanbul : 10 – 11 October, 2019

Cappadocia (Optional) : 12 – 14 October, 2019

Introduction

Women Lawyers Group Middle East (WLGME) and Istanbul Kültür University (IKU) cordially invite you to a joint event on ***"The Economic Empowerment of Women through Legal Reform"***

Dates: *Istanbul* 10–11 October, 2019 *Cappadocia Tour* (Optional) 12–14 October, 2019

Location: Centre International of the faculty of law at Istanbul Kultur University (CEHAMER – İKÜ)
Istanbul, Turkey

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Language: English will be the main language with translation from Turkish available where applicable.

As part of our efforts to support women empowerment projects, the ***Women Lawyers Group Middle East*** (***WLGME***) and ***Istanbul Kültür University*** both parties agreed to collaborate in promoting the empowerment and professional development of female lawyers hailing from or working in the MENA region. To mark this collaboration, our first joint event will take place in Istanbul on 10–11 October 2019.

This event will focus mainly on examining and debating the issues concerning the role of laws and the evolution of legal reforms in empowering women economically. Our aim is to provide a genuinely interactive platform to discuss routes and barriers to the active economic participation of women in the legal and the private sector in the MENA region.

The desired outcome of this event is the formation of concrete legal and economic recommendations from the thought leaders and policy makers present in order to foster female participation in economies from a legal point of view.

10 October 2019

9.00 AM **Registration**

9.30 AM–10.15 AM **Welcome & Introduction**

Speakers:

Ayşen ÖNEN, Atty. – TC İstanbul Kultur University, CEHAMER– Vice President of FIFCJ

Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c.mult. Bahri ÖZTÜRK – TC İstanbul Kultur University, Dean of Law Faculty – President of CEHAMER

Najwa Attiga – Founder, Women Lawyers Group Middle East

Prof. Dr. Erhan GÜZEL – Rector, TC İstanbul Kultur University

Bahar AKINGÜÇ GÜNVER, PhD – Chairman of the Board of Trustees, TC İstanbul Kültür Üniversitesi

Ruhsar PEKCAN – Republic of Turkey's Trade Minister

10.15 AM–10.30 AM **Break**

10.30 AM– 12.00 PM **Panel 1**

The Role of Law in Relation to the Economic Empowerment of Women

Having appropriate legislation is necessary to ensure further participation by women in the formal economy and to encourage entrepreneurship. Countries across the world are working to make their legal frameworks more gender neutral and equal, both on the international and constitutional level and via other laws. But in many countries, there is a lack of legislation that is gender neutral due to various reasons, such as lack of resources, awareness of poverty, education and traditional values. In recent years, women played a vital role in the MENA region in the role of law and new constitutions for Morocco in 2011, Tunisia (2014) and Egypt (2014) and the fundamentally amended constitutions of Jordan (2011) and Algeria (2016) as well as the provisional declaration of Libya (2011) which all refer to the principle of equality and prohibit discrimination, albeit in different ways. This Panel will look at the recent changes and contributions of the role in law on the economic empowerment of women addressing western vs. eastern world.

Moderator:

Asst. Prof. Elif Altınok Çalışkan, IKU Vice–Dean of Law Faculty

Speakers:

Nazan Moroğlu, Atty. – Vice President of the Istanbul Bar Association – Women's Right to Labor in Turkey

Mrs. Vania Cirese – International Women Legal Federation board member & Founder Studio Legale Cirese– Italy

Asst. Prof. Özge SIRMA GEZER – IKU Law Faculty – Maternal Rights & Nursing Leave of Female Employees in Turkey

Asst. Prof. Çağla KANDIRALIOĞLU CUYLAN – IKU Law Faculty – Woman and Law in Business Life

Asst. Prof. Efser ERDEN TÜTÜNCÜ – IKU Law Faculty – The Effect of Mobbing on Women's Empowerment

12.00PM– 13.15 PM **Lunch**

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13:15PM – 13:45 PM **Panel 2**

The Impact of the Digital Revolution on the Economic Empowerment of Women

The economic and social empowerment of women in the MENA is at increasing risk in our era of technological advancement and digital breakthroughs due to these women not consistently benefiting from access to technological solutions and innovations. The OECD in a 2018 report has termed this type of phenomenon as "the digital gender divide". Tackling barriers to technological access, raising awareness, professional skills training and bridging the gaps of the digital gender divide are all vital to empower women to be active participants in the digital future while enabling them to simultaneously enjoy the flexibility, autonomy and work-life balance which are a direct result of embracing technology within the cultural, political, social and professional norms for women in the MENA.

This panel will look at what needs to be done in the Middle East to address the digital gender divide, with a focus on reform through laws, policies, education and support both from governments and the business community. The aim is to assess how female economic participation can be increased through technology, so new products and services are needed which are geared towards women whether in their homes, businesses or wider communities. This panel will discuss how technologies such as artificial intelligence, big data, cloud computing and robotics can be harnessed as powerful tools to advance women's empowerment and gender equality.

Moderator: Fatima Al-Quaiti, founder of the Women Lawyers Group Middle East

Speakers:

H.E Reem Abu Hassan – Former Minister of Social Development – Lawyer and Human rights Activist – Jordan

Ms. Kahina Bouagache – Lawyer and women's rights activist

Asst. Prof. Yasemin SAYGILAR KIRIT. – İKÜ Law Faculty – Women's Empowerment in International Law

Ms. Reema Aref – Lawyer at Ernst and Young– Saudi Arabia

14.45PM – 15.00 PM **Break**

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15.00 PM – 16.30 PM **Panel 3**

Access to Finance for Women; Issues and Solutions

According to the World Bank, 13 of the 15 countries with the lowest rate of female participation in the workforce are in the Arab world. Despite various attempts to boost women's participation in the economy, the region still lag behind because of its restrictive laws and unclear legislation to own property, enter legal contracts, apply for loans, and access credit or launch a crowdfunding campaign. Women are struggling to receive investment that would enable them to transform their ideas into reality.

This panel will look into the challenges that women entrepreneurs and employers face in gaining access to financial services, as well as address solutions to the inequality between men and women in accessing finance around the world.

Moderator: Najwa Attiga – Founder, Women Lawyers Group Middle East

Speakers:

Ms. Zina Nabulsi – Director – Legal Department International Finance Cooperation

Emine Erdem, Atty. – President of Women Entrepreneurs Association of Turkey

Ms. Sana Khater – CFO – Waha Capital (Abu Dhabi)

Ms. Dana Al Fulajj – Entrepreneur (Kuwait)

16.30 PM – 17.15 PM **Recommendations and closing remarks**

Raya Abu Gulal – Founder, Women Lawyers Group Middle East

19.00PM – 22.00 PM **Gala Dinner (Ottoman Historical Palace on Bosphorus)**

CEHAMER – İKÜ Conference Hall

11 October 2019

10.00 AM – 12:00 PM **Visit to a Turkish legal institution**

Istanbul Tour:

We will start our full day of the city with the *Hagia Sophia*. Originally built by Emperor Constantine in the 4th century, and converted into a mosque by the Ottomans in the 15th century. *The Blue Mosque*, another of the world's most important religious buildings, unique for its 6 minarets and its celestial interior decorated with the famous blue Iznik tiles. *The Hippodrome*, scene of chariot races. Yerebatan Sarayı is also known as the *Basilica Cistern* because of a basilica that was once located nearby as a cultural centre. It is the largest surviving underground cistern of Istanbul., last stop at the *Egyptian Bazaar*.

12:00 PM – 14:00 PM **Lunch**

19.00 PM- 22.00 PM **Dinner at the Bosphorus Restaurant**

Please note that these timings are only an estimate and exact times will be confirmed nearer the date.

CEHAMER – İKÜ Conference Hall Payment Details



**** FEES Conference PACKAGE : 10 - 11 OCTOBER 2019
NET RATES IN EURO FOR PACKAGE**

FEES (HOTEL NOT INCLUDED);

total cost without hotel is **EUR 410 €**

The rate includes only:

- Event registration fees
- Meals: Lunch during the conference & Gala Dinner
- Language: English with Turkish translation into English where applicable
- Coffee Break
- 1 Full Day City Tour with lunch and dinner including transportation.
- Entrance to museum
- English tour guide during the City Tour

CEHAMER – İKÜ Conference Hall Payment Details

FEES (HOTEL INCLUDED);

OPTION A

İSTANBUL : HAMPTON BY HILTON ATAKOY HOTEL

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/Hampton+by+Hilton+Istanbul+Atakoy>

PER PERSON IN DBL ROOM : 490 €

SGL ROOM : 590 €

OPTION B

İSTANBUL : SHERATON İSTANBUL ATAKÖY HOTEL

<https://sheratonistanbulatakoy.com.tr/>

PER PERSON IN DBL ROOM : 560 €

SGL ROOM : 690 €

The rate includes only:

- Event registration fees
- Accommodation (3 nights in Istanbul with breakfast)
- Meals: Lunch during the conference & Gala Dinner
- Transportation from hotel to faculty and back
- Language: English with Turkish translation into English where applicable
- Coffee Break
- 1 Full Day City Tour with lunch and Dinner including transportation.
- Entrance to museum
- English tour guide during the City Tour

PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS & DETAILS

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***** Please note that there are limited spaces available for this event**

To avoid disappointment, please complete the registration form by 30 August, 2019

Cappadocia Tour

Cappadocia Tour (Optional) 12-14 October, 2019

**** Cappadocia, UNESCO World Heritage Site, is one of the most famous regions all over the World and the most visited place in Turkey ****



CAPPADOCIA



CAPPADOCIA UNDER GRAND CITY

Cappadocia Tour

12 October 2019



12 October 2019 – Istanbul – Cappadocia

After **breakfast**, transfer to airport for departure to *Kayseri*. Upon arrival, our tour starts with *Uchisar Castle*, the highest point in the region. The castle and its surroundings used to be the most populated area. The top of the citadel provides a magnificent panorama of the surrounding area. *Kızılçukur is a valley called Rose valley* because of the red colors of the rocks. This is one of the best valleys for hiking in the area (3,5km). Kızılçukur was also used by Christians at the end of 5th century, so you will explore the cave dwellings and old churches. The colors also change according to the daylight. It is the best place to witness sunset. *Cavuşin* village is one of the ancient settlements in the early period of Christianity, with the oldest church in region dating back to the 3rd century. It was built as a big town where you can see many cave rooms used as living rooms, sleeping rooms, kitchens, wineries, etc. All these sites are waiting for you to explore including cave houses that collapsed because of a landslide in 1960. *Love Valley*, originally called White Valley which offers a gorgeous view with its funny shaped fairy chimneys. *Underground City (Kaymaklı or Özkonak)*, this is the most interesting site in the region among 36 other sites, which were first used by Hittites and later by Christians as a shelter during Roman persecution times. By carving lots of rooms all connected with tunnels, they lived in here when the cities were invaded by enemies. You will get a chance to see the rooms, food storages, churches and kitchens. Chimneys and defence systems used in the underground city will surprise you during the visit. *Pigeon Valley*, offers a panoramic view where you will see the pigeons and pigeon houses, which were used to keep pigeons in order to collect their dropping for fertilising the earth especially vineyards. Transfer back to hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.

Cappadocia Tour

13 - 14 October 2019



13 October 2019 – Cappadocia - Istanbul

After **breakfast**, visit the northern part of Cappadocia. *Goreme Panorama*, is a panoramic point where you can see a wonderful view of Goreme town with its spectacular cave houses. *Goreme Open Air Museum*, is the first and biggest monastery where religious education was started. You will visit the churches, chapels and monasteries carved into the fairy chimneys with frescoes painted on the walls from 10th to 13th Centuries. In the 4th century, three important men created a new unity here. They are the Great St. Basil, bishop of Kayseri, his brother St. Gregory of Nyssa and St. George of Nazianus. *Avanos*, is known for the pottery, a craft dating back to the Hittite period. The red clay which is used by local craftsmen comes from the residue in the Kizilirmak River. The Kizilirmak, is the longest river in Turkey. *Devrent Valley* has various types of fairy chimneys. Among these are those with caps, cones mushroom like forms pillar and pointed rocks. With the action of smaller, secondary volcanos and the action of rivers, wind and flood waters, this layer of tuff has slowly but steadily been eroded to produce the rock formations know as "fairy chimneys". we will take a walk through this amazing valley. *Pasabaglari (Monks Valley)*, where many unique fairy chimneys with multiple stems and caps can be found here. A chapel dedicated to St. Simeon and a hermit's shelter is built into one fairy chimney with three heads. Three Beauties has a beautiful view over *Urgup town*, famous for its wine factories, and vineyards with apricot gardens.

Transfer to airport for departure to Istanbul.

Transfer to your hotel upon arrival.

Meals: Breakfast and Lunch

14 October 2019

Breakfast,
Check-out

Cappadocia Tour Payment Details

CAPPADOCIA TOUR (Optional) : 12 – 14 OCTOBER, 2019
NET RATES IN EUROS PER PACKAGE

CAPPADOCIA : DERE SUIT' or YUNAKEVLERI (cave hotels)
<http://www.deresuites.com/> or <http://www.yunak.com/>

PER PERSON IN DBL ROOM : 590 €
SGL ROOM : 660 €

The Rate Includes;

- Accommodation (2 nights in Cappadocia)
- Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- 4 Transfers (Hotel /ISL Airport / Cappadocia Airport / Cappadocia Hotel / Cappadocia Airport)
- 2 Full Day Tour in Cappadocia with lunch.
- Domestic Flights (round trip) ISL /ASR - ASR/ISL
- Entrance fees
- English tour guide during the tours
- Transportation in Cappadocia

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