

**Biographical data form of candidates to the
Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women**

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Current position/function:

Professor

Department of Political Science and Public Administration,

Middle East Technical University (METU),

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CEDAW Committee Member

Main professional activities¹:

Professor of Political Sociology (since 1994) and Chairperson (2001-2007), Department of Political Science and Public Administration, METU

Professor and Founding Chairperson (1994-2002), Gender and Women's Studies, METU

CEDAW Committee Member (1997-2004); Chairperson (2003-2004); Member (2011-)

Independent expert member (appointed by Secretary General of CoE) of Council of Europe, Task Force to Combat Violence Against Women, including Domestic Violence (2006-2008),

Turkish representative in CAHVIO, Ad Hoc Committee for Council of Europe Convention to Prevent and Combat Violence Against Women and Domestic Violence (Istanbul Convention) (2009-2010)

Turkish team leader for QUING (EU FP6 project, 2006-11) and EGERA (EU FP7 project, 2014-) on gender equality and women's rights,

Educational background:

PhD in Sociology, Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, Pa., USA, 1976.

MA in Sociology, Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, Pa., USA, 1973.

BS in Sociology, Middle East Technical University (METU), Ankara, Turkey, 1970.

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women:

Scientific Committee member and consultant for the following projects:

- Fostering an Enabling Environment for Gender Equality in Turkey, UNDP- Turkish Parliament Joint Project (2012-2013)
- Women's Human Rights Training for Conscripts of the Turkish Armed Forces (Mehmetçik), UNDP – EU- Turkish General Staff Joint Project (2012-2014)
- Prevention of Domestic Violence against Women in Turkey, EU Technical Assistance Project (2013-)
- Supporting Turkey's Efforts to Combat Human Trafficking and Promote Access to Justice for All Trafficked Persons, IOM, EU and Turkish Ministry of Interior Joint Project (2008-2009)

Advocate and trainer for government officials, jurists and civil society activists (MENA, Central and Eastern Europe, Central Asia) in international and national projects

List of most recent publications in the field of discrimination against women and advancement of their human rights:

- Acar, F. & G. Altunok (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. & Y. Erturk ,(2011) “Women’s Human Rights: International Standarts, Advances and Problems, in S. Sancar (ed.) *Feminist Studies in Turkey in the 21 Century*, Koç University Publications, Istanbul (in Turkish)
- Acar, F. & G. Altunok (2012), “Understanding Gender Equality Demands in Turkey: Foundations and Boundaries of Women’s Movements in Gender and Society”, in S. Dedeoğlu and A.Y. Elveren (eds.), *Gender and Society in Turkey: The Impact of Neoliberal Policies, Political Islam and EU Accession*, IB Tauris, London.

¹ It should be noted that membership in the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women requires participation in three annual sessions of three weeks duration, plus participation (on a rotating basis) in a pre-session working group of one week in respect of each session.