The Second International Symposium on Human Rights, Education and Textbook Research*  
29-30 November 2008  
Istanbul Bilgi University, Dolapdere Campus, BS2 Hall

DAY 1

08.45 – 09.15 Registration

09.15 – 10.00
Opening Statements
Murat Güvenç - History Foundation
Sedat Aslantaş - The Human Rights Foundation of Turkey
Tibor Varadi - Deputy Head of Delegation of European Commission to Turkey

10.00 – 10.30 Coffee Break

10.30 – 12.30
1. SESSION:

Textbooks, Education and Human Rights in Turkey
Chairperson: Gürel Tüzün - History Foundation

Human Rights in Textbooks II: project results
Mutlu Öztürk - History Foundation

Critical thinking: is anything new in the new curricula and textbooks?
Füsun Üstel - Department of Political Science, Galatasaray University
Esin Ertürk - The Atatürk Institute for Modern Turkish History, Boğaziçi University

Human rights education of the youth and the adults: teachers, teachers, teachers
İpek Gürkaynak - Gürkaynak Institute of Citizenship

Is it possible to create a democratic school environment?
Reconstructing the classroom environment
Hasan Toprak - Eğitim-Sen (Union of Education and Science Employees), Istanbul 2nd Branch

Discussion

12.30– 13.30 Lunch Break

13.30-15.30

2. SESSION:

Nationalism and Militarism in Textbooks
Chairperson: Sibel İrzak - Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Sabanci University

Nationalism in Turkish textbooks
Tanıl Bora - Editor, İletişim Publications

Soldier students of the military-nation: militarism in Turkish textbooks
Ayşen Altunay - Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Sabanci University

Teaching the nation and diversity: a dilemma for Europe
Yasemin Soysal - Department of Sociology, University of Essex

Nationalism and history textbooks in Greece
Herkül Millas - Historian

Discussion

15.30 – 16.00 Coffee Break

16.00 – 17.30
3. SESSION:

Textbooks and Teaching about Religion
Chairperson: Betül Çetinkaya - Department of Philosophy, Maltepe University

Human rights issues in Turkish textbooks of religious culture and ethics
İstap Güzaydýn - Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Istanbul Technical University

Teaching about religion in public schools in the light of the ECtHR rulings
Recep Kaymakcan - Faculty of Divinity, Sakarya University

Secularism and teaching religion
Ahmet Arslan - Department of Philosophy, Ege University

Discussion

DAY 2

09.30 – 10.00 Registration

10.00– 12.00

4. SESSION:

Transboundary Studies and Projects
Chairperson: Mine Tan - Faculty of Educational Sciences, Ankara University

Teaching contemporary Southeast European history: alternative educational materials
Hayrettin Kaya - History Teacher

Religious minorities in Indonesian, Bangladeshi, Pakistani and Indian textbooks
Samia Khan - Heads of Programmes, Minority Rights Groups International

Role of textbooks in intercultural education
Arnd-Michael Nohl - Department of Systematic Educational Sciences, Helmut Schmidt University

Discussion

12.00–13.00 Lunch Break

13.00 – 15.00

5. SESSION:

Textbooks and New Roles Ascribed to Education
Chairperson: Mithat Sancar - Faculty of Law, Ankara University

History education in post-conflict societies: the cases of Rwanda, the Middle East and Bosnia and Herzegovina
Falk Pingel - Deputy Director, Georg Eckert Institute of International Textbook Research

Transitional justice and the reform of history education
Elizabeth Cole - Program Officer, the United States Institute of Peace

Teaching sensitive and controversial issues in history in a deeply divided society
Alan McCully - School of Education, University of Ulster

Discussion

* Simultaneous translation will be available to and fro Turkish and English.