

The Second International Symposium on Human Rights, Education and Textbook Research*

29-30 November 2008

Istanbul Bilgi University, Dolapdere Campus, BS2 Hall

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TURKEY 2007

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?

Fusun 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 Irzik** - Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Sabancı University

Nationalism in Turkish textbooks

Tanıl Bora - Editor, İletişim Publications

Soldier students of the military-nation: militarism in Turkish textbooks

Ayşe Gül Altınay - Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Sabancı 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 Çotuksöken** - Department of Philosophy, Maltepe University

Human rights issues in Turkish textbooks of religious culture and ethics

İştar Gözaydın - 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.