



EMU FACULTY OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS IS GETTING READY TO MOVE TO ITS NEW AND TECHNOLOGICAL BUILDING



One of the oldest faculties of the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), the Faculty of Business and Economics is getting ready to move to its new and technological building. As a result of the need for a new building in line with the growing and developing conditions and

upon the initiative of EMU Rector's Office, the new building, the construction of which started in November 2021, is expected to be completed in 2023. The building, which will have 5 floors and an area of approximately 7 thousand square meters, will house a total of 105 offices, 4 of

which belong to research centers, 10 classrooms, 4 computer laboratories, 5 separate meeting rooms for each department and elevators. The building will also have men's and women's disabled toilets on each floor. The new building of the EMU Faculty of Business and Economics will also include an amphitheater for 138 people.

“It Will Bring a New Face to Our University”

Making statements on the subject, EMU Business and Economics Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Mustafa Besim said, “The new and modern building of our faculty will bring a new face to our university. Our new building is prepared to cater for the needs of the Department of Economics, Department of Banking and Finance, Department of Political Science and International Relations, and Department of Business Administration. In addition to the Trade and Finance Center, the Center for Economic Research, the Center for Financial Regulation and Risk Management, and Entrepreneurship and Innovation Center will also be located in our building. The new and modern building of our faculty, which is growing day by day, will meet the needs of both our students and academic staff members as well as our country. I hope the new Faculty of Business and Economics building would be beneficial for our university and our country and I also would like to thank all those who contributed to the development and implementation of the project.”

EMU PRESENTS CASH AWARDS TO STUDENTS WITH OUTSTANDING SUCCESS



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) awarded students who demonstrated outstanding success in the 2020-2021 Academic Year, Spring Semester. Students who managed to rank within the top 10 in faculties and schools were presented cash awards in 3 categories. In this respect, a

total of 138 students from 12 faculties and 4 schools received awards, which were divided into 3 categories as 3 times the gross minimum wage for those making it to the first place, twice the gross minimum wage for the second place and the gross minimum wage for those appearing in the third place.

“Congratulations to Our Outstanding Students”

Congratulating the students who demonstrated outstanding success in faculties and schools, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hoca'nın said, “Our university aims to reward success and to ensure the continuity of their development by increasing the existing motivation and incentive. Thanks to this vision, EMU continues to develop each year and achieves noteworthy success. Our students who excelled in their studies made us proud. Undoubtedly, the effort and contributions of our university academicians and students' families are noteworthy in this success of our students. I extend my most sincere congratulations to all our award-winning students and wish them continued success.”

PRESIDENT OF THE TRNC PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION KÖSEOĞLU VISITS EMU RECTOR PROF. DR. HOCANIN



President of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Public Service Commission Ömer Köseoğlu paid a visit to Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Hocanin.

Prof. Dr. Hocanin thanked President Köseoğlu for his visit and provided information about EMU's activities. President Köseoğlu, also thanked Prof. Dr.

Hocanin for receiving them and shared information about the current activities of the Public Service Commission. During the visit, views were exchanged on possible future collaborations between the two institutions and services that could be offered to the community. After the courtesy visit, a Cypriot Lefkara frame was presented to President Köseoğlu by Prof. Dr. Hocanin.

EMU DEPARTMENT OF BANKING AND FINANCE HOLDS A SERIES OF INTERNATIONAL SEMINARS



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Business and Economics Faculty, Banking and Finance Department organized a series of seminars and econometrics workshops facilitating the academic development of postgraduate and doctorate students.

In this context, in scope of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Korhan K. Gökmenoğlu's "Quantitative

Techniques in Finance" and Assist. Prof. Dr. Nigar Taşpınar's "Volatility in Finance" courses, online seminars were held for the students of postgraduate and doctorate programs.

Prof. Dr. Seema Narayan, who appeared on the list of the 10 most influential female economists in the world, made a presentation

on "Current Issues in Financial Research" as the first invited speaker. Speaking afterwards, EMU Banking and Finance Department academic staff member Prof. Dr. Salih Katircioğlu made a presentation titled "Contemporary Issues in Research". In a study conducted by Stanford University, Prof. Dr. Katircioğlu was listed within the top 2% of the world's most influential scientists in the single-year impact (2019) and career-long impact categories.

The seminar continued with Assoc. Prof. Dr. Kazi Sohag's presentation titled "Do Autonomous Anti-Corruption Entities Improve Governance?" and Prof. Dr. Jawad Syed Shahzad's presentation on "Correlation in Finance Research".

As part of the series of seminars planned to continue in December, Prof. Dr. Tolga Omay from Turkey, Prof. Dr. Sabri Boubaker from France and Prof. Dr. Daniel Balsalobre Lorente from Spain will deliver presentations online.

FAMOUS GOURMETS MEHMET YAŞIN AND TEOMAN HÜNAL TASTE CYPRIOT FOOD CULTURE AT EMU FACULTY OF TOURISM TOWER RESTAURANT

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Tourism, in cooperation with the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Ministry of Tourism and Environment, hosted Turkey's famous gourmets Mehmet Yaşin and Teoman Hünel. Gourmets, famous for their "Görevimiz Yemek (Our Mission is Food)" program GURME television on beIN channel, tasted Cypriot cuisine prepared by EMU Tourism Faculty academic staff and Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Program students. The tasting event, which started at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, 24 November, 2021 at EMU Tourism Faculty Tower Restaurant, aimed to pave the way for students to carry out work for the future by inviting experienced professionals from the industry, in addition to the theoretical and practical training they receive.

"Cypriot Cuisine is Very Good"

Commenting on the event, Teoman Hünel stated that he is happy to be at an institution like EMU and said, "20 years ago, there wasn't any gastronomy program in universities. Considering the food we eat, it is pleasing for someone like me who has been in this sector for 30 years to see a faculty that has 500 students now. We tasted good examples of the Cypriot cuisine. Types of bread we were served were very interesting. We tasted many types of bread that are not available in Turkey and Greece. The 'Thief Kebab' was very good. You have very original dishes eaten at home. 'Cyprus is a very beautiful place.'"

Mehmet Yaşin, on the other hand, stated that they are happy to be tasting the Cypriot cuisine. Stating that he knows most of the dishes and that he has come to Cyprus for the 10th time with this visit, Yaşin said, "However, every time I come, I come across

another taste. Cypriots are lucky because they have very delicious food. We would like to thank EMU and TRNC Ministry of Tourism and Environment for giving us this opportunity."

"Culinary Tourism is a Very Important Product for Our Country"

Dean of EMU Tourism Faculty Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç stated that they are very happy to be hosting doyenne gourmets, Mehmet Yaşin and Teoman Hünel at EMU. Stating that the event has actually been going on for two days. Prof. Dr. Kılıç underlined that restaurants where local dishes are tasted from east to west of Cyprus were visited within the scope of the program within this short period of time in the format of a gastronomy tour. Underlining that as EMU Tourism Faculty, their main aim is not only to train experts in the field of gastronomy, Prof. Dr. Kılıç also emphasized that in order to ensure that the local flavors of the country are not diminished, they have to struggle against today's fast food understanding and the dominance of other countries' cuisines. Stating that they aim to introduce the Cypriot Cuisine to today's youth, tourists and the world, Prof. Dr. Kılıç stated that this mission motivates them and enables them to do their work with more determination. Prof. Dr. Kılıç emphasized that during this process, they can cater for any request from both the state and entrepreneurs to raise the awareness of the local people in a professional sense and to improve the Cypriot Cuisine by increasing the service quality, and that they will certainly contribute their best if they are contacted on this issue.

Providing information about the dishes served, Prof. Dr. Kılıç underlined that EMU Tourism Faculty students presented the



guests, known as gourmets at the highest level, with the local dishes of the Cypriot Cuisine prepared with traditional methods during this visit. Prof. Dr. Kılıç said, "We have prepared a nice tasting menu. In this sense, we once again remembered what an important mission we have undertaken. Our students and academic staff performed a very effective team work. We think that we have made an important contribution to the promotion of our university and to the gastronomy of our country. Once again, we have witnessed the importance of culinary tourism for our country. We will continue to promote the food culture of Cyprus with different events." Prof. Dr. Kılıç concluded his speech by thanking the EMU Tourism Faculty faculty members, administrative

staff and students, "Görevimiz Yemek" team, and especially the EMU Rector's Office, TRNC Ministry of Tourism and Environment, and all participating businesses, who made the event possible.

Visit to EMU Rector

After the event, famous gourmets Mehmet Yaşin and Teoman Hünel paid a visit of courtesy to EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hoca'nın. During the visit, EMU Tourism Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç was also present. Prof. Dr. Aykut Hoca'nın thanked the famous gourmets and the "Görevimiz Yemek" team for their visit to EMU. At the end of the visit, Prof. Dr. Hoca'nın presented Mehmet Yaşin ve Teoman Hünel a Cypriot Lefkara frame.

GREEN STEPS PROJECT COMPETITION FROM EMU AND TRNC MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND ENVIRONMENT

In scope of a protocol signed between the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Deputy Prime Ministry's Office, Ministry of Tourism and Environment, the "Green Steps Competition" will be organized to motivate and stimulate the society for a more livable environment. Those who want to participate in the said event, to be organized under the titles of "Environment and Sustainability", "Ecological Footprint", "Waste Reduction", "Water Management", "Gaining Green Skills", "Prevention of Pollution", "Biological Diversity" and "Zero Pollution", can submit their projects on the aforesaid topics to tanitim@emu.edu.tr between Monday, 6 December, 2021 and Tuesday, 4 January, 2022. Each section in the application will start on a new page and will use A4 page sizes (210 mm x 297 mm). The general font will be "Times New Roman, 12pt" and the titles will be "Times New Roman, 14pt Bold". In the introductory part of the text, "A. Project Start Date:", "B. Project Completion Date:" and "C. Applicant Contact Information" will appear:

The Application File Will Consist Of Eight Sections

The application files to be submitted must be consisted of 8 section. In the first part, there will be a "Abstract" section where information such as the introduction of the project, its aims and objectives, the method to be employed

and the expected outcomes will be briefly stated. In the second part, titled "Introduction", the area on which the project will work and the problem situation will be specified. In this section, it is expected that there will be a brief summary of the project idea and the basic approach in the TRNC and the world. In the third part, "Project Description" will take place. In this section, the theme/idea of the project will be defined. Charts, tables, conceptual explanation of the project, references to the sources used in the development of the project idea and the framework that the project will provide for "Green Steps" will be specified. The fourth section will include the "Purpose and Objectives of the Project". In this section, the desired outcome of the project and the measurable targets planned to be achieved will be stated. In the fifth section titled "Project Method", the methods to be followed in the realization of the project will be explained. In the sixth section, titled "Benefits of the Project", the positive outcomes expected to be achieved at the end of the project will be included. In the seventh section titled "Business Plan", the implementation plan from the beginning of the project to its end will be specified. In the eighth and final section titled "Resources", the sources to be used in the preparation of the project will be specified. Various awards will be presented to the winners of the competition at a ceremony. Detailed information about the competition can be obtained from EMU Promotion Office (630 23 23).



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EMU FACULTY OF TOURISM GIVES FIRST AID, EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND FIRE FIGHTING TRAINING



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Tourism gave a hands-on training seminar on “First Aid, Emergency Response and Fire Fighting” to the students of the School of Tourism and Hotel Management, Civil Aviation Cabin Services, Gastronomy and Culinary Arts programs. The seminar was held at EMU Tourism

Faculty seminar hall in the form of theoretical and practical training. At the seminar in which Kamil Ağcabay, the Regional Director of the TRNC Civil Defense Organization, was also present, the aforesaid training was offered by the trainers of the TRNC Civil Defense Organization Hasan Özboltaşı, Osman Demirli and Savaş Güneş.

The first aid training offered to students against incidents that may occur after accidents and emergencies aimed for students to approach such incidents consciously. During the first aid training, the students were provided information on how to intervene in cases of injuries and emergency health problems. It was stated in the seminar that first aid training should be made a common practice in order to minimize deaths and permanent injuries caused by accidents and injuries. It was also pointed out that 10 percent of deaths occur within the first five minutes of accidents. In the seminar, during which fire and firefighting measures were also explained, a fire drill was held after the theoretical training in order to enable the students to intervene in the fire. The fire, which was lit in a controlled manner by the TRNC Civil Defense Organization teams, was put out with fire extinguishers under the control of instructors. At the end of the event, a certificate of appreciation was presented to the TRNC Civil Defense Organization staff for their contributions, and a certificate of participation was given to those who took part in the event.

EMU COMMUNICATION FACULTY ORGANIZES SHORT FILM SCREENING EVENT



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Communication Faculty, Department of Cinema and Television organized a short film screening event on the occasion of 14 November, Global Movie Day. International award-winning two short films, Waves Washing the Shore by Halil Efe Akdemir and Feather by Nima Balazadeh Djavidani were screened during the event which took place at Purple Hall in Communication Faculty building.

Communication Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Senih Çavuşoğlu congratulated the students for their achievements and stated that such initiatives are promising. Saying that EMU students having their work screened in international festivals makes EMU family proud, Prof. Dr. Çavuşoğlu said that as the Communication Faculty Dean's Office, they have initiated the process which will

provide opportunity for students to be part of more festivals.

EMU Cinema and Television Department Head Prof. Dr. Bahire Efe Özad expressed that, following a revision of the course program, they have brought the students together with producers who are experts in the field and, provided opportunity for students to see real-life film sets operating in Cyprus. Emphasizing that films shot by EMU students are now being shown in both national and international film festivals, Prof. Dr. Özad added that Emre Oskay and Ömer Eyre are both currently teaching at the department and also provide students a part in their film projects. Congratulating the successful students, Prof. Dr. Özad stated that this kind of events are organized with the purpose of encouraging other students to step up and start shooting films. Halil Efe Akdemir

also made a statement on the topic by saying: “175 refugees entered to TRNC from Dikarpaz coast towards the end of March 2020. During that time period, Covid-19 was still very new in our lives and the uncertainty that it brought was of great importance in terms of where these people would be placed. On social media platforms, I saw people many people who offered all kinds of help during that time but, unfortunately I also saw a group which was condescending and unwilling to help. Bearing this problem in mind, which is not only on the agenda of Cyprus but also in the world, I thought the issue should be addressed universally and, I tried to explain the different lives of two children in a single frame, inspired by the ‘5 Obstacles’ document by Jorgen Leth and Lars von Trier. Our project was awarded with Audience Award from the 21 Islands Short Film Festival. In addition to this, we achieved to be finalists for 2 times, 1 semi-finalist for 1 time and 4 screening selections. Therefore, we were able to create awareness not only in Cyprus but also in countries such as America, Italy, Turkey, Argentina and England”.

Peiman Hojiati who worked in the same project with Nima Balazadeh Djavidani touched in the matter as well and said: “Situations such as showing films produced by students and winning awards are very useful for new students as an example of what they can achieve by using the facilities at the university. Students who have sent films to the festivals are acting as guides for those who also wish to send their own films to festivals. Films sent to the festivals reach a wide audience. My project titled “Feather” was chosen and screened in Delete TV, Vancouver Independent Film Festival, The Fine Arts Film Festival and, Magikal Charm Experimental Video and Film Festival. I am extremely glad”.

20 NOVEMBER WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY EVENT FROM EMU, YENİBOĞAZIÇI MUNICIPALITY AND FAMAGUSTA RAVELIN LIONS CLUB

Within the collaborations of Yeniboğaziçi Municipality and Famagusta Ravelin Lions Club, Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Education Faculty, Department of Elementary Education organized an awareness event on the occasion of 20 November World Children's Day.

Commencing with an awareness march from Yeniboğaziçi Municipality Park, the event continued with the children's rights declaration reading and distributing leaflets to children. The first speech of the event was delivered by Yeniboğaziçi Children's Mayor Sevilay Öztemiz. During her speech, Öztemiz said: "Each individual who is under the age of 18 is a child. We are the building blocks of the future. With what we have learned today, we are taking firm steps towards becoming hope and light for the future. I owe it to myself to emphasize that we have rights not only one day, but every day, and that we deserve to live in peace and prosperity in line with these rights. Regardless of language, religion, race or color, every child in the world has rights. Every child, regardless of beliefs or views, should enjoy the rights available".

Famagusta Ravelin Lions Club President Çiğdem Duvarcı also delivered a speech during the event underlining the importance of the event by stating her desire in continuation of such collaborations in these meaningful events. Duvarcı emphasized the necessity of owning and protecting the children's rights.

Yeniboğaziçi Mayor Mustafa Zurnacılar also addressed the participant during the event and said: "Our children are our future. Therefore, we should protect each child for a healthy, happy and successful generation. Children's rights should be applied in our country as well as around the world. Atatürk entrusted the Republic to our children and youth. This, once again showed us, the importance of our children and their values. We should

always own and protect our children and their rights. I would like to thank everyone who participated in and contributed to our event".

Later in the event, a workshop themed 'Right to Play' was held with a group of children aged 5-10 years, with the organization of EMU Education Faculty, Basic Education Department graduate students, taking into account the pandemic conditions and increasing number of cases. Within the scope of "defending the children's right to play" in OÖEG 508 course titled "Play and Drama Materials in Early Childhood" taught in Elementary Education Department Early Childhood Education Post-graduate program delivered by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Eda Yazgın and EMU students who took the course emphasized the importance of presenting this event for the benefit of children, especially in order to support the developmental needs of children in epidemic conditions, in terms of raising awareness of the places where children want to play, their needs for play, their rights, and emphasized that these opportunities should be increased without delay. At the end of the event, Deniz Plaza distributed various gifts to the children. Children who had fun, educational and enjoyable hours, left the event happily.

Another event to be held by EMU Education Faculty, Elementary Education Department as part of 20 November World Children's Day was planned on 6 December 2021 to raise awareness among teacher candidates regarding "Child-Friendly Protection Environments". Specialist Clinical Psychologist Eşmen Tatlıcalı will attend the online conference for all teacher candidates studying in the Department of Elementary Education, Early Childhood Education and Elementary School Teacher Education programs with her presentation titled "Abuse and Child Interview Rooms" and will answer the questions of the students on the subject.



EMU FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE VICE DEAN ASSOC. PROF. DR. AFET COŞKUN RELEASES A MESSAGE ON INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Architecture vice Dean Assoc. Prof. Dr. Afet Coşkun released a statement on the occasion of 3rd of December – International Day for Persons with Disabilities. The statement is as follows:

“Since 1992, the United Nations have been acknowledging 3rd of December as the International Day for Persons with Disabilities. The international awareness day is celebrated with different events. Designing the cities, streets, buildings by applying the universal designing principles plays huge importance in terms of creating an environment which is accessible for everyone. Therefore, “individuals with different abilities” can have a life without encountering

any disabilities. They can attend all kinds of social, cultural and sports events and, benefit from the nature and all the services offered by public spaces. By approaching with different scales, the awareness on this matter will become more prominent with the consciousness of professionals who are referred as architectures. Cities, streets, buildings and places that can be accessed and used equally by every individual will be created. In this respect, as the EMU Faculty of Architecture, we celebrate 3 December, International Day of Persons with Disabilities and, would like to express our desire to have a world which is created in accordance with the universal design principles within the basis of equal rights.”

EMU ARCHITECTURE DEPARTMENT STUDENTS DESIGN HOUSING PROJECT FOR HOME-BASED WORKERS

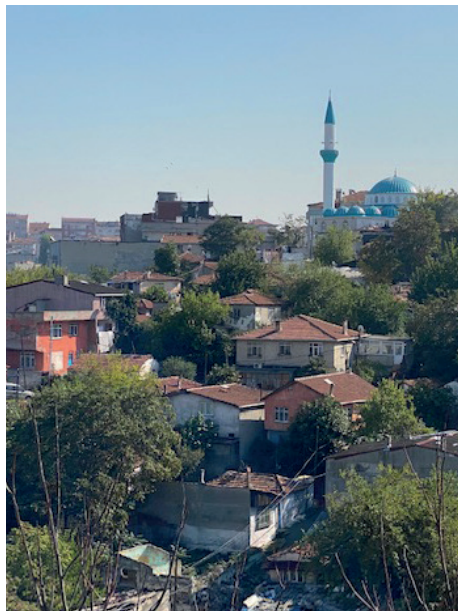


Joint architecture studio project operated within the scope of the collaboration between architecture departments of Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) and Yıldız Technical University (YTU) in İstanbul is to continue during the 2021-2022 Academic Year Fall Semester. Students are designing a housing project for home-based workers located in İstanbul.

Within the framework of the ARCH392 Architectural Design Studio IV course delivered at the EMU Architecture Department and, the Architectural Design Studio V course with MT5 course code delivered at the YTU Architecture Department, the students are conducting “An Architectural Project Supporting Economic Production within Residences” project in Gaziosmanpaşa district in İstanbul, the project site selected for urban transformation.

EMU Architecture Faculty academic staff members and ARCH 392 architectural design studio coordinators Prof. Dr. Özgür Dinçyürek and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ercan Hoşkara organized a technical visit to İstanbul with volunteering students who are taking the course. MT IV course coded Architectural Design Studio coordinators Assoc. Prof. Dr. Candan Çınar Çıtak and research assistant Dr. İlkin Markoc made a detailed presentation to the EMU Architecture Department faculty members on the development of the region, the characteristics of the selected land and the project content. During the visit, the city and region chosen for the project were discussed in detail and the concept of housing for the user was questioned. In addition, the goal of creating spatial projects in which physical and social transformation will be achieved together was established.

Carried out within the scope of the pandemic rules, the project is conducted by EMU Architecture Faculty academic staff members and ARCH 392 architectural design studio coordinators Prof. Dr. Özgür Dinçyürek and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ercan Hoşkara, lecturers Mehmet Sinan, Kemal Kasapoğlu and Safiye Özaltnır, and research assistants Nazgol Hafizi and Diler Haji Morad Aldoski. Yıldız Technical University, Faculty of Architecture, Department of Architecture provided intensive support to the studies carried out in İstanbul.



EMU DR. FAZIL KÜÇÜK FACULTY OF MEDICINE DEAN PROF. DR. NAHİDE GÖKÇORA'S 1 DECEMBER WORLD AIDS DAY STATEMENT

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Dr. Fazıl Küçük Faculty of Medicine Dean Prof. Dr. Nahide Gökçora made a statement about the 1 December World AIDS Day. Prof. Dr. Gökçora's statement reads as follows:

“1 December, World AIDS Day”

In order to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS (Human Acquired Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome), 1 December was recognized as World AIDS Day by the World Health Organization (WHO) in 1988. In our country, 1 December World AIDS Day is considered as an important opportunity to draw attention to HIV/AIDS, to inform and to raise awareness within the community.

HIV is a virus that directly damages the immune system, and people with this virus are called “HIV positive”. This virus destroys the cells that form the basis of the immune system's defense mechanism, weakening the immune system over time and reducing body resistance. AIDS is a disease caused by the HIV virus, in which the immune system collapses. Not all HIV-positive individuals have AIDS. Those infected with AIDS get sick much more easily. The susceptibility to infections increases, and because the immune system does not work adequately and effectively, such individuals become vulnerable to many additional diseases such as cancer, infection and dementia. The infection can be transmitted by receiving infected blood, unprotected sexual contact, intravenous drug use with commonly used injectors, piercing and tattooing in inappropriate conditions, or from mother to baby during pregnancy, delivery or breastfeeding. Therefore, it can be found in all age groups.

The diagnosis can be made easily with a simple blood test, but after the body is

infected with the virus, it takes a while for the test to become positive. For this reason, it is important to do the blood test at the right time.

Early diagnosis and early initiation of treatment are very important for the course of the disease. With treatments developed over the years, HIV-positive people can lead a long and healthy life. The virus cannot completely disappear from the blood, but becomes undetectable and this situation continues for life as long as regular medication is used. There is no obstacle for an HIV-positive individual to get married (by paying attention to regular treatment and prevention methods) and to have a healthy baby under control and monitoring of a doctor.

HIV/AIDS infection, which continues to be an important public health problem affecting millions of people around the world, requires a holistic approach in terms of its social reflections and consequences on a wide range of issues, particularly in diseases, deaths due to diseases, discrimination, human rights, labor, economy and law. Although the world has made significant progress in recent years, important global targets for 2020 have not been achieved. Division, inequality and disrespect for human rights are among the failures that have allowed HIV to become and remain a global health crisis. Now, inequalities and increased service disruptions exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic are making the lives of many people living with HIV even more difficult. It should be kept in mind that the HIV agent cannot be transmitted with the right prevention methods. It is an extremely wrong approach to isolate an HIV-positive person from society, as the infectious agent is not transmitted from person to person by hugging, shaking hands or using shared toilets. The World Health Organization and its partners have set the



theme “End Inequalities, End AIDS” for World AIDS Day 2021, highlighting the importance of reaching people left behind and growing inequalities in accessing basic HIV services. On 1 December 2021, WHO invited World leaders and It calls on citizens to unite to confront the inequalities that cause AIDS and to reach people who cannot afford healthcare. As long as we do not exclude, marginalize, judge, or make them feel alone. If we continue to make bold and collective efforts to take on inequalities, we can end AIDS by 2030. Measures needed to overcome inequalities and discrimination include:

- Community-led and people-centered infrastructure formation
- More healthcare workers
- Fair access to drugs, vaccines and health technologies
- Develop key workers and provide them with the resources and tools they need

For public health, it is vital to put an end to inequalities, to end AIDS, and to end pandemics by putting these measures into practice.”

EMU'S STATEMENT ON 5 DECEMBER, INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S RIGHTS DAY

Within the scope of the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Community Involvement Center's 2021-2022 Academic Year awareness projects, EMU Faculty of Law, Civil Law Program Research Assistant Rabia B. Karasaç made a statement on behalf of the Community Involvement Center regarding 5 December International Women's Rights Day. Karasaç's statement contains the following information on the use of the woman's surname:

"Woman's Personal Right: Surname"

The name is an indispensable part of the personality. A person has a personality right over her or his name. The name is an absolute and strict personal right that can be asserted against anyone. For this reason, the right of the person on her or his name is inviolable, indispensable and inalienable. The surname of a married woman is regulated in Article 187 of the Turkish Civil Code (TMK). Pursuant to the said regulation, "Woman takes the surname of her husband upon marriage..."

While the surname acquired by the man at birth is protected as a personal right throughout his life, the surname, which is within the scope of the personal right of the woman with the article 187 of the TMK, appears as a relative right, not an absolute right, unlike all other personal rights. A woman's surname changes depending on her marital status, and her identity changes with each marital status change. A woman is transferred from one lineage to another by marriage. When the woman is included in the line of the man, her own lineage is also disregarded.

The source of women being victims of the identity change process, which starts again with divorce, is the

187th article of the Turkish Civil Code. The woman has to leave her surname, which she gained through marriage, by divorce. For this reason, the surname of a woman changes in every marital status change. This situation causes women to have identity problems and to be exposed to many bureaucratic procedures brought about by changing their surnames. The fact that a woman has to take her husband's surname with Article 187 of the Turkish Civil Code is a reflection of the patriarchal mentality in the law. In addition, the relevant provision not only reflects the patriarchal thought, but also contributes to its development.

The issue of the surname of the woman has been brought to the court many times. The European Court of Human Rights has given a decision of violation against Turkey due to Article 187 of the Turkish Civil Code. The provision of the relevant article went before the Constitutional Court with a concrete norm review and was found in conformity with the Constitution. In the ruling of the Constitutional Court, the woman is forced to give up her surname by taking shelter behind some excuses such as public order and established traditions. However, laws should not only set the rules but also play a role in shaping the society. Changing the relevant provision and emphasizing that men and women have equal rights will maintain its value in practice, even if the woman wants to take only her husband's surname due to established traditions. The important thing is that this right is given to the woman and that the woman can have a say in her surname.

Although the Constitutional Court finds the relevant provision complying with the Constitution, it has also decided that women can only use their surname in cases

brought before them through individual application. Similarly, the Court of Cassation changed its case law in 2015 and started to make decisions that it is possible for a married woman to use only her surname. Although the development in court decisions is promising, it is an attitude far behind the times to require women to fight for their surname and not to allow them to use only their own surname without filing a lawsuit. The legislature, which has made it a struggle for women to use their personal surname without changing the relevant article from past to present, should get rid of the patriarchal mentality and give women this right without resorting to the judiciary. Ensuring gender equality is not a blessing, it is a requirement of the principle of equality regulated in the Turkish Constitution. Accordingly, each organ must respect this equality and fulfill its obligations in accordance with the Constitution.

The regulation of women's surnames in TRNC Legislation is quite accurate in terms of equality between men and women. According to the Family Law, spouses can only bear the maiden/bachelor's surname after marriage, without any distinction between men and women. It is also possible for spouses to designate a common family surname. The family surname can be the maiden/bachelor's name of the woman or the man. In addition, the spouse whose surname is not determined as the family name can also carry the maiden/bachelor's surname before the family surname, if she or he wishes. The Turkish Law adopting an understanding similar to the aforesaid regulation in TRNC Law would be compatible with the principle of equality stipulated by the Constitution and the modern world."

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