

## UNESCO CHAIR/UNITWIN NETWORK PROGRESS REPORT FORM

<b>Title of the Chair/Network:</b>	UNESCO Chair in Philosophy and Human Rights
<b>Host Institution:</b>	Maltepe University, Istanbul, Turkey
<b>Date of establishment of Chair/Network:</b> <i>(mm, yyyy)</i>	13 May 2009
<b>Period of activity under report:</b> <i>(mm, yyyy - mm, yyyy)</i>	1 July 2015-30 July 2016
<b>Report established by:</b> <i>(name, position)</i>	Ioanna Kuçuradi, Chairholder

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### 1. Executive Summary:

*Major outcomes, results and impact of the Chair, including on national policies, in relation to its objectives as stated in Article 2 of the Chair Agreement (between the Institution and UNESCO)*  
(Not exceeding 300 words)

The work of the Centre and the Chair during the past year can be summarized under the following headings:

- Continuation of the M.A. Programme on Human Rights, 15 graduates in the academic year 2015-2016.
- Short term human rights training for various groups.
- Continuation of the three projects.

**2) Activities:**

*Overview of activities undertaken by the Chair during the reporting period*

<b>a) Education/Training/Research</b> <i>(key education programmes and training delivered and research undertaken by the Chair during the reporting period, target group and geographical coverage)</i>	
<b>i) Education (leading to certificate)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The M.A. programme of the Centre and the Chair admitted 13 students in the year 2015-2016.</li> <li>- The M.A. programme of the Centre and the Chair gave 15 graduates in the academic year 2015-2016. The titles of their theses and graduation projects are listed in the relevant section of this report.</li> <li>- Besides the courses of the M.A. programmes of the Centre and the Chair, 3 courses on human rights in Fall Semester and 3 courses in Spring Semester were offered to students of different departments of Maltepe University. (~100 students each semester)</li> </ul>
<b>ii) Training (short term)</b>	-
<b>iii) Research</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Centre and the Chair participated in the drafting of the two projects submitted by the Philosophical Society of Turkey to the European Commission in Turkey, for support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Facing Corruption and Other Ethical Problems in Social Services and Ways to Prevent them through Ethical Capacity-Building.”</li> <li>• “Strengthening the Capacity of Local Media Members to look at what is going on from the Human Rights Perspective.”</li> </ul> </li> <li>- One of the Ph. D. students and sculptor, Ms Ozi Huntürk, who worked for her Ph. D. under the supervision of the chairholder, completed her thesis on “The Aesthetics-Anti-aesthetics Debate Concerning the Evaluation of Works of Sculpture”, which is based on the general theory of evaluation of the Chairholder.</li> </ul>

## **b) Conferences/Meetings**

*(key conferences and meetings organized by the Chair or to which its Chairholder contributed)*

### **i) Key conferences and workshops hosted by the Chair**

- Two workshops on 10 December 2014, titled “Looking at the Events and the Persons with Knowledge of Human Rights”.
- A workshop on “Ethical and Human Rights Problems for Social Workers”, in collaboration with the Istanbul Section of the Association of Social Workers and the School for Health Sciences of Kocaeli University, and with the support of Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, on 12-14 November 2014.

### **ii) Other conferences/organizational activities undertaken by the Chairholder**

- The Chairholder participated in the *Entretiens* of the Institut International de Philosophie, held in Rome on 20-27 September 2014, and she was elected president of the Institute in its General Assembly held on 27 September 2014.
- She participated in the meeting of the International Commission Against Death Penalty, held on 24-25 November 2014, in Geneva.
- She chaired the Organizing Committee and made the inaugural speech of the XXVIth Istanbul Seminar of the Philosophical Society of Turkey, on “Virtual Reality and Violence”, held on 4-5 December 2014.
- She organized and conducted, on behalf of the “Kuçuradi Foundation for Philosophy and Human Rights”, between 24 January and 27 February 2015, 5 sessions of a seminar on Aristotle.
- She chaired the Organizing Committee of the Summer School III on “Justification with Human Rights”, held between 29 June-12 July 2015, and gave two courses in this programme organized by the Philosophical Society of Turkey, in collaboration with Koç University, for Law School students from all over Turkey.

### **iii) A selection of conference presentations by the Chairholder and other colleagues**

#### **Selected conference presentations by the Chairholder:**

- She participated in the Third International Philosophy Conference organized by Uludağ University (Bursa) on “Tradition, Democracy and Philosophy” and delivered its inaugural lecture on 23 October 2014.
- She participated, on behalf of the International Commission Against the Death Penalty, and presented a paper, in the Third Jakarta Human Rights Dialogue, organized on 10-11 November 2014, by the Representative of Indonesia to ASEAN Intergovernmental Human Rights Commission, on “Towards the Abolishment of Death Penalty in the ASEAN Region”.
- She delivered the inaugural speech of the International Congress organized, on 21 November 2014, by the “Professor Hıfzı Özcan Turkish Foundation on Cerebral Palsy”.
- On the occasion of the Human Rights Week, she addressed the students of the Beşiktaş Sakıp Sabancı Anadolu Lisesi, on 23 December 2014.
- She took part in the award ceremony of the 19<sup>th</sup> National Philosophy Olympiad, held on 23 January 2015, at a school in Çanakkale and addressed, on the invitation of the

Director of National Education, the teachers of philosophy of this city and discussed problems in teaching philosophy.

- She spoke in a meeting organized on 24 January 2015, in Ankara, by the Association of Philosophy Teachers, on “The Teaching of Philosophy in Secondary Education and its Problems”.
- She gave a lecture in the Association of Architects on 13 February, in Ankara, on “Ethics and Architecture”.
- She addressed the students of SANKO Schools in Gaziantep, on 6 March 2015, and discussed with them issues of ethics and human rights.
- She gave a lecture to the Turkish and the allies personnel of the NATO Base in Istanbul, on “Security and Human Rights”, on 16 March 2015.
- She participated in the annual meeting of International Federation of Philosophical Societies, held in Bangkok, on 24-30 March 2015, hosted by Chulalongkorn University.
- She gave a lecture on 25 April 2015, on “Rationality and Rationalities” in the annual Series of Lectures of the Department of Philosophy of Maltepe University, on “Modernity and Postmodernity”.
- She gave a public conference on “Schopenhauer” at Erciyes University (Kayseri) on 20 March 2015.
- She gave a public lecture, on “Looking at Problems of Meaning and Value from a Philosophical Perspective”, organized by the Tarihi Library on 11 April 2015.
- She presented a paper on “Schopenhauer’s Contribution to the History of Philosophy”, in a conference on Schopenhauer, organized by Hacettepe University (Ankara), on 17 April 2015.
- She gave a lecture on Ethics, and participated together with Professor Sevgi İyi, member of UNESCO Chair, in a meeting organized by the Teachers Association (Alanya Branch), on 23 May 2014.
- She delivered a key-note speech in the International Conference organized by the Law School of Anadolu University (Eskişehir) on “Justice Education for a Just Society, on 22 July 2015.

#### **Selected Activities of Members of the Chair:**

##### **Prof. Dr. Betül Çotuksöken:**

Prof. Çotuksöken’s activities include:

- A contribution to the course organized between 10 September-8 October 2014, by the Centre and the Chair, for the public officers of the Pendik District.
- A lecture on “John Salisbury’s Political Philosophy”, FESATODER, in Istanbul, on 13.09.2014.
- A paper on “Virtual Reality: An Anthropological Approach”, presented in the XXVI Istanbul Seminar of the Philosophical Society of Turkey, on “Virtual Reality and Violence”, held on 3-4 December 2014.
- A contribution to the workshop on “Ethics and Human Rights for Social Work”, organized by the Centre and the Chair in collaboration with the School of Health Sciences of Kocaeli University and the support of Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung.

##### **Prof. Dr. Sevgi İyi:**

Prof. İyi’s activities include:

- Contribution to the course organized between 10 September-8 October 2014 by the Centre for the public officers of the Pendik District.
- Contribution to the course organized by the Philosophy Department of Maltepe University for “Mektebim Schools”, on 4 April 2015.
- Participation in the International Congress on City Research, organized by Anadolu University (Eskişehir) with a paper on “The City and the Human Being”.
- Contribution to the training programme organized by the “Centre for Children Living and Working in the Street ” of Maltepe University, on 24 April 2015.
- Presentation of a paper on “What are Values?” in the congress organized by the Association of Philosophy Teachers on “Value Education”, on 16 May 2015.
- Contribution to the Summer School for Law students on “Justification by Human Rights” on 29 June and 2 July 2015.
- Participation in the radio programme of TRT 1 Radio Istanbul on “Globalization, Popular Culture and the Human Being”, on 8 July 2015.

**Assoc. Prof. Dr. Muttalip Özcan:**

Prof. Özcan’s activities include:

- Presentation of a paper on “Aristotle and the Presuppositions of Law: Reason, Freedom and Equality”, in a conference organized by Istanbul University and the Bar Association of Istanbul on 4-7 November 2014 .
- A paper on “The Aristotelian Criticism of Democracy”, in a meeting organized by the Association of the Teachers of Philosophy, on 27 December 2014.
- A lecture on Kant, in the Philosophy Students Club of Maltepe University, on 6 March 2015.
- Three lectures on “A Philosophical Approach to the Education of Values”, on 27 March, 3 April and 10 April 2015, in the Association for Social Rights (Istanbul).
- A paper on “A Philosophical Approach to Education” in Alanya, on 19 May 2015.
- Contribution to the training programme of the Centre organized for the children and for the guardians in the Maltepe Prison on 18 and 26 May 2015.
- A lecture on “Truth and Value: Nietzsche and Derrida”, in the series of lectures organized by Maltepe University, on “Modernity and Postmodernity”, on 30 May 2015.

**Assist. Prof. Dr. Neşe Şahin Taşgın :**

- Participation in the Conference on “Rethinking Social Services IV. What Kind of City ? City Rights and City Owners”, organized by the Diyarbakır Branch of the Social Workers Association and Friedrich Ebert-Stiftung, on 17-18 October 2014, in Istanbul, with a paper on “Poverty in the Cities and the New Pariah : Refugees and Migrants”.
- Participation in the Symposium on “The Role of Children Ombudsman in the Protection of Children’s Rights”, organized by the Working Group of Local Administration of Istanbul, on 17-18 November 2014.
- Coordination and participation in the “Workshop on Ethics and Human Rights for Social Workers” organized by the Centre and Chair in collaboration with the Health Sciences Department of Kocaeli University with the support of Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung.
- Coordination of and training in a course in the “Family School 12 : The Institution of Family and its Functions in the Present-day World”, on 7-14-21 March 2015.
- Participation on 24 March 2015, in the panel series organized by the Istanbul Maltepe Educational Foundation, on “Adaptation to the Life of the City”.
- Participation in the two round tables organized, on 29-30 May 2015, by KAOS-GL, on “Problems of LGBT’s and Obstacles Hindering them from Receiving Social Services”.
- Participation in the “International Conference on Sharing Best Practices and Experience of National Human Rights Institutions”, organized by the Human Rights Institution of Turkey, on 12-13 June 2015.

**Research Assistant Bergen Coşkun:**

Ms. Coşkun's activities include:

- Participation in the Karaburun Science Congress, held on 3-7 September 2014, with a paper prepared jointly with Özge Yücel Dericiler on "Occupy Gezi: Is it a 'Public' or a 'Social' Occupation?"
- Participation in the Third International Philosophy Congress, organized by Uludağ University (Bursa), on 23-25 October 2014, with a paper on "Life in Two Worlds: The Human Being from Cupiditas to Caritas".
- Participation in the round-table organized by Maltepe University on the 2014 Day of Philosophy, with a paper on "The Consolation of Philosophy, Penelope's Thread".
- Participation in the series of lectures organized by Maltepe University on Modernity-Postmodernity, on 16 May 2014, with a paper on "The Phenomenology of Sentiments: Is it Modern or Postmodern?".
- Contribution to the training programme on human rights organized by the Centre for the children in Maltepe Prison.

**c) Interuniversity Exchanges/Partnerships**

*(principal exchanges/partnerships between the Chair and other institution,s including UNESCO Chairs/UNITWIN Networks)*

-Two graduate students from the UNESCO Chair of Bergamo University (Italy), Luca Martinengo and Nicola Ghilardi, worked for three months in the Centre.

**d) Publications/Multimedia Materials**

*(major publications and teaching/learning materials)*

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<p><i>Give details of major publications and materials including full citations.</i></p> <p><b>i) Theses and graduation papers prepared by the students of the M.A. Programme</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Ulaş Aksakallı (2015)</b> “Sosyal Hizmet Uzmanının Sosyal ve Ekonomik Destek Hizmetleriyle İlgili Kararlarını Belirleyen “Vicdan” Sorunu/The Problem of “Conscience” which Determines the Decisions of Social Workers Concerning Social and Economic Aid Services.”</li> <li><b>2. Tuna Deniz (2015)</b> “Olay Yeri İncelemede Delilden Sanığa Gitmenin İnsan Haklarının Korunmasındaki Yeri/ The Contribution of Going from Evidence to the Accused in the Investigations of Crime Scene to the Protection of Human Rights.”</li> <li><b>3. Gülşah Gür (2015)</b> “Denetimli Serbestlik Uygulaması ve İnsan Hakları/Probation Practice and Human Rights.”</li> <li><b>4. Eyüp Sevindik (2015)</b> “ Türkiye’de Alt İşverenlik Sisteminin İnsan Hakları Bakımından Değerlendirilmesi/The System of Subcontracting from Human Rights Perspective.”</li> <li><b>5. Derya Özkan (2015)</b> “Son 10 Yıllık İHAM Kararları Işığında Türkiye’de İfade Özgürlüğü Problemi/ The Right to Freedom of Expression in Turkey in the Light of the Rulings of the European Court of Human Rights.”</li> <li><b>6. Bayram Kara (2015)</b> “Zorunlu Askerlik Hizmeti Sırasında Er ve Erbaşların İntiharı ve Yaşama Hakkı/The Right to Life and the Suicides Committed During the Obligatory Military Services.”</li> <li><b>7. Tayfun Serin (2015)</b> “Özel Eğitime Muhtaç Kişilerin Eğitim Hakkı ve Eğitim Sorunları/The Right to Education of Those Who Need Special Education and Problems Related to It.”</li> <li><b>8. Mustafa Atilla Ongur (2015)</b> “ İnsan haklarını Korumanın Özne Koşulları Olarak Etik ve Polis Etiği/The Subjective Conditions of the Protective of Human Rights and Police Ethics.”</li> <li><b>9. Selçuk Polat (2015)</b> “Tıpta Aydınlatılmış Onam ve Özerklik İlkesi/Informed Consent in Medicine and the Principle of Autonomy.”</li> <li><b>10. Abuzer Gülpınar (2015)</b> “Türkçe Deyim ve Atasözlerinin İnsan Hakları Açısından Değerlendirilmesi/Evaluation of Turkish Proverbs and Sayings from Human Rights Perspective.”</li> </ol>	

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**12. Mansur Seyiođlu (2016)** “İnsan Hakları Perspektifinden Çocuk Refahı Alanındaki Sosyal Hizmetler Uygulamalarında Deđerlendirme Sorunu/The Problem of Assesment in Social Work Practices in the Field of Child Welfare from a Human Rights Perspective.”

## **Publications**

**Prof. Ioanna Kuçuradi made the following publications in the past academic year:**

- “Mondialisation, injustice sociale et droits sociaux”, *Les droits sociaux constitutionels et la charte sociale europénne*, textes réunis par Jean Mouly Les chroniques de l’ OMIJ No.7, Pulim 2015, p.45-52.
- “İnsan Hakları Işıđında Tüketim Toplumu”, *Sade/ce*, (ed.) Filiz Otay Demir, Remzi Kitabevi, İstanbul 2015, s.71-82.

**Prof. Betül Çotuksöken made the following publications in the past academic year:**

- “Justice as an Indicator of Well-being in Modern Society, Alla A. Kornienko, Evgeniya V. Syryamkina, *Procedia - Social and Behavioral Sciences*, Volume 166, 2015.
- “Justice as an Indicator of Organization of a Good Society: Way to the Application of Theory to Practice”, Alla A. Kornienko, Evgeniya V. Syryamkina, *Procedia - Social and Behavioral Sciences*, Volume 166, 2015.
- She edited, together with Harun Tepe, *Anadolu’da Felsefeye Yolculuk II, Sinoplu Diogenes/A Philosophical Journey in Anatolia II, Diogenes of Sinope*”, Publications of the Philosophical Society of Turkey, Ankara 2015.

**Assoc. Prof. Dr. Muttalip Özcan’s main publication in the past academic year:**

- “Nietzsche ve Derrida: Hakikat ve Deđer(ler)”, *Maltepe Üniversitesi Fen Edebiyat Fakültesi Dergisi*, Sayı 1-2, 2015, ss.5-40.

**Research Assistant Bergen Coşkun made the following publications in the past academic year:**

- “Frankfurt Okulu: Düş Kırıklığı, Aklın Büyüsü ve Sirenlerin Sesi”, *Düşünme Krizinde Felsefeden Politikaya*, (Ed. Senem Kurtar, Ömer Faik Anlı), Bibliotech Yayınları, Ankara, 2016, s. 189-206.



- “Post Hoc Ergo Propter Hoc’un Sonu: Güneş Yarın da Doğacak mı?”, Felsefe Logos, Sayı: 60, 2016/1, ISSN: 1309-9175, s.123-134.
- “Koflaşmış Doğrular Terennümcüleri ve Düşünce Özgürleri”, FLSF Felsefe ve Sosyal Bilimler Dergisi, Sayı: 20, Mayıs 2016 (Basım aşamasında).
- “Herkes Biraz Macbeth Biraz da Hamlet’tir”, Kaygı Uludağ Üniversitesi Fen - Edebiyat Fakültesi Felsefe Dergisi, Bahar 2016 (Basım aşamasında).

#### e) Cooperation with UNESCO Headquarters, Field Offices

-The Chairholder took part in the work of the jury of the “UNESCO Madanjeet Singh Prize for the Promotion of Tolerance and Non-Violence”, on 19-22 August 2014.

#### f) Other

(any other activities to report)

-The Chairholder took part, this year too, in the work of the juries for the “ Sedat Simavi Journalism Prize” of the Association of Journalists of Turkey and of the “Yunus Nadi Prize for Social Sciences” of the daily newspaper *Cumhuriyet*.

-The Chairholder, who is member of International Commission Against the Death Penalty (Geneva and Madrid), made certain contacts related to the moratorium of the death penalty in Indonesia and China.

-The members of the Chair represented Maltepe University in four Human Rights District Councils.

**3. Future Plans and Development Prospects:**

*Outline of action plan for the next biennium and short/medium and long-term development prospects. Please do not hesitate to refer to difficulties that the Chair has experienced*  
(Not exceeding 300 words)

- The Centre and the Chair:
  - Plans to start conducting a Ph. D. programme in human rights, in the same spirit with its M.A. programme.
  - Plans to increase its international cooperation.

**Appendix:****1) Human Resources**

- The Centre's and the Chair's staff consists of three professors, one associate professor, one lecturer, one research assistant and one specialist. Two part-time professors contributed, this year too, to the work of the Centre.
- The number of administrative staff is 1.
- The two Erasmus students, who worked in the Centre and the Chair, also contributed to the work of the Chair.

## 2) Financial Resources

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*Give details of financial contributions, material resources and space.*

- Almost all expenses for the activities of the chair were met by the University.
- The Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung met the expenses of the Workshop on “Ethics and Human Rights for Social Workers” directly. The budget was ~6.000\$.
- The Anel Company contributed ~2.000\$ for the training programme organized for its members.
- The Centre and the Chair have at their disposal 5 offices, and one meeting room and library.
- All equipment and machines (5 computers, 1 fax and 1 printing machines) are provided by the University.