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***International Multidisciplinary Women's Congress 2009:
"Change & Empowerment"***

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Faculty of Arts & Sciences, Dokuz Eylul University, Izmir, TURKEY

The *International Multidisciplinary Women's Congress* will take place at the Dokuz Eylul University in Turkey between October 13th and 16th, 2009 and the overarching theme for the Congress will be "Change and Empowerment."

The aim of the Congress is to foster communication and collaboration between academicians and to open up a discussion platform for the analysis, development, and exchange of ideas on the following Women-related main topics:

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| 1. Women in Literature | 10. Women and Translation |
| 2. Women in Religion and Philosophy | 11. Women at Sea |
| 3. Feminisms | 12. Women and Language |
| 4. Women in Law | 13. Women and Education |
| 5. Women in Statistics | 14. Women and Migration |
| 6. Women, Science and Technology | 15. Women and Culture |
| 7. Women's Labour | 16. Women and Health |
| 8. Women and European Union | 17. Women and Politics |
| 9. Women and Sexuality | 18. Women and History |

The official languages of the congress are **Turkish, English** and **German**. Papers and presentations will be accepted in all of these languages. There will be separate session rooms for presentations in each language. "Women in Religion and Philosophy" main section welcomes papers and presentations in Arabic as well as in Turkish, English and German. "Women at Sea" main topic welcomes papers and presentations only in English.

Please, note that abstracts of 300 words will be submitted electronically at our website at www.imwc2009.org. Deadline for submission of proposals is **June 1, 2009**.

For more information on registration and submission guidelines please see the IMWC website.

On behalf of the Organizing Committee
Fusun Çoban Döşkaya
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Sedat Çapar

Main Topics and the Chairs

1. Women in Literature

Chair: *Prof. Dr. Atilla Silkü*

- 1.1 Representations, Inequalities and Struggles
- 1.2 Dislocations, Dis/Re-placements, Exile, Environment, Frontiers, Space
- 1.3 Solidarity, Love, Compassion, Motherhood, Understanding
- 1.4 (In)Visibility, Selfhood
- 1.5 Identity and Temporality
- 1.6 Negative Myths
- 1.7 Discrimination and Protection
- 1.8 Migration and Poverty
- 1.9 Rape, Sexual Abuse/Assault/Harassment
- 1.10 Violence, Trauma, Memory
- 1.11 Fashion, Style
- 1.12 The Pathos of the Body, Beauty
- 1.13 Language, Discourse, Power, Hegemony, Education
- 1.14 Self-writing
- 1.15 Mental Health, Madness, Death
- 1.16 Cultural Representations in Virtual Environments

2. Women in Religion and Philosophy

Chair: *Prof. Dr. Cemal Sofuoğlu*

- 2.1 Women in Judaism
- 2.2 Women in Christianity
- 2.3 Women in Islam
- 2.4 Women in Other Religions (Buddhism, Hinduism, etc.)
- 2.5 Women in Mystic Traditions
- 2.6 Women in New Religious Movements
- 2.7 Philosophical Foundations of Women Perception and Symbol of Women in Philosophy
- 2.8 Feminist Theology and Women
- 2.9 Women and Contemporary Philosophical Movements
- 2.10 Women in Non-Religious Discourses
- 2.11 Mythology and Women
- 2.12 Feminist Philosophers
- 2.13 Sexual Perceptions in Religious Traditions

3. Feminisms

Chair: *Prof. Dr. Mehmet Ecevit*

- 3.1 Feminist Theory
- 3.2 Feminist Methodology (Epistemology/Ontology)
- 3.3 Feminist Movement
- 3.4 Modernity Theory and Feminism
- 3.5 Postmodernist Perspectives and Feminism (Poststructuralist Feminism, Post-Marxist Feminism)
- 3.6 History of Feminism
- 3.7 Social/Political Thought and Feminism
- 3.8 Intellectuals/Scholars and Feminism
- 3.9 Issues/Problems/Disciplines and Feminism
- 3.10 Future Society and Feminism

4. Women in Law

Chair: *Prof. Dr. Şükran Ertürk*

- 4.1 Legal Perspectives on Women
- 4.2 Women's Human Rights: Policies and Practices
- 4.3 Discrimination of Women
- 4.4 Sexual Exploitation
- 4.5 Women's Experience of Justice
- 4.6 Women and Equality
- 4.7 The Role of Justice in Fighting Gender Violence
- 4.8 Women's promotion and obstacles

5. Women in Statistics

Chair: *Prof. Dr. Serdar Kurt*

- 5.1 Population and Demographic Indicators
- 5.2 Literacy and Education
- 5.3 Justice and Crime
- 5.4 Economic Activity, Labour Force, Establishment and Income
- 5.5 Life and Health
- 5.6 Income and Poverty
- 5.7 Households, Families and Housing Conditions
- 5.8 Other Fields

6. Women, Science and Technology

Chair: *Prof. Dr. Gürel Nişli*

- 6.1 Women in Science Education: Case Studies
- 6.2 The Problems of Women Scientists
- 6.3 The Productivity of Women Scientists
- 6.4 Women Pioneers/Leaders in Science and Technology
- 6.5 Women Potential in Science and Technology
- 6.6 Women in the Scientific Community
- 6.7 Ecology, Environment Science and Women
- 6.8 Women and Science: Case Studies
- 6.9 Women and Scientific Research

7. Women's Labour

Chair: *Prof. Dr. Yıldız Ecevit*

- 7.1 Globalization, Restructuring and Women's Labour
- 7.2 Women's Labour During Crises
- 7.3 Waged Work
- 7.4 Gender Segregation and Discrimination at Work
- 7.5 Sexual Harassment and Mobbing at Work
- 7.6 Women's Labour in Free Trade Zones
- 7.7 Women in Professional and Managerial Positions
- 7.8 Enformal Sector and Women's Work
- 7.9 Housework/Domestic Work/Labour, Reproduction
- 7.10 Homeworking
- 7.11 Rural Women's Labour
- 7.12 Self Employed and Entrepreneur Women
- 7.13 Reconciliation of Work and Family
- 7.14 Women's Unemployment
- 7.15 Working Women and Social Security

8. Women and European Union

Chair: *Prof. Dr. Canan Balkır*

- 8.1 Women in the EU: Bottlenecks and Opportunities
- 8.2 Legal Framework of Female Employment and Entrepreneurship in the EU
- 8.3 Women in Lisbon Strategy: New Opportunities/Challenges
- 8.4 Transnational Women Movements and EU as a Global Actor in Gender Equality
- 8.5 Women in the EU Decision-making
- 8.6 Women and Migration in the Enlarging EU
- 8.7 Gender Equality in Turkey: Achievements and Shortfalls in the EU Accession Process

9. Women and Sexuality

Chair: *Prof. Dr. Şahika Yüksel*

- 9.1 Sexual Health
- 9.2 Women's Sexual Problems
- 9.3 Medical and Psychological Interventions for Female Sexual Problems
- 9.4 Sexual Rights
- 9.5 Intimate Partner Relationships
- 9.6 Sex and Power: Sexual Assault
- 9.7 Same Sex Sexual Identity: Lesbians
- 9.8 Medical Issues and Women's Sexuality
- 9.9 Honour Crime
- 9.10 Sex Education

10. Women and Translation

Chair: *Prof. Dr. Nüzhet Berrin Aksoy*

- 10.1 Women's Literature and Translation
- 10.2 Women in/and Translation History
- 10.3 Feminism and Translation
- 10.4 Women Translators/Interpreters
- 10.5 Women Readers and Translation
- 10.6 Feminist Discourse and Translation
- 10.7 Woman, Language and Translation
- 10.8 Woman Studies and Translation Studies
- 10.9 Women Writers and Translation

11. Women at Sea

Chair: *Prof. Dr. A. Güldem Cerit*

- 11.1 History of Women at Sea
- 11.2 Literature on Women at Sea
- 11.3 Careers at Sea and Women
- 11.4 Maritime Education and Training of Women
- 11.5 Women in Maritime Business
- 11.6 Women in Maritime Universities
- 11.7 Women as Seafarers
- 11.8 Maritime Sports and Women
- 11.9 Legal Aspects and Women at Sea
- 11.10 Women in International Maritime Organizations and Institutions

12. Women and Language

Chair: *Prof. Dr. Semiramis Yağcıoğlu*

- 12.1 Women and Language Use
- 12.2 Women and Media
- 12.3 Women and Discourse
- 12.4 Women, Language and Education
- 12.5 Women, Language and Social Roles
- 12.6 Representation of Women in Language
- 12.7 Mother's Role in Child's Language Development

13. Women and Education

Chair: *Prof. Dr. Leman Tarhan*

- 13.1 Women in Education
- 13.2 Importance of Women's Education
- 13.3 Change in Mentality and Awareness
- 13.4 Women-Media and Education
- 13.5 Regional Inequalities
- 13.6 Gender and Education
- 13.7 Women and Education: Case Studies
- 13.8 Equal Accessibility to Education in Science

14. Women and Migration

Chair: *Prof. Dr. Ayşe Ayata*

- 14.1 Rural-Urban Migration
- 14.2 Community Development
- 14.3 International Migration
- 14.4 Illegal Migration
- 14.5 Trafficking

15. Women and Culture

Chair: *Prof. Dr. Gertrude Durusoy*

- 15.1 Women in Different Eras and Geographies
- 15.2 Women and Traditions
- 15.3 Women and Folklore
- 15.4 Women and Family Culture
- 15.5 Women and Social Culture
- 15.6 Women and Remembrance Culture
- 15.7 Women and the Stage
- 15.8 Women in Arts: As Subject and/or Object
- 15.9 Women and Fashion
- 15.10 Women and Media: Images of Women

16. Women and Health

Chair: *Prof. Dr. Ayşe Akin*

- 16.1 Women and Reproduction Health
- 16.2 Socioeconomic Status of Women and Health
- 16.3 Women and Mental Health
- 16.4 Women and Aging
- 16.5 Women and Cancer
- 16.6 Health as Women's Human Rights
- 16.7 Women and Nutrition
- 16.8 Women and Children
- 16.9 Women and Addictions, Substance Abuse
- 16.10 Beauty, Esthetic and Cosmetic Industry
- 16.11 Women and Disability
- 16.12 Violence against Women
- 16.13 Discrimination against Women
- 16.14 Access to Health Service and Women

17. Women and Politics

Chair: *Prof. Dr. Fatmagül Berktaş*

- 17.1 Feminist Politics versus Imperialism and Colonialism
- 17.2 Gender Quotas: Case Studies
- 17.3 Political Participation: Case Studies
- 17.4 Gender and Citizenship
- 17.5 Women and the Decision-Making Process
- 17.6 Feminist Political Theory
- 17.7 Women in Politics
- 17.8 The Effects of Fundamentalism and Terrorism on Women's Political Participation

18. Women and History

Chair: *Prof. Dr. Seçil K. Akgün*

- 18.1 Ottoman History and Gender
- 18.2 Ottoman Women
- 18.3 Atatürk's Vision of Women
- 18.4 Women in History
- 18.5 Women History
- 18.6 Women Historians
- 18.7 Modernity and Women
- 18.8 Women and Social Movements