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**The Impact of Public Investment in Social Care Services**

**on Employment, Gender Equality and Poverty:**

**The Turkish Case**

**PROGRAM**

**09:00-09:30 Registration**

**09:30- 10:15 Opening Statements**

* Prof. Fatma Arslan, Director, Istanbul Technical University, Women’s Studies Center in Science, Engineering and Technology (ITU WSC-SET)
* Candan Fetvacı, Executive Director, Aydın Doğan Foundation
* Özge Berber Agtaş, Officer-in-Charge, Programme and Administrative Officer, ILO Office for Turkey
* Rastislav Vrbensky, Manager, UNDP İstanbul Regional Hub for Europe and CIS
* Ingibjorg Gisladottir, UN Women Regional Director for Europe and Central Asia, Representative to Turkey

**10:15 – 11:30 Presentation of Research Report and Q&A**

* Assoc. Prof. İpek İlkkaracan, Istanbul Technical University and ITU WSC-SET Associate Director
* Assist. Prof. Tolga Kaya, Istanbul Technical University
* Dr. Kijong Kim, Levy Economics Institute, New York, Research Scholar

**11:30 – 11:45 Break**

**11:45 – 12:45 Commentaries on the Research Report**

Chair: Prof. Gülay Günlük-Şenesen, Istanbul University

* Prof. Özlem Onaran, University of Greenwich, London, UK Women’s Budget Group Policy Advisory Group
* Prof. Nilüfer Çağatay, University of Utah, and Gender, Macroeconomics and International Economics International Working Group GEM–IWG

**12:45-14:00                  Lunch**

**14:00 – 15:30 Panel I: Early Childhood Care and Preschool Education in Turkey**

Chair: Prof. Mehmet Kaytaz, Işık University

* Yiğit Aksakoğlu, Bernard van Leer Foundation, Representative
* Serap Güre, Women’s Labor and Employment Initiative - KEİG Platform, Coordinator
* Meltem Aran, Development Analytics, [Founding Director](https://www.linkedin.com/title/founding-director?trk=pprofile_title)
* Batuhan Aydagül, Education Reform Initiative, Member of Board of Directors
* Tuncay Morkoç, Ministry of National Education, Department of Early Childhood Education, Director

**15:30-15:45                 Break**

**15:45–16:45 Panel II: Different Approaches to Public Investments in Social Care**

Chair: Prof. Gülay Toksöz, Ankara University

* Prof. Nurhan Yentürk, Bilgi University and Public Expenditures Watch Platform
* Gülden Türktan, W-20 2015 Turkey
* M.D. Gülüstü Salur Kaptanoğlu, 65+ Elder Rights Association

**16:45-17:00 Closing**

* Assoc. Prof. İpek İlkkaracan, Istanbul Technical University and ITU WSC-SET, Associate Director

**17:00 – 18:00 Reception**

English – Turkish simultaneous translation will be provided.