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## CIFAL Istanbul - 8 March International Women's Day: The Epistemic and Development Dimension of Gender

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### BACKGROUND

This event featured distinguished speakers such as Gonca Oğuz Gök and Rahime Süleymanoğlu-Kürüm, with Selcen Öner as the moderator. The discussions focused on gender's role in knowledge production and its implications for development, addressing key issues surrounding gender equality, empowerment,

and the broader societal impacts. The event provided valuable insights into how gender shapes and is shaped by epistemology (the theory of knowledge) and development studies, with a focus on both global and local perspectives. Attendees had the opportunity to engage with thought leaders and experts in the field and contribute to a broader conversation about gender justice, social transformation, and the ongoing fight for women's rights. The event marked an essential occasion for raising awareness and fostering dialogue on the challenges and opportunities for gender equity in contemporary society.

## EVENT OBJECTIVES

**Explore the Epistemic Dimensions of Gender:** The event aimed to delve into how gender influences and is influenced by knowledge production, including how gender perspectives shape academic research, discourse, and social understanding. **Discuss the Development Dimension of Gender:** Another key objective was to examine the role of gender in development, particularly how gender inequality impacts development outcomes and how gender-sensitive approaches can contribute to more equitable progress in society. **Raise Awareness on Gender Justice:** The event sought to increase awareness about the challenges and disparities women face globally and highlight the importance of gender justice in achieving sustainable development and social change. **Foster Dialogue and Exchange:** By bringing together experts and participants, the event aimed to provide a platform for open discussions on key gender-related issues, fostering exchange of ideas, experiences, and solutions to address gender inequality. **Empower Women and Promote Gender Equality:** One of the central goals was to empower women by showcasing their contributions to knowledge production and development, as well as to promote policies and practices that support gender equality and women's rights. **Highlight the Intersection of Gender, Knowledge, and Development:** The event aimed to underline the interconnectedness of gender, epistemology, and development studies, exploring how each area can inform and improve the others in the pursuit of social and economic progress.

## CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

The event "8 March International Women's Day: The Epistemic and Development Dimension of Gender" featured keynote presentations by Gonca Oğuz Gök and Rahime Süleymanoğlu-Kürüm, exploring the connections between gender,

knowledge production, and development. The panel discussion, moderated by Selcen Öner, provided an in-depth analysis of gender inequality, epistemology, and gender-sensitive development policies. The event encouraged interactive dialogue, allowing participants to engage with the speakers and discuss practical solutions for achieving gender equality. It concluded with a Q&A session, fostering a dynamic exchange of ideas on gender justice and social transformation.

## **METHODOLOGY**

The event employed a combination of presentations and a panel discussion to explore the epistemic and development dimensions of gender. Interactive dialogue and a Q&A session allowed participants to engage directly with the speakers and share insights.

## **TARGETED AUDIENCE**

Students and Academics of Bahçeşehir University