

International Symposium

Family in the Context of Modern Debates

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Dicle University Faculty of Theology, Diyarbakır

The world is rapidly globalizing and transforming. In this context, values and institutions are subject to discussions and tensions on the axis of change and conservatism. On the other hand, the family institution occupies a more prominent position in the discussions in relation to its central relations with other basic social institutions and its sensitivity to change. With its biological, psychological, social, economic and political functions, the family remains at the center of socio-political designs for the future.

Together with the modernization, the emergence of women in the public sphere, individualization and the new understandings of freedom, the revolutionary developments in the reproductive technologies and new approaches to human ontology have led to hard debates on the structure and functioning of the family. Within the framework of these discussions, while some is concerned about the transformation of the family and reject the modern family by idealizing the family structure in the past, the others accept the new type of human being brought by the change and challenge to the imagination of religion or traditional culture on family.

The West has been experiencing modernization for about five centuries. The Muslim world has experienced this process for about two centuries and almost as ‘exposed to Western influence’. Muslim societies, which globalization and colonialist influences have deeply shaken their traditional values, have developed different understandings about past and future perspectives or traditional and modern attitudes. The family is perhaps the foremost of the areas where these insights produce tension. As the Faculty of Theology of Dicle University, we aim to make an intellectual contribution in order to provide versatile and qualified perspectives to the modern discussion areas on the family. With this intention, we look forward to the contributions of researchers with different approaches from various disciplines on the following themes:

- Sociological Approaches to Family
- Construction of Family Relations and Change
- Motherhood and Fatherhood on the Axis of Change
- Child Rearing Strategies and Child Rights
- Family Forms, Non-Biological Family
- Multicultural Couples and Family
- Approaches to Family in Various Cultures and Religions

- Family Transformation and Religion
- Effects of Religiosity on Family Life
- Social Reflections of Diyanet's Family Policies
- Family Structure and Current Family Policies in Turkey
- Possibility of Being an Individual in the Family
- Domestic Violence
- Neglect and Abuse in the Family
- Divorce, Alimony, Inheritance and Custody Law
- Single Parenting / Widowhood
- Bio-technology / Reproductive Technologies and Family
- Male and Female in Family Decision Making Processes
- Age and Gender Hierarchy in the Family
- The Wedding Industry
- Media and Family
- Being Syrian Immigrant Family in Turkey

Please submit abstracts (between 750 and 1000 words) to dicleilahiyatsempozyum@dicle.edu.tr until the 20th of January 2020. The abstracts should be submitted as a word attachment and contain the authors name and the institutional affiliation.

The full text of the abstracts should be between 6000 and 8000 words and written accord with the Isnad reference system: <https://www.isnadsistemi.org/guide/>

The fee for participation in the symposium is 300 TL. This fee includes two days' accommodation, meals and excursions.

Symposium Calendar:

Dates of the Symposium: 8-10 April 2020

Deadline for Abstract Submission: 20 January 2020

Announcement of Accepted Abstracts: 15 February 2020

Last Date Full Text Submission: 30 March 2020

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