

PRESS RELEASE

15th Annual Conference of Human Dignity and Humiliation Studies, "Peace at Home, Peace in the World," 28th - 30th April 2010, at Boğaziçi University in Istanbul, Türkiye

On 28th - 30th April 2010, the 15th Annual Conference of Human Dignity and Humiliation Studies will take place at Bogazici University.

The conference's Public Event finds place on 30th April 2010, in the Albert Long Hall/BTS & BTS Fuaye. This event is open to everybody who is interested in the topic and entrance is free.

Human Dignity and Humiliation Studies (HumanDHS, <u>www.humiliationstudies.org</u>), a global transdisciplinary fellowship of concerned academics and practitioners who wish to promote dignity and transcend humiliation. We wish to stimulate systemic change, globally and locally, to open space for mutual respect and esteem to take root and grow, thus ending humiliating practices and breaking cycles of humiliation throughout the world. We are currently around 1,000 personally invited members, and our website is being accessed by between 20,000 and 40,000 people from 160 to 180 countries per year.

The Public Event will feature speakers from Turkey who speak to topics related to dignity and humiliation, and the president and the director of Human Dignity and Humiliation Studies. They are as follows:

• From Shock to Awe: From Humiliation to Dignity, by Evelin Lindner, Founding Director and President of HumanDHS

• Education as a Vehicle for Social Transformation: How to Promote Dignity, Unity and Transcend Humiliation, by Vineeta Kamran, Principle of the City Montessori School, Kanpur Road Branch, Lucknow, India

• The Role of Dignity and Humiliation for Refugee Law , by Paresh Kathrani, Director, Centre for Global Morality, is currently undertaking his PhD in Refugee Law and Philosophy at the School of Law, Kings College, London

• Appreciative Enquiry and Humiliation, by Linda Hartling, Ph.D., Associate Director, Jean Baker Miller Training Institute, Wellesley College, Boston, USA.

. The Meaning of "Peace at Home, Peace in the World" by Hayal Köksal, Ph.D., Member of the HumanDHS Global Advisory Board, and the HumanDHS Education Team

• Human Rights of Women, by Nazan Moroğlu, author of Human Rights Treaty of Women. She is the general coordinator of the Istanbul Women Associations Unity. She is also giving the course: Women Law" at Yeditepe University, Law school.

• Disability, Dignity, and Humiliation, by Ramazan Baş, President of the Spinal Cord Paralytics Society of Turkey (SCPST), an NGO whose work is related to the wellness and empowerment of the disabled.

• The Role of Dignity and Humiliation for Positive Psychotherapy, by Tuğba Sarı, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Head of the Positive Psychotherapy Centre in Ankara (only on 30th April)

A Peace Exhibition in the lobby painted by the world children will also be opened during the event.

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