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*“From Darkness to Hope: Healing from Trauma in a World Facing Violence and Poverty”*

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### Conference / Panel

**Speaker:** Prof. Dr. Nilüfer Narlı

**Presentation Title:** Transgenerational Transmission of Collective Traumas: The Traces of the 1980 Coup Experiences in Social Memory

### Brief Information About the Civil Society Organization You Represent

*(NGO name, purpose,  
mission, and contact  
information)*

Bahçeşehir University Department of Sociology

A Center that Understands Society and Strengthens Health and Resilience: TOSAM

Established in 2012 within Bahçeşehir University, the Center for Society, Health, Behavior, and Prevention Studies (TOSAM) aims to develop interdisciplinary solutions to complex issues that threaten both individual and public health. Recognizing that personal risks such as the rise in mental health problems and substance use can lead to broader consequences—like the weakening of family structures, erosion of social solidarity, and disruption of social cohesion—TOSAM approaches these dynamics not only as health issues but also as areas of sociological transformation.

Working from this perspective, our center develops projects that aim to strengthen individuals' psychological and social resilience while preventing social vulnerabilities. The studies conducted in areas such as

preventing risky behaviors among youth, supporting family unity, and protecting mental health also aim to enhance community resilience in the face of disasters, migration, and crises. TOSAM prioritizes improving the adaptive capacity of individuals and society to cope with changing conditions and contributing to the development of sustainable social structures.

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**Brief Biography of the Speaker**

*(Academic/professional background and relevant experience)*

Prof. Dr. Nilüfer Narlı is the Chair of the Department of Sociology at Bahçeşehir University and the Founding Director of the Center for Health, Society and Protection Studies (CHSPS). She earned her Ph.D. in Social Sciences with a specialization in Political Sociology from the School of Comparative Social Sciences at Universiti Sains Malaysia. In 1993, she was awarded the prestigious Eisenhower Fellowship, and she has extensive experience in academic institution building and interdisciplinary research.

Prof. Dr. Narlı founded the Department of Sociology at Bahçeşehir University in 2005 and served as Vice Rector of the University between 2005 and 2006. Previously, she was the Founding Dean of the Faculty of Communication at Kadir Has University (2003–2005). Her academic leadership also extends to Marmara University, where she founded and chaired the Department of Sociology (1999–2003) and headed the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at the Institute of Middle Eastern Studies. Between 1995 and 1999, she worked as a faculty member at Istanbul University's Center for Women's Studies.

Her academic interests cover a wide range of topics, including Islamist movements in the Middle East and Southeast Asia, irregular migration in the Balkans, the Syrian crisis and gender, the military and governance in Turkey, political memory and coups in Turkey and Latin America, conflicts in the Caucasus, and the social impacts of COVID-19 in Turkey. She has played a key role in organizing international conferences on regional cooperation in the Middle East and has led numerous research projects supported by TÜBİTAK and international organizations. One of her notable projects, “Political Memory in Turkey” (2013–2015), reflects her deep engagement with political sociology.

Prof. Dr. Narlı has also worked closely with women’s civil society organizations in Turkey, making significant contributions to the study of gender and conflict. In 2000 and 2001, she served as a conflict resolution trainer for Women’s NGOs in the Balkans within the framework of the South Eastern European Women’s Leadership Initiative. She represented Turkey at the Beijing +5 Women 2000 Conference and at the 50th and 51st sessions of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (2000 and 2010), focusing on gender equality, development, and peace.



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