**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

**ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

**15-16 December, İstanbul**

In the context of the project **“Promoting Equal Rights of People with Disabilities to Improve Their Access to Justice in Combating Discrimination”**,conducted in partnership with Association for Monitoring Equal Rights (AMER) and Van Association for Hearing Impaired and their Families, and funded by the Delegation of the European Union to Turkey, an *International Conference on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities under the theme of Access to Justice for Persons with Disabilities* will be organized on 15-16 December 2018, in Istanbul.

Access to justice is included in the international human rights law in the context of non-discrimination, strengthening disadvantaged groups, and promoting right to legal remedies along with right to a fair trial. Access to justice for persons with disabilities on an equal basis with others is involved in this context in the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities to which Turkey is a party.

There is a limited number of academic studies on access to justice and studies focusing on access to justice for persons with disabilities is particularly rare. Legal framework for access to justice and how to implement it in practice are not discussed enough in Turkey.

We are pleased to invite you to submit abstracts for the conference to which experts from local and international institutions and activists will be invited in order to discuss policies, legislation and practical issues on access to justice for people with disabilities in Turkey, learn about best practices in different countries and share experiences,

The main conference topics are including but not limited to the followings:

* Right to equal access to justice and non-discrimination,
* The current situation concerning the access to justice for persons with disabilities,
* Discussions on legal capacity,
* The right to equal recognition before law and the right to be protected by law,
* Evaluation of national and international legislation,
* The problems relating to access to justice for people with disabilities in Turkey, proposals for solution and examples of good practices.

The proposals to be formed at the end of the conference will be shared with the relevant institutions and organizations.

A scientific committee consisting of scholars competent in their fields has been established in order to evaluate the abstracts. The abstracts will be sent to the members of the scientific committee, the identity of the applicants will be kept confidential. At the end of the conference, the authors will be asked to submit their full texts ready for publication, and the texts to be chosen by the editors will be included in the conference proceedings book.

The conference venue will be announced in the following days, travel expenses and accommodation fees for authors whose abstracts are accepted by the scientific committee will be reimbursed.

The conference language will be in **Turkish** and **English**. Simultaneous translation will be provided.

For questions, please send an e-mail to info@esithaklar.org.

**Scientific Committee:** Assist. Prof. Dr. Çiğdem Sever, Assist. Prof. Dr. İdil Işıl Gül, Dr. Kıvılcım Turanlı, Assist. Prof. Dr. Seda Kalem Berk, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Selda Çağlar, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yıldırım Şentürk

**Important Dates:**

Deadline for submission of abstracts: **October 15, 2018**

Announcement of accepted papers: **November 5, 2018**

Deadline for submission of full texts: **December 31, 2018**

**Admission Requirements:**

- Abstracts with up to 500 words along with the title and five keywords should be sent to info@esithaklar.org by October 15, 2018.

- Applications should include the names / surnames of the author (s), the institutions and titles they are affiliated with and their contact information.

- There is no application fee at the conference.