

# 1st International Conference on Strengthening the Family

Call for Papers



#### "State Policies Based on Strengthening the Family in Turkey and Uzbekistan."

In today's societies, the family is not just a social structure; it is the first place where individuals build their identity, values, and social bonds. The risks and transformations facing the institution of the family in a changing world require solutions not only at the local but also at the global level. Developing policies to protect the family against multifaceted threats such as digitalization, migration, economic fluctuations, and cultural erosion is one of the most fundamental needs of our time.

The International Conference on Strengthening the Family, hosted by Istanbul Commerce University and organized by the Women and Family Application Research Center, will be held in collaboration with the Ministry of Family and Social Services of the Republic of Turkey, the Family and Women's Committee of Uzbekistan, the Uzbek Women's Rights Association, the Women and Democracy Foundation (KADEM), and the Ministry of Higher Education, Science, and Innovation of Uzbekistan.

The International Conference on Strengthening the Family, themed "State Policies Based on Strengthening the Family in Turkey and Uzbekistan," aims to offer a comparative perspective on preserving, strengthening, and ensuring the sustainability of family structures, particularly through the examples of Turkey and Uzbekistan. The event, which aims to bring together academics, practitioners, policymakers, and civil society representatives, will provide an opportunity to address current debates on the concept of family in an interdisciplinary environment. This conference is not only a platform for sharing knowledge but also a vision stage where future family policies will be designed together.

We invite you to be part of this powerful vision and present your research and proposed solutions on an international platform.

#### **Conference Format and Language**

The conference will be held in a hybrid format, both in-person and remotely, and presentations will be in Turkish, English, and Uzbek.

















#### **Important Dates**

Preparation Workshop-I: May 30-31, 2025 (Istanbul, Türkiye)

Preparation Workshop-II: November 16-18, 2025 (Bukhara, Uzbekistan)

Abstract Submission Deadline: December 6, 2025

Announcement Date for Accepted Abstracts: December 15, 2025 Conference Program Announcement Date: December 20, 2025

Conference Date: December 29-30, 2025

Full Paper Submission Deadline: February 15, 2026

#### **MAIN THEME**

#### State Policies for Strengthening the Family in Turkey and Uzbekistan

Within the scope of this theme, the historical development, legal infrastructure, institutional functioning, and differences and similarities in the implementation of family policies in the two countries will be examined comparatively. The conference aims to share best practices as well as critical analyses of current policies.

#### **SUB-THEMES**

#### 1- Historical Development and Institutional Structure of Family Policies

- Historical trajectory of family policies in Turkey and Uzbekistan
- Impact of social service systems on family policies
- Institutionalization process and areas of application

#### 2- The Role of the State for the Family: Protection, Support, Intervention

- Social assistance, counseling, and crisis intervention mechanisms
- Public policies against risk factors threatening the family
- Combating domestic violence and child protection systems















#### 3- Family Roles and Social Transformation

- The changing roles of women, men, and children
- The evolution of family structure between modernization and tradition
- New family types (single-parent, extended family, immigrant family, etc.)

#### 4- Legal and Institutional Regulations

- Comparative legislation on family protection
- Effectiveness of family courts and social service units
- Public-private sector and civil society partnerships

#### 5- Cultural Continuity: Family, Education, and Values

- Transmission of cultural heritage through education
- Values education and family interaction
- The role of religion, morality, and ethical values in the family

### 6- Family and Youth Policies in the Age of Digitalization

- Parenting in social media and the digital world
- · Young people's digital identity and communication with their families
- Digital addiction and family relationships

### 7- International Organizations and Regional Cooperation

- International frameworks guiding family policies
- Strategic partnerships between Turkey and Uzbekistan
- Multinational projects and networking initiatives

#### 8- Public Administration and Implementation Models

- Planning family-focused public services
- · Local administrations, municipalities, and family support centers
- Examples of successful public policies and impact analyses















#### 9- Aging Policies and the Family

- Social support and care services for single-person households and elderly individuals living alone
- Solutions to enhance the financial sustainability of pension systems and improve the well-being of the elderly
- Fair social policy tools to reduce poverty among elderly women

#### 10- Family and Policy Practices During Times of Crisis

- Policy practices for family resilience in extraordinary circumstances such as pandemics, economic crises, wars, and natural disasters
- · Social protection and solidarity networks against crises
- Family resilience and disaster management perspective

#### 11- Migration, Diaspora and Family Solidarity

- Effects of internal and external migration on family integrity and public policies for migration management
- Integration policies and social support systems for migrant families
- Transnational care relationships and the role of women

#### 12- Family and Mental Health

- Effects of modernization and urbanization on family psychology
- Family resilience in the face of violence, addiction, and trauma
- Family counseling and psychosocial support models in Türkiye-Uzbekistan

### 13- Media, Cultural Representations, and the Image of the Family

- Representations of the family in TV series, films, and social medi
- The impact of popular culture on family values and the transformation of cultural policies
- · Media literacy and youth policies













