

## PROF. DR. SADIK TURAL\*

---

Sadık Tural was born in Kırıkkale on March 1, 1946. He has completed his primary and secondary education in Kırıkkale. He started his higher education in Ankara University, Faculty of Language, History and Geography, and graduated as an honor student from Erzurum Atatürk University, Department of Literature.

He began his career as a primary school teacher in December 1964. From September 1968 to April 1971, he was employed in the Ministry of National Education, General Directorate of Publications, in the unit responsible for the preparation of the Turkish Encyclopedia.

He gave Turkish courses in Kırıkkale Kurtuluş Secondary School from September 1971 to January 1972.

Tural started instructing Turkish language in Hacettepe University in January 1972 as a teaching associate. After receiving his doctorate degree in literature in 1978, he became an assistant professor in October 1982. He received his associate professorship in April 1983, and started teaching voluntarily at Selçuk University (from October 1982 to August 1983).

On August 21, 1988 he received his professorship from Hacettepe University. He started working at Gazi University in August 1989. He was the acting chair in the constitution of Art History and Philosophy Departments, and Gazi/TÖMER in Gazi University. In October 1991, he became the chair of Turkish Language and Literature Department.

Holding his position at Hacettepe University, he was appointed as 'Cultural Planner' in the Prime Ministry State Planning Organization between 1984 and 1988. As a Prime Ministry representative, he participated in the development of Cultural Exchange Programs between Turkey and 17 other countries.

From 1983 to 1988 he worked in the publication commissions in the Ministry of Culture.

As an employee of the Ministry of Education, he went to Germany in 1988 (for ten months) as the Director for Cultural Identity and Educational Matters of Turkish Children Project.

Following are some undergraduate, master's and doctoral level courses that he taught at Hacettepe (Ankara), Selçuk (Konya), Gazi (Ankara) and Abant İzzet Baysal (Bolu) Universities: Introduction to Contemporary Turkish Literature, History of Criticism, Turkish Composition, National Literature Movements, Theory of Literature in the Last Two Centuries, Methods for Analyzing Poetry, Methodology of Analyzing Narratives, Concept of Family in Turkish Culture, Methodology in the History of Literature, Turkish Poetry in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, Sociology of Literature, Aesthetics, Introduction to Teaching Turkish, Language and Culture.

He was appointed as the director of Atatürk Cultural Center in 1993. Under his supervision, 220 books and 52 journals (Erdem, Bilge, Arış) have been published and 16 international meetings were held.



---

\* Updated on 01.01.2008

Tural was appointed as the Interim Director of Atatürk Supreme Council for Culture, Language and History on August 14, 2000. He has been the Director of the Council since September 28, 2000. At the same time he continued directing Atatürk Cultural Center till January 3, 2002.

He participated more than hundred international and national symposiums, congresses and panels as a keynote speaker or a panelist.

He had been the publisher and editorial director for *Divan* and *Yeni Divan* (1979-1980) (journals on literature), *Bilge* (journal on criticism) and *Ariş* (1994-2001) (journals on carpets and *kilims*).

He organized national and international meetings in order to disseminate collective values and behaviors of the Turkish Culture. He specifically encouraged international participants and had Atatürk Cultural Center publish the proceedings of such activities. He had significant contributions to the inclusion of Turkish artists, poets and writers especially in Hazar and Sapanca Poetry Nights and initiated national meetings in such local gatherings.

**Followings are examples of such efforts:**

- International Uluğbey Symposium (Ankara, May 30 – June 1, 1994)
- 1<sup>st</sup> International Symposium on Nevrouz in Turkish Culture (İğdır, March 17-19, 1991; Ankara, March 21-23, 1991)
- Children’s Literature Symposium (Ankara, April 30, 1995)
- International Symposium on Manas (Ankara, June 21-23, 1995; Konya, June 24-25, 1995)
- Manas 1000<sup>th</sup>-Year Celebrations (Bishkek, August 24-31, 1995)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> International Symposium on Nevrouz in Turkish Culture (Ankara, March 19-21, 1996)
- The Art of Turkish Carpet, *Kilim* and *Cicim* (Kayseri and Yahyalı, May 27-31, 1996)
- International Nasreddin Hodja Symposium (İzmir, December 24-26, 1996)
- 4<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Turkish Culture (Ankara, November 3-7, 1997)
- 1<sup>st</sup> International Azerbaijan Symposium (Tebriiz-Iran, December 3-5, 1998)
- Hasan Ali Yücel Meeting on his 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday (Ankara, 1998)
- Cengiz Aytmatov Symposium on his 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday (Ankara, December 8-10, 1998)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> International Symposium on Nevrouz in Turkish Culture (Elazığ, March 18-20, 1999)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> International Karakeçili Culture Festival, Karakeçililer and Şanlıurfa Symposium (Şanlıurfa, June 3, 1999)
- International Dede Korkut Symposium (Ankara, October 19-21, 1999)
- Karakeçili Symposium (Şanlıurfa, May 8, 2000)
- International Symposium on Ottoman and Turkish Architecture in Balkans (Bulgaria-Sumnu, May 15-19, 2000)
- Tracing the Ottoman Culture in the Middle East: International Symposium (Hatay-İskenderun, October 25-28, 2000)
- International Nevrouz Symposium (Sivas, March 21-23, 2001)
- 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Independent Kazakhstan (Ankara, October 10-12, 2001)

He initiated and has been directing the 'Common Literature of the Turkic World Project' which has been carried out by more than 600 national and international participants. The project is planned to have four main sections: The Encyclopedia of Turkish Literature Writers, Dictionary of Cultural Concepts in Literature, Anthology of Turkish Literature and The History of Turkish Literature. Within the scope of the project, 26 project volumes —each having more than 600 pages— have been published and 6 more volumes are currently in press.

Tural has been a member of UNESCO National Commission and the chair of the Cultural Committee since May 1996.

**He has received:**

- Turkish National Culture Foundation Award (1982) and KASD Award (1983) for his book titled "Zamanın Elinden Tutmak"
- Kyrgyz Governmental Award (1995) for his contributions to the Manas 1000<sup>th</sup>-Year Celebrations and meetings in Turkey and Bishkek
- Prof. Dr. Osman Turan Türklük Araştırmaları Armağanı (1996) for his research in Turkish Culture and Literature
- Cultural Professorship Award by Kazak Academia of Sciences (1996) for his contributions to the Turkish Literature Scholarship
- Honorary Membership and Academy Professorship by Turkmenistan Academia of Sciences (1997)
- Honorary Professorship by Bishkek Çu University (1997)
- International Cengiz Aytmatov Academia Honorary Membership (1997)
- Honorary Doctorate by Baku Asian University (1999)
- İpek Yolu Foundation Honorary Membership (1999)
- Honorary Membership by Association of the Medical Doctors of Asia (1999)
- Folk Science Service Award by Motif Halk Oyunları Eğitim Derneği (1999)
- İhsan Hınçer Turkish Folklore Service Award by Turkish Folkloric Research Association (1999)
- Mustafa Çokay Honorary Award by Kazak Academia of Sciences and Professor Kurmetti Award by Abılay Han University (2000)
- Ardaktuu Professorship by National Kyrgyz University (2000)
- Cumhuriyet Kültür Ödülü by İmaj Journal (2001)
- Ardaktuu Ustaz Award by Kazak-Turkish Ahmet Yesevi University (2002)
- Kazakistan Devlet Nişanı (2003)
- Honorary Membership Award by Kyrgyz Academia of Sciences (2003)
- Honorary Membership by Köl Tigin Association for his conference in Mongolia (2007)

Upon the acceptance of the application for ICANAS 38 (International Congress for Asian and North African Studies) by the UNION, the congress was held in Türkiye between the dates of September 10-15, 2007 by Ataturk

Supreme Council. Prof. Dr. Sadık TURAL was both the Head of National Executive Committee and a member of International Advisory Board

ICANAS 38, hosting 2200 participants, has highly contributed to Turkish scientific arena. Not only has Prof. Dr.Sadık Tural played the major role in holding the congress in Türkiye, but he has also been the first Turkish scholar appointed to be a member of the Board of ICANAS UNION (Orientalists Union)

He has also been awarded with the prize of “The Research and Technology on Turkish Cultural Studies” by Elginkan Foundation as the head of the project, “The Mutual Literature of Turcic world”, after the completion of the work of 31 volumes.

Tural is one of the seven founders of İLESAM and became the honorary member after holding various administrative positions. He has been a member of Turkish Culture and Hacı Bektaş Veli Research Center, KİKTAV, and Bahçeşehir University Government and Leadership School International Board Consultants.

He authored 27 books, co-authored 7 books (excluding the 20 volumes of the ‘Common Literature of the Turkic World Project). His publications also include 346 articles, essays, forewords, and speeches.

Tural is the oldest of a five-child-family. He is married and has a son. He speaks German fluently.

## **PUBLICATIONS:**

### **A. Facsimiles**

1. **Osmanlı İmparatorluğu'nun Son Yıllarında (1908-1923) Edebiyatımızda Türkçülük Akımı: Millî Edebiyat Cereyanı** (National Literature Movement in the Late Ottoman Era, Doctoral Dissertation), 12 + 416p. Ankara, February 1978.
2. **Ömer Seyfeddin'in Fikrî ve Edebî Şahsiyeti ile Hikâye Tekniği**, 8 + 195 (Associate Professorship Dissertation), Ankara, June 1982.
3. **Sosyal Plânlama Düşüncesine Bağlı Kavramlar** (Concepts in Social Planning) Ankara, November 1986 (27p).
4. **Yabancılara Türkçe'nin Resmî Destekli Kuruluş TÖMER Merkezi'nde Öğretilmesi ve TÖMER Merkezi'nin Geliştirilmesi Hakkında Rapor** (Report on Turkish Teaching Methods to Foreigners in TÖMER), Ankara, May 1987 (10p).

### **B. Books:**

1. **Türkçe Kompozisyon** (Turkish Composition-Textbook) Ankara 1977 (160p).
2. **Zamanın Elinden Tutmak**, Yüce Ereğ 5<sup>th</sup> ed., Ankara, 2006 (336p).
3. **Kültürel Kimlik Üzerine Düşünceler** (on Cultural Identity), Ecdâd Yay., 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., Ankara 1992.
4. **Sorulara Cevaplarla Kültür-Edebiyat-Dil** (Culture, Literature and Language: Question and Answers), Yüce Ereğ 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. Ankara, 2006 (324p).
5. **Şahsiyetler ve Eserler**, Ecdâd Yay., Ankara 1992 (240p); Yüce Ereğ Yay., 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., Ankara, 2006 (336p).
6. **Edebiyat Bilimine Katkılar** (Contributions to Literature), Ecdâd Yay., 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. 320p. Ankara, August 2004.

7. **Kılavuz: Türk Dünyası Edebiyatı Tarihi**, (Guidebook: History of Turkish Literature) AKM, Ankara 1996 (24p).
8. **Tarihten Destana Akan Duyarlılık**, Yüce Erek Yay. 5<sup>th</sup> ed., Ankara, 2006 (327p).
9. **Bilgelerin Yolunda**, Yüce Erek Yay. 4<sup>th</sup> ed. Ankara 2006 (318p).
10. **İlmek'e Yansıyan Şiir: Halı-Kilim**, (On Carpets and Kilims) Ahmet Yesevî Üniversitesi'ne Yardım Vakfı Yay., Ankara 1999(178p).
11. **Kazak Türklüğünü Aydınlatanlara Nisanbayev'in Bakışı**, AKM, Ankara 1999 (198p.).
12. **Ermeni Meselesine Dair** (Armenian Issues), AKM, Ankara 2001.
13. **Yüzyılın Eskimeyen Şahsiyeti: Atatürk**, ATAM, (in press).
14. **Edebiyat Sosyolojisi Bilimlik Alanı**, (in press).
15. **Şiir Tahlillerinde Yöntem**, (in press).

#### C. Co-authored Books:

1. Şükrü ELÇİN- Muhtar TEVFİKOĞLU- Sadık TURAL, **Ölümünün Yirmi Beşinci Yılında Yahya Kemal Beyatlı**, TKAE, Ankara 1993 (380p).
2. Sadık TURAL- Zeynep KERMAN - M. Kayahan ÖZGÜL, **Hikâyeciliğimizin 100. Yılında 100 Örnek**, KTB, Ankara 1987 (668p).
3. Sadık TURAL - Şerif AKTAŞ - İdris KARAKUŞ, **Türk Dili ve Edebiyatı: Lise-1, 4. Dönem Ders Kitabı** (Turkish Language and Literature-High School Textbook), Deniz, İstanbul 1992-1993 (340p.).
4. **Şükrü Elçin'e Armağan**, TKAE, Y:XXIX/1-2, Aralık 1993 (Ed. Sadık Tural) (440p).
5. **Nevruz**, Türk Kültüründe Nevruz Uluslararası Bilgi Şöleni Bildirileri, (Ankara, 20-22 Mart 1995) (Proceedings of the International Symposium on Nevrouz in Turkish Culture (ed. Sadık Tural), AKM, Ankara 1995 (450p).
6. **Türk Dünyasında Renkler ve Nevruz** (Nevrouz and Colors in the Turkic Nations) (Eds. Sadık Tural-Elmas Kılıç), AKM, Ankara 1996 (480p).
7. **Gorkut Ata: Türkmen Halk Nüshası**, Eds. Sadık Tural, Annaguli Nurmemmet, Türkmenbaşı Adındaki Türkmenistan Millî Kolyazmalar Enstitüsü yayını, Ankara 1999 (510p).
8. **Türk Dünyası Edebiyatçıları Ansiklopedisi** (The Encyclopedia of Turkish Literature Writers) (2002-2007, 8 volumes)
9. **Türk Dünyası Edebiyat Kavramları ve Terimleri Ansiklopedisi** (Dictionary of Cultural Concepts in Literature) (2001-2006, 6 volumes)
10. **Türk Dünyası Ortak Edebiyatı Tarihi** (The History of Turkish Literature) (2001-2007, 9 volumes)
11. **Türk Dünyası Fikir ve Edebiyat Metinleri Antolojisi** (Anthology of Turkish Literature) (2001-2007, 9 volumes)

#### D. Supervised 41 Master's Theses

#### E. Supervised 19 Doctoral Dissertations

**F. Books and Articles Published about Tural:**

- a. Over hundred articles and essays nationally and internationally published about him (will be compiled in a book in 2008).
- b. Sadık Tural Armağanı, Ankara 2003
- c. Profesör Sadıq TURAL, Baku 2005...