The Course Collectives of **Academics with No-Campus - İstanbul**

The Course Collectives of Academics with No-Campus is an initiative mainly organized by the academicians who have been (and still) dismissed from their positions in the universities in Turkey since they signed the petition, "Academics for Peace, We Will Not Be a Part of This Crime".

The main standpoint of the Course Collectives of Academics with No-Campus is to maintain the position for the wholeness of the knowledge of all kinds as against the separation of knowledge into disciplines. The Collectives refuse the sharp division of the fields of research related to the Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, Art and Literature. As opposed to teaching-learning processes organized in the form of lectures and seminars given by an "expert" in her/his field of study to the audiences (students), as we are all accustomed to in university education, the Collectives are formed with a deep concern that the learning environment should be transformed into a collective process of the production of knowledge through the interactions of the participants. They insist that learning should and could improve only through a process within which theory and practice reinforce and feed each other. Academics with No-Campus aim at composing the ***wholeness, mutuality and relationality*** at all stages of the collection and formation of knowledge. Academics with No-Campus, who do not treat the knowledge as something that is conveyed from one place to another but, instead, could only be produced within the social interactions, claim that the production of knowledge is a ***dynamic, mutual and relational*** process, therefore set forth a collective study, production and sharing activity.

Within such a learning environment, there are participants within a collective activity instead of students "listening" the lecture given by a "teacher".

No doubt that the preparation and formation of such a learning and production of scientific knowledge environment is a long-lasting process that requires an intensive collective work for a long time. In developing a methodology we are not so familiar with, there need to be an arduous period waiting for us that forces us to learn, inquire and read alternative methodologies and to leave aside our previous habits and attitudes. To this end we are planning on continuing our work through experiment, criticism of ourselves and each other and, of course, mistakes we can make time to time in order to produce and improve an alternative and different methodology.

The Course Collectives of Academics with No-Campus is already an ongoing process which started in the beginning of last summer. For now, four programs are being held as the following:

- The Social History of Capitalism (Course Collectives I)

The very first class was held in Karaburun Science Congress in September, 2016. The second class held in İstanbul on October, 29, 2016 lasted approximately 7,5 hours. One class requires the minimum of 10 hours and is conducted by a team of 7-8 academicians. In İstanbul Workshop we designed a full day and eight hours.

- The Gender Studies (Course Collectives II)

The first class on "The Gender Studies" in Oct. 6, 2016 was held in "Displacement and Gender Congress" organized in İstanbul, which lasted approximately 3,5 hours. In İstanbul Workshop we designed one full day and seven hours. The team consisted of 4-5 academicians.

- Urban Studies (Course Collectives III)

This class has emerged out of a workshop during the last summer. It is already in the preparation process and planned to be completed with three alternative city walks in İstanbul Workshop

- Cinema and Society (Course Collectives IV)

This class has been built upon the preliminary preparations for İstanbul Workshop.

- Methodology and the Production of Scientific Knowledge (Course Collectives V)

In addition to all classes, some forums are planned to be organized to evaluate the outcomes of the collective study and learning practices in the beginning and at the end of the "İstanbul Workshop".