



# Sinem Nazlı Demir

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## ABOUT ME

Sinem Nazlı Demir was born in 1998 in Istanbul. She holds a double bachelor's degree from Yeditepe University. She has worked as a reporter at Cumhuriyet Newspaper, ANKA News Agency, and ARTI TV. She founded the "Be Aware Association" to support children and women living in disadvantaged conditions. Her first book, "I Know My Killer", focuses on femicides in Turkey. Currently pursuing a master's degree in Human Rights at Fulda University in Germany. And she regularly gives seminars on women's and children's rights at leading universities and municipalities in both Turkey and Europe. She is fluent in English, speaks German, and is currently working on her second book about crimes against children. Her goal is to become a successful international human rights reporter and an academician.

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

24/09/2018 – 17/06/2022 Istanbul, Türkiye

**BACHELOR OF ARTS** Yeditepe University

**Website** <https://yeditepe.edu.tr/tr> | **Field of study** International Relations and Political Science | **Level in EQF** EQF level 6

16/08/2016 – 08/03/2022 Istanbul, Türkiye

**BACHELOR OF ARTS** Yeditepe University

**Website** <https://yeditepe.edu.tr/tr> | **Field of study** Radio, Television and Cinema | **Level in EQF** EQF level 6

01/10/2024 – CURRENT Fulda, Germany

**MASTER OF ARTS** Fulda University of Applied Sciences

**Website** <https://www.hs-fulda.de/en/studyprogramme/human-rights-studies-in-politics-law-and-society-ma> |

**Field of study** Human Rights Studies in Politics, Law and Society | **Level in EQF** EQF level 7 |

**Thesis** "Staged Suicides: A Sociological Analysis of Suspicious Deaths of Women and Institutional Responses"

## WORK EXPERIENCE

**CRIME AND CRITICAL EVENTS JOURNALIST – CUMHURİYET NEWSPAPER (TURKEY'S OLDEST AND MOST ESTABLISHED NEWS INSTITUTION)** – 01/06/2021 – 02/2023 – ISTANBUL, TÜRKİYE

- Reported on gender-based violence and homicide cases, including field investigations and court coverage
- Conducted in-depth interviews with survivors of violence and families of femicide victims
- Covered political events and breaking news in the field
- Presented daily news content for Cumhuriyet TV

### Skills developed:

- Investigative reporting and field journalism
- Interviewing with a trauma-informed approach
- News writing and live reporting

**INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALIST – ISTANBUL HIGH CRIMINAL COURTHOUSE (ANKA NATIONAL NEWS AGENCY)** –

01/03/2023 – 01/09/2023 – ISTANBUL, TÜRKİYE



- Covered high-profile criminal trials, with a focus on cases involving women and children
- Produced court reports and legal news based on hearings and case files
- Monitored political protests and public events
- Reported on politically sensitive trials and judicial processes

**CRIME AND CRITICAL EVENTS JOURNALIST – ARTI TELEVISION CHANNEL (ARTI TV) – 01/09/2023 – 01/05/2024 – ISTANBUL, TÜRKIYE**

- Reported on major political and human rights cases
- Presented daily news broadcasts
- Conducted interviews with survivors of violence and children affected by abuse
- Produced field-based news content for television

**Skills developed:**

- On-camera reporting and live broadcasting
- Trauma-informed interviewing
- Legal and human rights reporting

**STUDENT ASSISTANT – SAFE RESEARCH PROJECT – FULDA UNIVERSITY – 01/09/2024 – Current – FULDA, GERMANY**

- Contribute to empirical research on community-building and future-oriented practices within the DFG-funded SaFe (Shaping Future Society) project
- Support data collection, research activities, and documentation of academic outputs
- Assist in course coordination and academic material preparation for “Women’s Movements in the Global South”

**REPORTER AND CORRESPONDENT – "FROM THE EUROPE" – 01/12/2025 – Current – FRANKFURT, GERMANY**

**Website:** <https://avrupadan.com/> | **Link :** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1XzNcePJNh4&t=44s>

- Produce weekend news bulletins by monitoring European and global developments
- Conduct interviews with politicians and public figures
- Report on breaking news and current political issues from the field
- Produce street interviews on social and political topics
- Write news articles based on field reporting and interviews

**PUBLICATIONS**

2024

**"Katilimi Tanıyorum" (I Know My Murderer) - Book**

Worked on a book project that tells the life stories of 29 women. 19 women were subjected to violence and abuse, while 10 stories were of family members who lost their female relatives. The book, "I Know My Murderer-Femicides in Turkey" which was prepared in consultation with experts aims to draw attention to femicides in Turkey. (05/01/2024) A7 Bookstore and Publishing Company - Istanbul - ISBN 10: **6256765389**

Sinem Nazlı Demir

**Authors:** Sinem Nazlı Demir | **Volume, Issue and Pages:** 224 pages | **Publisher:** A7 Book Store

**Links** <https://www.amazon.com.tr/Katilimi-Taniyorum-Türkiyede-Kadın-Kırımı/dp/6256765389> | <https://artigercek.com/kultur-sanat/gazeteci-sinem-nazli-demirin-kitabi-cikti-katilimi-taniyorum-turkiyede-279475h> | <https://www.diken.com.tr/29-kadinin-hayat-hikayesi-katilimi-taniyorum-raflarda/> | [https://t24.com.tr/video/gazeteci-sinem-nazli-demir-in-kitabi-katilimi-taniyorum-turkiye-de-kadin-kirimi-cikti,58812#google\\_vignette](https://t24.com.tr/video/gazeteci-sinem-nazli-demir-in-kitabi-katilimi-taniyorum-turkiye-de-kadin-kirimi-cikti,58812#google_vignette) | <https://bianet.org/haber/katilimi-taniyorum-o-katiller-bir-gunde-yetismiyor-290478> | <https://www.gazeteduvar.com.tr/sinem-nazli-demir-kadina-yonelik-siddet-munferit-degil-orgutlenmek-zorundayiz-haber-1664120>

2025

**Femi(ni)zide in Deutschland: Feminizidmap-Report 2023**

Contributed as a volunteer press coordinator and researcher to the “Feminizidmap Report of Germany 2023,” supporting systematic data collection and documentation of femi(ni)cide cases in Germany. (Published in 2025), Germany



**Authors:** Feminizidmap Germany e.V. Volunteers | **Journal Name:** Annual Report (NGO Publication) | **Publisher:** Feminizidmap Germany e.V.

**Link** <https://feminizidmap.org/reports/Feminizidmap-Report-2023.pdf>

**LANGUAGE SKILLS**

Mother tongue(s): **TURKISH**

Other language(s):

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken production	Spoken interaction	
<b>ENGLISH</b>	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1
<b>GERMAN</b>	B1	B1	B1	B1	B1

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user; B1 and B2: Independent user; C1 and C2: Proficient user

**CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS**

01/01/2022 – 10/03/2026 Istanbul

**My Speeches**

Deliver lectures and public talks on women’s rights and gender equality across universities, municipalities, and civil society organizations.

Regularly contribute as a speaker in EU-funded projects, focusing on awareness-raising, public education, and advocacy on gender-based violence and women’s rights.

08/05/2022 – 08/05/2022 Istanbul

**Speaker - TEDX Youth Conference**

Speaker at TEDx Youth Conference (2022), presenting a talk on motivation and resilience under the theme “There is no excuse not to try,” delivered to a youth audience.

**Link** <https://www.ted.com/tedx/events/48313>

16/07/2021 – 17/06/2022 Istanbul

**Main Speaker - Be Realise Podcast Series**

Main speaker and host of the “Be Realise Podcast Series,” producing content on key human rights issues, including LGBTQ+ rights, disability, migration, child rights, and gender inequality. Conducted interviews with experts, activists, and writers, translating complex topics into accessible public discussions.

**Links** <https://podcasts.apple.com/tr/podcast/farkina-var-podcast-serisi/id1554049776?l=tr> | <https://open.spotify.com/show/5OvlXTMc3TvYT2z1MpddEg> | [https://amp.listennotes.com/ms/podcasts/farkina-var-podcast-serisi-farkina-var-nhQg\\_Zds8WV/amp/](https://amp.listennotes.com/ms/podcasts/farkina-var-podcast-serisi-farkina-var-nhQg_Zds8WV/amp/) | <https://podtail.com/tr/podcast/fark-na-var-podcast-serisi/anksiyete-ve-depresyon/>

10/03/2025 – 10/03/2025 Istanbul

**Speaker - "Gender Equality" workshop in Istanbul**

Delivered a “Gender Equality” training to young politicians for the Interface Campaign by the Youth Policies and Research Association. Focused on gender-sensitive policymaking, equality frameworks, and rights-based approaches.

**Link** <https://arayuzkampanyasi.org.tr/toplumsal-cinsiyet-egitimi-gerceklesti/>

09/10/2025 – 10/10/2025 Munchen

**Speaker - Europe's leading feminist networking platform in Munchen - "Naming the Violence"**



Speaker at herCAREER Expo in Munich, presenting "Naming the Violence: Femicide, Media, and the Politics of Visibility." Addressed the role of media in shaping public discourse on gender-based violence and femicide.

**Link** <https://www.her-career.com/pvortrag/naming-the-violence-femicide-media-and-the-politics-of-visibility-hercareer-2025/>

10/10/2025 – 12/10/2025 Vienna

### **Speaker - "Women rights and media visibility" workshop in Vienna**

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Delivered a workshop on "Women's Rights and Media Visibility" בתסגרת the Vernetzungs Wochenende Gegen Feminizid event. Focused on media representation, visibility politics, and gender-sensitive reporting practices.

**Link** <https://dach-stoppt-feminizid.net/en/#past-events>

28/01/2024 – 29/01/2024 Fulda

### **Speaker - "Sexism and Women Rights" workshop in Fulda**

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Delivered a workshop on "Sexism and Women's Rights" in the "Antidiskriminierungsperspektiven aus der Sozialen Arbeit" project at Fulda University of Applied Sciences. Focused on structural sexism, discrimination mechanisms, and rights-based approaches in social work.

**Link** <https://www.hs-fulda.de/en/social-work/message-details/detail/vortraege-und-workshops-zum-thema-diversitaet-und-antidiskriminierung>

06/03/2024 – 06/03/2024 Istanbul

### **Speaker - Journalists Union of Turkey (European Union Supported Project)**

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Speaker in an EU-supported program by the Journalists Union of Turkey, presenting on "Media Language in News on Violence Against Women." Addressed ethical reporting standards and gender-sensitive media practices.

**Link** <https://x.com/tgsakademi/status/1763525158378045478?s=20>

28/02/2024 – 28/02/2024 Online

### **Speaker - Online seminar ("A woman on her own" - European Union Supported Project)**

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Delivered an online seminar in the EU-supported "A Woman on Her Own" project, focusing on media language in reporting violence against women and its impact on public perception.

**Link** [https://www.linkedin.com/posts/kiz-basina\\_kadin-cinayeti-ve-kadina-siddet-haberleri-activity-7166807103548899329-psUr/?utm\\_source=share&utm\\_medium=member\\_desktop](https://www.linkedin.com/posts/kiz-basina_kadin-cinayeti-ve-kadina-siddet-haberleri-activity-7166807103548899329-psUr/?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop)

01/01/2025 Online

### **Main Speaker - "Shadowless" Podcast Series**

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Host and producer of the "Shadowless" Podcast Series, publishing monthly episodes featuring guests from politics, literature, and the arts. Lead discussions on contemporary global issues, curating and moderating conversations with diverse experts.

**Link** <https://open.spotify.com/show/2VvjYj1Lq0SHTvphPcZIC>

05/12/2025 – 05/12/2025 Berlin

### **Main Speaker - "Women Rights in Turkey"**

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Delivered a seminar on women's rights in Turkey at Turkish-German Women's Union (bETAK) in Berlin. Focused on gender-based violence, recent statistical trends, key court decisions, and the role of judicial and institutional responses in accountability processes.

**Link** <https://www.ha-ber.com/turkiyede-ifade-ozgurlugu-ve-kadin-haklari-diplerde/474000/>

10/03/2026 – 10/03/2026 Ankara

### **Main Speaker - "Being a Woman in Turkey"**

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Delivered a seminar at Middle East Technical University (METU) examining women's rights and gender-based violence in Turkey. Analyzed real case studies and court decisions, drawing on investigative journalism and legal documentation to assess judicial practices and systemic responses.

Link [https://www.instagram.com/odtu\\_vt?igsh=dXBINmtvY3FhaDh6](https://www.instagram.com/odtu_vt?igsh=dXBINmtvY3FhaDh6)

## VOLUNTEERING

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01/11/2017 – CURRENT Istanbul

### Social Responsibility Projects for Women and Children

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Founder of "Farkina Var" (Be Aware) Association, leading the development of human rights projects in Turkey with a focus on women and children.

Served as a volunteer coordinator at Maltepe Juvenile Prison for five years, working with children in conflict with the law.

Worked as a volunteer teacher in three orphanages supporting disadvantaged children.

Led the establishment of 14 libraries in village schools in collaboration with institutions affiliated with the Ministry of National Education.

Links <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MngliWAKbqU> | <https://yeditepe.edu.tr/tr/topluma-donus-projesi-isbirligi-protokolu-imzalandi> | <https://www.instagram.com/farkinavardernegi?igsh=YWc2azY2emkzMGtp>

01/09/2025 – CURRENT Istanbul

### A Member of Women's Commission of the Turkish Journalists Association

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Selected member of the Women's Commission of the Turkish Journalists Association. Contribute to monitoring and analyzing media content related to women's rights and lead workshops on gender-sensitive journalism for early-career journalists.

Link <https://www.tgc.org.tr/>

09/01/2025 – CURRENT

### Press Coordinator of Feminizidmap

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Press Coordinator at Feminizidmap, responsible for monitoring femicide cases in Germany and maintaining communication with law enforcement and public institutions.

Collect, verify, and analyze case data for statistical reporting, and produce press releases based on verified information and ongoing investigations.

Link <https://feminizidmap.org/de/forscherinnen/>

## HONOURS AND AWARDS

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13/03/2025

### Turkish Journalists Association's Achievement Awards – Turkish Journalists Association's

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Received an award for her news on child sexual abuse in the "Internet News" section of the Turkish Journalists Association's achievement awards. (13/03/2025) (She was also selected on the women's commission of the Turkish Journalists Association, after the prize.)

Link <https://12punto.com.tr/editorden-dikkate-deger/tgc-66-turkiye-gazetecilik-basari-odulleri-sinem-nazli-demir-internet-haberi-odulunu-kazandi-77430>

### BBC - One of the finalists in the BBC Heart & Soul documentary pitch program – BBC

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Selected as one of the finalists in the **BBC Heart & Soul documentary pitch program** with the project "Bride Price in Turkey," exploring gender, tradition, and women's rights.

## PROJECTS

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27/05/2024 – 01/09/2024

### Strengthening the Quality of Journalism and Independent Journalism in the Western Balkans and Turkey II

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Selected for the "Strengthening the Quality of Journalism and Independent Journalism in the Western Balkans and Turkey II" project organized with the contributions of the European Union. (27/05/2024-01/09/2024), Ankara, Turkey

**Link** [https://www.instagram.com/p/C7qkQN8o8\\_X/?img\\_index=2&igsh=MXAwYWZ1aTF2Z2w1Mw%3D%3D](https://www.instagram.com/p/C7qkQN8o8_X/?img_index=2&igsh=MXAwYWZ1aTF2Z2w1Mw%3D%3D)

11/12/2024 – 14/12/2024

### **Europe Against Racism**

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Selected for one of the participants of the **"Europe Against Racism"** project organized by the European Union in Berlin. He took part in this project organized in the field of human rights (11/12/2024-14/12/2024), European Academy Berlin, Germany

**Link** [https://www.eab-berlin.eu/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/pEurope-against-Racism\\_English\\_241018.pdf](https://www.eab-berlin.eu/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/pEurope-against-Racism_English_241018.pdf)

07/07/2025 – 13/07/2025

### **Fit to Bounce Back**

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Selected for one of the participants of the **"Fit to Bounce Back"** project, organized by the **European Union**, which aimed to develop the capacities of youth workers in building emotional resilience. (07/07/2025–13/07/2025), Zadar, Croatia

**Link** <https://www.salto-youth.net/tools/european-training-calendar/training/fit-to-bounce-back.13539/>

23/03/2026 – 29/03/2026

### **Trainers' Wellbeing Retreat**

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Selected for the "Trainers' Wellbeing Retreat" Erasmus+ Seminar organised by the International Youth Work Trainers Guild. Focused on sustainable working practices in youth work through holistic training methods.

**Link** <https://www.salto-youth.net/tools/european-training-calendar/training/trainers-wellbeing-retreat.14157/>

01/06/2026 – 30/09/2026

### **International Press Institute (IPI) - Right to Information Mentorship Programme**

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Selected for the International Press Institute (IPI) Right to Information Mentorship Programme, focusing on investigative journalism through freedom of information (FOI) requests. Produced data-driven stories based on public information requests, while working closely with mentors on accessing public records, tracking institutional responses, and integrating FOI processes into journalistic practice.

**Link** [https://www.linkedin.com/posts/international-press-institute-ipi-\\_uluslararası-basın-enstitüsü-ipi-gazetecilere-activity-7439666073932660736-zZfn/?originalSubdomain=tr](https://www.linkedin.com/posts/international-press-institute-ipi-_uluslararası-basın-enstitüsü-ipi-gazetecilere-activity-7439666073932660736-zZfn/?originalSubdomain=tr)

01/05/2026 – 07/06/2026

### **Introduction to Investigative Journalism Training Programme (GIJN & iMEDD)**

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Selected for the GIJN & iMEDD "Introduction to Investigative Journalism" training programme. Strengthened skills in structuring investigations, developing hypotheses, and turning complex information into publishable stories through guided exercises and case-based learning.

**Link** <https://gijn.org/event/gijn-and-imedd-partner-for-introduction-to-investigative-journalism-training-course/>

## ● **CREATIVE WORKS**

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01/01/2021 – CURRENT

### **YouTube Channel – Content Creator**

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Produce video content on women's rights, human rights, and social issues  
Analyze current developments and compare policies across countries  
Create book reviews and commentary on gender and legal debates



Communicate complex human rights topics to a broader public audience

**Links** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cNNscbYmGBs&t=81s> | <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0akUch4OInc&t=3s> | <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s14CRsapAHg> | <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HGro01xpZzo> | <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BQCrtzdD-HI>

01/09/2021 – CURRENT

## Journalistic Articles & Publications

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Produce commissioned articles on human rights and women's rights within EU-funded projects  
Contribute analytical reporting on gender equality and social justice  
Develop awareness-raising content based on field research and interviews

**Links** <https://bianet.org/haber/siddet-goren-kadinlar-devlet-affediyor-da-ben-neden-edeyim-315555> | <https://bianet.org/haber/bes-il-tek-tablo-fiili-kurtaj-yasagi-suruyor-315644> | <https://kisadalga.net/haber/ozel-haber/balkondan-dustu-intihar-etti-kalp-krizi-gecirdi-supheli-kadin-olumleri-cinayetleri-gecti-136700> | <https://haberciyiz.org/mesru-mudafaa-mahkumu-ezgi-ceken-kurtulacagim-buradan/>

## HOBBIES AND INTERESTS

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### Theatre Project – Founder & Writer

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- Founded and led a theatre group focused on women's rights in Turkey
- Wrote and produced a play based on the case of Güldünya Tören, addressing femicide and gender-based violence
- Performed the production in Istanbul over a three-year period

**Links** <https://www.instagram.com/namutenahitiatrosu/?hl=tr> | <https://bianet.org/haber/guldunya-nin-hikayesi-oz-sahnedey-duygor-bil-yasarken-yasat-270076> | <https://biletinial.com/tr-tr/tyatro/oz-oyunu-nte> | <https://gazetekadikoy.com.tr/gundem/siddet-karsi-dayanisma> | <https://medyascope.tv/2022/11/23/guldunya-torenin-hikayesi-oz-oyunuyla-sahnedey-sinem-nazli-demir-karsimizda-kendi-hayatini-savunan-bir-kadin-var/>

## SKILLS

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youtube | Microsoft Powerpoint | photoshop | canva | social media | Adobe (Adobe Photoshop Adobe Lightroom Adobe Premiere Adobe Bridge Adobe) | Begginer Adobe Illustrator

## DRIVING LICENCE

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**Driving Licence:** A1

**Driving Licence:** B

## RECOMMENDATIONS

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**Mustafa Büyüksipahi** Former Chef of Cumhuriyet

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Sinem Nazlı Demir worked with our newsroom producing in-depth reports on violence against women. She conducted detailed interviews with survivors and families, and closely followed ongoing legal cases. Through her persistent reporting, she helped amplify the voices of families seeking justice and contributed to bringing several of these cases into public debate, including discussions in parliament.

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**Meltem Erinçmen Kanoğlu** Prof. Dr. of Yeditepe University

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I had the opportunity to work with Sinem Nazlı Demir during the "Return to Society" project conducted by the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Turkey at Maltepe Juvenile Prison. During this project, she served as the volunteer coordinator of our team and demonstrated strong organizational skills, responsibility, and commitment to social justice. Her dedication to supporting disadvantaged youth and her ability to lead and coordinate volunteers made a significant contribution to the project.



**Email** [meltem.erincmen@yeditepe.edu.tr](mailto:meltem.erincmen@yeditepe.edu.tr)

**Link** <https://yeditepe.edu.tr/tr/topluma-donus-projesi>

**Dr. İl Tschung Lim** Prof. Dr. of Fulda University

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I work with Sinem Nazlı Demir in the project "Shaping Future Society – The Mutual Constitution of Future-Oriented Practices and Community (SaFe)," which is part of a DFG-funded research programme. In this project, she helps organize and promote human rights-related events and supports communication with students. She works responsibly and contributes positively to the activities of the project.

**Email** [il-tschung.lim@sk.hs-fulda.de](mailto:il-tschung.lim@sk.hs-fulda.de)

**Link** <https://www.hs-fulda.de/forschung/shaping-future-society-safe/mitarbeiter-details/person/il-tschung-lim-19555/contactBox>

**Nora Reich** Founder (one of the) of Feminizidmap Deutschland e.V.

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Sinem Nazlı Demir works as the press officer of our association, Feminizidmap. As an organization, we document and publish statistics on women and girls killed in Germany in order to raise public awareness. In this process, Sinem supports our communication with the police to obtain information about cases that are not fully reported in the media.

**Email** [info@feminizidmap.org](mailto:info@feminizidmap.org)

**Link** <https://feminizidmap.org/de/forscherinnen/>

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*"I work to build a bridge between countries and the issues we need to move forward on."*

Germany , 26/04/2026

Sinem Nazlı Demir