**Gunther Beyer Award 2016**

This Award is a tribute to dr Gunther Beyer (1904-1983), one of the founding fathers of the European Association for Population Studies. The Award honors the best paper by a young scholar at a European Population Conference.

The 2016 Gunther Beyer Award was presented to Ezgi Berktaş of the Institute of Population Studies, Hacettepe University, Turkey at the European Population Conference 2016 which convened in Mainz from 31 August to 3 September. The winning paper was titled “Does Housework Rule? Fertility Intentions of Women in Turkey from a Gender Equity Perspective”.

**Background**

Papers by scholars who are under 35 years of age at the time of the European Population Conference may be nominated for the Award. The Jury of the 2016 Gunther Beyer Award consisted of EAPS Honorary Presidents Francois Héran and Graziella Caselli. The Jury evaluated the nominated papers on the following criteria: choice of topic and originality; theoretical foundation underlying or theoretical notions used in the paper; technical competence as displayed in the analysis and presentation of the data; use of existing professional literature, the structure of the paper and quality of its text.

Observing that the quality of the nominated papers on average was very high, the Jury decided to present the 2016 Gunther Beyer Award to Ezgi Berktaş for her paper “Does Housework Rule? Fertility Intentions of Women in Turkey from a Gender Equity Perspective”.

**Laureate Ezgi Berktaş**

Ezgi Berktaş is currently a PhD student in Demography at the Institute of Population Studies, Hacettepe University, Ankara, Turkey, where last year she has presented her MA thesis on “Fertility Intention of Women in Turkey from a Gender Equity Perspective with Focus on Division of Labor within the Home”. Her research interests include Gender, Fertility, Social Research Methods, Aging, International Migration, Urban Policy, Data Entry and Data Processing and Surveys. She is a member of the European Association for Population Studies (EAPS), the Population Association of America (PAA) and AWID women’s rights.