

TURKEY

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Architecture

Gülsün Sağlamer is Professor Emeritus at Istanbul Technical University (ITU), where she has taught several subjects since 1978, all related to architectural design. She was the first and only female rector of ITU in its 248 year history and indeed the second female rector among all Turkish Universities. She is the president and founder of EWORA Women Rectors Association since 2008, and was the president of the Council of Technology and Technoparks in Turkey.

She took part in the architectural projects for the extraordinary buildings that are part of the ITU, including the Dr. Sedat Üründül Nursery School, a 2,500 m² building consisting of three curvilinear wings, with a capacity for 200 pupils – the children of the university's academic and administrative staff. She also worked on the Molecular Biology and Genetic Research Centre, the entire exterior surface of which, including the laboratories, is glazed to allow maximum use of natural light during the day. At night, when the building is illuminated, the glazing ensures all the details of this hive of activity are visible from outside.

She is the founding President of Arched (MIMED) Association for Architectural Education 1997-2019.