

# Installation in Turkish Ceramic Art

**I**N THE PERIOD OF LATE 20TH CENTURY, ESPECIALLY IN painting, an important development occurred; the traditional way of placing reality on to canvas surfaces with paints, as an illusion of reality through the artist's interpretation, with virtual perspective, had changed. A

A new way of painting came into existence (where the canvas was thought to be a two dimensional paint surface without any depth, without any kind of presentation but only colours) that led the artists in to a new free era of abstract art.

With this freedom, artists have experimented with many styles of creation. One of these was Abstract Expressionism: a movement in experimental, nonrepresentational painting originating in the US in the 1940s. Abstract Expressionism is known to most people including those not in the field of art. The most important thing about this style (in our article concept) is the relative expansion of the canvas frame to the 'gallery wall' and the interpretation of this wall as an element of art work.

Art works, for a long time, have been thought of as unique pieces, independent from their surroundings. They have, therefore, always been exhibited on a wall (as a picture) or on a stand (as sculpture) in galleries, but with the movement of Abstract Expressionism this situation had changed dramatically; most of the artists traditionally paint the picture on to canvas with the limitation of the frame but some of them experimented to paint also the frame to achieve the goal of 'smoothing the corners of the picture' so the eye of the viewer can easily pass from the wall on to the painting. But this experiment ended up with something never thought of before; the surrounding space (the wall holding the painting) became a part of

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the art work. The discussions of 'how to exhibit the paintings' had begun. These discussions were mostly about the colour of the wall or the distance between the paintings, which signified the effect of the surrounding space (the wall) on art work. This surrounding space is not only the

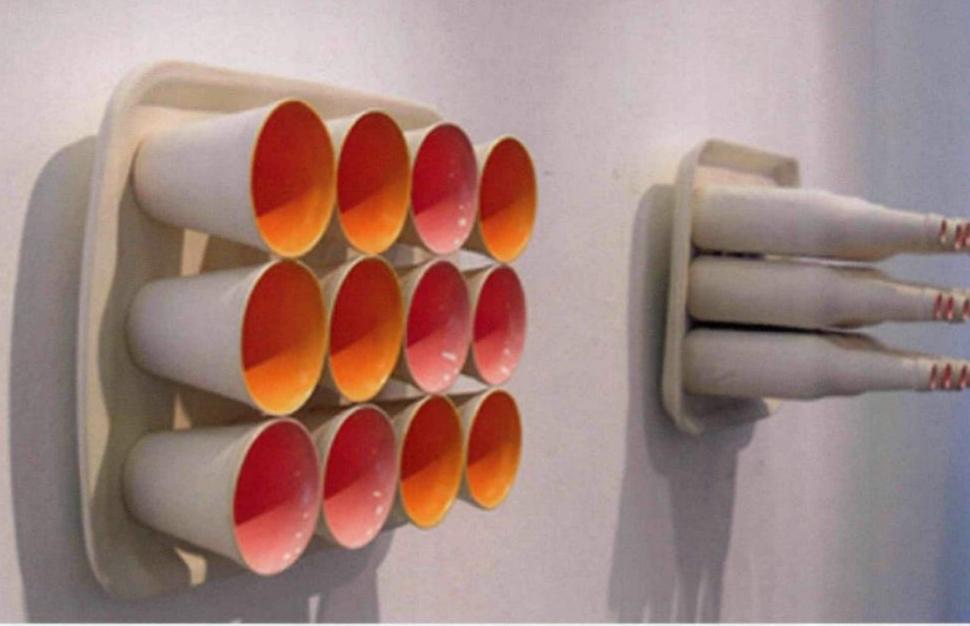
walls of the gallery or the gallery space but also with a wider view, everything near the art work can be mentioned as 'surrounding space'.

Within this concept, late 20th century art works produced had begun to acquire a new character including 'installation art'. Many of the artists began to construct their art work with numerous objects or shapes in order to build up the content. These shapes or objects may be created by the artists or just be collected ones or found objects, which come together in a special way, to build up the artistic concept in a specific space and is 'installation art'.

According to the dictionary, installation art is: "Art that is created, constructed, or installed on the site where it is exhibited, often incorporating materials or physical features on the site."<sup>1</sup>

Today, installation art works are created by many the artists, including ceramics artists, who are not independent from the rest of the art world. Within this article we will observe this but as can be seen, it is a large subject to discuss. So our limitation about this subject is: the artworks of some selected ceramics artists who live and work in Turkey.

In Turkey, as in other parts of the world, when ceramics as an art form was exhibited in art galleries, the work was a unique piece exhibited on a stand or on a wall. Those artworks were, for the most part, created by the artists who are the founders of ceramic art in Turkey. Their ceramics are mostly



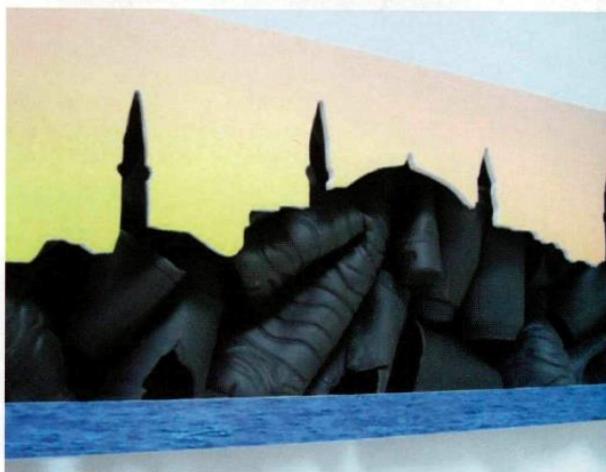


based on 'form' and an artistic glaze covering it that emphasises the beauty of the shape. According to Atilla Galatali (one of the founders of ceramic art in Turkey): "Ceramics is the poetic shaping of ceramic mud which is in between the outer space and inner space", defining ceramic as a 'form' art. With their students, (which are our teachers now), this tendency was continued for a long time. But in the early 2000s, this began to change, due to the changes of art in the world. Ceramic installations had begun to be seen in art galleries in Turkey. Therefore, now it is impossible to define ceramics as only 'form' art.

There are several reasons of this change; the first reason is the situation of modern art today and the effects of it on ceramics artists and the second reason and most important of all, is the tendency to create new expression methods in which installations have perfect opportunities. Opportunities such as using everyday objects that had never been used in ceramics and using the surrounding space as a part of artwork.

Perihan San, a young ceramics artist, uses these opportunities in her art work. She is working on ceramic installations and tries to change the semiotic meaning of everyday objects by changing their original material into ceramic material and the surrounding space in which the art work is exhibited.

San, in her art work used everyday objects such as cardboard tea holders, glass bottles, metal trays and slipcast them in order to change their original materials. This excludes the normal function of the objects in order to transform them into an art work. She exhibited these objects on the wall rather than tables or stands, in order to use the surrounding space as a part of her work. This method of creating is not a common way in ceramic arts in Turkey. This is a new way of



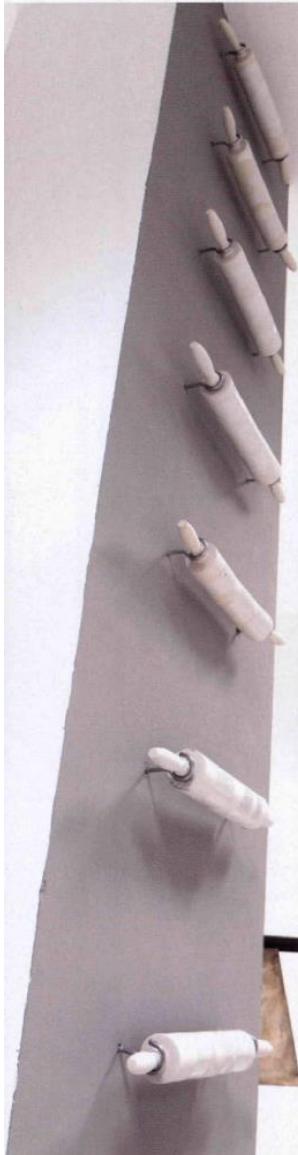
Facing page: Perihan San. *Untitled*.  
Top: Burcak Bingol. *Sun Flowers*.  
Above left: Perihan San. *Connection 2*.  
Above centre: Burcak Bingol. *Unpredictable Transformation*.  
Above: Bahar Dellenbach. *The Memory of Istanbul*.

creating art work for a ceramics artist in which it is possible to use everyday objects to build up the artistic concept. She uses both semi-logical alternation and surreal wall space as a part of her work.

In *Connection 2*, the artist has used the same creation method but, this time, not only the material of the object changed but also the size is increased. As was previously mentioned 'surrounding space' is not only a wall or simply the gallery itself. It may also



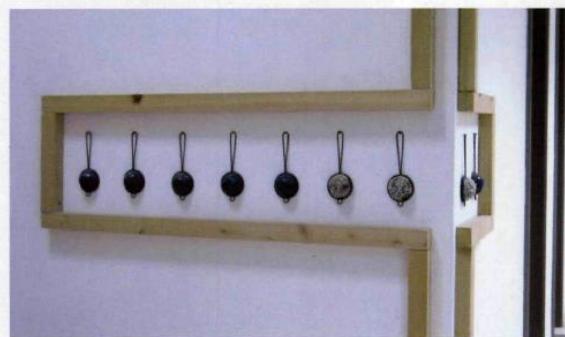
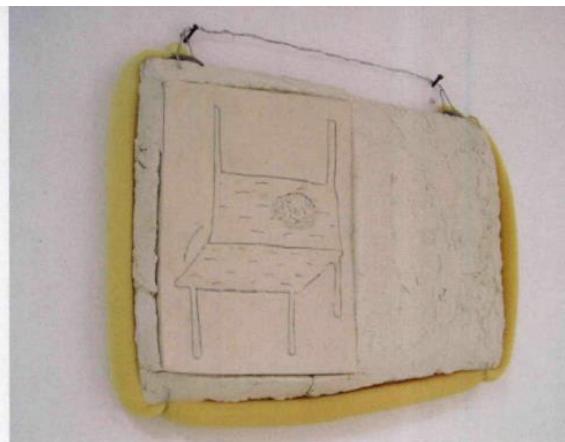
be another object near the form and, moreover, the other objects may totally change the concept. In other words; *The Plug on The Wall*. But the plug is not a plug nor is the wall now a wall.



Another young artist who uses a similar method from Turkey is Burcak Bingol, who lives and works in Istanbul. Her last exhibition, which took place in CDA Projects Art Gallery–Istanbul, had several good examples of installation in ceramics that were discussed above.

One of her works is a wall mounted installation of ceramic slipcast security cameras (with metal brackets) with sunflower pictures on them. Within the concept of her exhibition *Cabinet of Curiosities*, a camera watching the environment, as a sun flower following sun, has an interesting irony about our modern daily life. What Bingol did looks similar to San's way of using ceramic. She chooses an ordinary life object, changes its material into ceramics and gives new meaning to the object in order to express the irony. Moreover, she hangs these cameras on walls, (which is another kind of 'surrounding space'), changing these walls from a standard wall to a wall of high security facility. In this manner these works are good examples of art work and environment interaction; how the work changes its surroundings and how surroundings affect the art work.

In *Unpredictable Transformation* the same method of creation can be observed with a few slight differences. The slipcast



drum in her hand has a direct relationship with the dress and with the background wall due to the same fabric pattern covering everything but her hands. The viewer is directed into a visual confusion of patterns which, in this surreal environment, blurs the contours of everything.

Another young artist from Turkey is Bahar Dellenbach, is a ceramics artist who works on installation in her own way. Dellenbach, uses not only ceramics but also many non-ceramic materials within her art work. *The Memory of İstanbul*, constructed by Dellenbach, is an Istanbul skyline silhouette on the top (cut from cardboard), a sea image on the bottom and many slipcast ceramic tin cans, plastic bottles and all kinds of rubbish in the middle back. In this installation it is obvious that Dellenbach is also using daily life objects as do Bingol and San.

These three artists from Turkey are examples of ceramic installation using daily life objects in their works. They all change the material of these objects or the spaces in which the objects stand. But there are other ceramics artists in Turkey who create their art work with installation in other unique ways. One of them is Funda Susamoglu who is less concentrated on the beauty of the shape and more on expression and innovation. She uses varied materials to construct her expression in her own way. The work *Untitled* is an experimental work. Clay is stick on a flat surface and then split out but the shadow of the clay is left behind. Afterwards, the clay and flat surface are installed on a wall together. Another work can be observed from the same artist is *Do, Look, Undo*.



Both of Susamoglu's works show a difference from San and Bingol. Her works are installations but the dependence of these installations on the surrounding space is less than the others. San's and Bingol's installation works need a 'wall' or a gallery space (as a surrounding space). But Susamoglu's work needs only a vertical surface since her works are characterising this surface. In other words, Bingol's and San's ceramics use the benefits of the gallery wall but Susamoglu's work does not. Only a background surface is enough.

With *Mind Strainers*, Mutlu Baskaya, has also used ceramic in her own style. She uses strainers as filters of mind and visualises the concept by pushing clay from inside to outside on the layer of strainers. But the important fact is that she also uses an edge of a wall, in order to include the shape of the wall with the art work. In another example, Baskaya also uses the column of the wall as a part of her work. Like Susamoglu, Baskaya's works needs surface but this surface can be any surface.

Another artist, Ece Akbayramlar, with the work *Rain*, uses slipcast umbrellas. These umbrellas contain stylised drawn figures. They are not exhibited in a traditional way, not on a wall or a stand, but they hang from the ceiling, which gives the surrounding space a sense of surrealism. Moreover, this work of art is not made from a single piece but is the organisation of many pieces.

Oya Aşan, is another young ceramics artist from Turkey. With *Thoughts and People*, she uses human figures inside a light bulb form that is made from both glass and clay.

There are many good examples of ceramic installation and artists in Turkey, but the main point is that



Facing page, top left: Funda Susamoglu. *Untitled*.  
Top right: Funda Susamoglu. *Do, Look, Undo*.  
Below right: Mutlu Baskaya. *Mind Strainers*.  
Below left: Mutlu Baskaya.  
This page, above left: Ece Akbayramlar. *Rain*.  
Above right: Oya Aşan. *Thoughts and People*.

ceramic art can not be defined as a 'form art' any longer as it was approximately 15 to 25 years ago. Today it is more than that. Installations are emerging in the field of ceramics because there are new opportunities for expression and artists (primarily the young artists) have a tendency to use these opportunities. These new opportunities can be described as follows: 1) Using the surrounding space as a part of the art work; 2) Building the art work with many pieces that come together around a concept; and 3) Focusing not only on the beauty of the shape but a philosophical-aesthetical concept.

Including these opportunities, it can easily be observed that this trend is encouraging the Turkish ceramics artists to move closer to today's interdisciplinary contemporary art and helping them to be more innovative.

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inutīvās reakcijas uz virzīniem, kuru raksts pārējēm, kā arī no raksta elementu nevienīgumā.

Owen Kvīlēna (*Owen Quirion*) mērķis ir radīt rezonējošus objekus, atsaucoties uz mūsu attiecību ar materiāliem, bet nesiedzot skaidras norādes uz to agrīko pielietojumu vai funkciiju.

Pets Konors (*Pat Connor*) bija viens no pirmajiem keramikjiem Irānā, kas atteicās no funkcionalās keramikas izgatavošanas un pievērsās vairogtā formām, kurās izmantoja kā pamatu savām figurālajām skulptūrām.

Pētra Falopa (*Peter Fulop*) nesenā prakse rāda akcentu maiju no funkcionalām priekšmetiem uz pārdomām par trauku kā ceremoniālu tilpi un pārmateņā cilveka ķērmeņa simbolu. Falops cēsas piekritis šai simboliskai idejai un atmodinājis fundamentālu izprati par trauka formu.

Pēts Konors (*Pat Connor*) darbā galvenais akcents ir liks uz vairogtā formām, kurās pēc tam tiek mainītas dažādos zōšanas procesos. Rezultātā top skulptūrai dekoratīvi trauki. Viņas lielā mīlestība ir vairošana un nebeidzama porcelāna un trauka tēmas valdzīnājuma izpēte.

Sāras Flīnsas (*Sara Flynn*) darbā galvenais akcents ir

with many references to our relationship with materials, but without clear identity regarding past use or function.

Pat Connor was one of the first potters in Ireland to move away from making functional pottery and to begin using altered thrown forms as a basis for his figurative sculpture.

Peter Fulop's recent practice sees a shift in emphasis from the production of functional objects to a reflection on the vessel, as ceremonial container and primal symbol of the human body. Fulop aspires to reconnect with this symbolism and reawaken a fundamental consciousness of the vessel form.

Sara Flynn's work concentrates on the challenges of thrown forms, which are then altered at varying stages of the drying process, resulting in sculptural decorative vessels. The major concerns of her work are a love of throwing and an ongoing relationship with porcelain and a fascination with the theme of the vessel.

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## TURCIJAS KERAMIKAS MĀKSLA

## CONTEMPORARY APPROACHES IN TURKISH CERAMIC ART

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**Abstract**

In the post-modern process, it is essential for artists to have an approach in which aside from the classical understanding of form, they use all opportunities that materials provide. In modern art even though each discipline is different from each other, the perspective they have for certain events and the message they give can be similar. This is noticeable in the works of Turkish contemporary ceramic artists. Especially since the 2000s, the approach to ceramics as a material and its divergence from what is figurative is the most apparent aspect of the process. These conceptual approaches can be seen in the works of many artists.

Conceptual approaches are based on the individual and stem from the problems society faces. The ones that stand out are conurbation, societal events, the fact of identity and the individual, wars, violence, threats, interventions, crime, and trauma.

The interpretation of ceramics as a material and means of expression, rather than perceiving it as an art is a post-modernist statement. The works of Turkish ceramic artists form an alternative stance to traditional ceramic production with an expressive attitude. This approach is different from the traditional relationship of manner and form that ceramics has had for centuries. We are confronted with such production processes where the concepts of craft and art are questioned, where there is a struggle to reveal the relationship between real and replica, and where the desire to escape from tormenting traditional application of ceramic material is overridden by the pursuit of resolving it with an experimental attitude.

As a consequence, this study attempts to present a variety of differences in the relationship between traditional and contemporary Turkish ceramics by carrying out a work analysis on the works of artists who use ceramic as a material in contemporary art.

**Key Words:** Turkish Ceramic Art, Conceptual Art, Formalist Approach.

**Introduction**  
From the past to the present, the conceptual structure of

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ceramic art has accelerated, especially after the 2000's. This process has concurrently triggered the spatial change in the perception of time, place, and form. The formalist approach is also addressed in contemporary art. However, in recent period works it is important to note that the formalist approach has given way to conceptual themes in ceramic art. The most important factor that has caused this development and change in the last 20 years is the interdisciplinary interaction and existence of global socio-political events. The pressure, violence and interference occurring in all art disciplines have been driving causes of change.

Ceramics ceasing to be decorations and objects of use and becoming a means of expression can be considered as a breaking point in ceramic art.

Insel Ina's work "Reconciliation II" is one of his critical works where conceptual ideas are questioned in ceramic art. A striking feature in his work is that it contains a political message through the use of ceramics as a material. There are intense emotional states and expressions in the work. He expresses himself through a reading themed "Re-existing while disappearing, referring to new indicators in other forms again while breaking into pieces." Inai displays his work through a material-based means of expression.

Inai, who combines his fragile and stainless clear attitude with the matte, tough material and the image of a bomb ready to go off, shares the risk he is feeling with his viewers, as if he is asking them "If it breaks, explodes, will it disappear? Will anything happen to me?"<sup>2</sup>

Buket Adzatirkı, creates works of criticism directed at the changing events in our current societal structure and cultural degeneration.

In her work "Breath the masks are a response to the abstraction and exclusion of people from society. There is a connection between the masks and people. These bear witness to the status of society in the face of events. Her work "Breath" is shaped based on the metaphorical construct of breathing as a societal request. For this reason, the blossoming flowers are displayed on deadwood."

The work is a seminal piece that displays the difference between past and present Turkish ceramic art. This is because there is a conceptual focus in the work that overflows transformation and the traditional



Cerai. Dökülen (DÖKÜLEN) portföyü, DİREK portföyü, POETİCİ GARDEN dat portföyü, evinės kėdės desenių pirkimai, fine art esebėjimai, 2000, 300 x 160 x 400 cm, http://buketacaturk.com/ceramic/cerai-degisken

İlpa' devidots, balstotės už metaforisku ideju per to, ka elpošana su sabiedriškais prasiba. To demonstrė ziedi uz nukalutės koka.<sup>3</sup>

Šis darbs ir novatoriškas un parāda atskiru stāpātni un tagadījus keramikas māksla. Darba konceptuālais akents piepilda transformāciju un tradicionālo formu. Māla kā māteriāla izmantojuma dēļ šis darbs tiek aplokti starpdisciplināri. Tājā tiek izcelti dažādi materiāli. Lai gan sausalusi maksas ir prestat, tie veidoj koncepciju. Tāpēc B. Adzatirkī darbu var uzskaitīt par ievedēšanu. Daudzās garbas simbolizē arī māloči iznīctu un nāvi. Savukārt ziedi runā pret atainotajai nāvesi tēmai un reprezentē novitāti.

Mākslinieces Elif Adzdu-Agatekinas ("Elif Aydoğdu-Agatekin") darbi pievērsās dažādiem diskursiem un idejām. Darbā "Neparezi parkızılı" mākslinece pauž nestāndā skatījumu uz urbanizāciju, tam ir raksturīgs emociju gaismīgums un ilgas pārgātes. Darbā redzams, kā parkā stārp maskāv konstruktājām ūjopas bēri. Darbs ir veidots, izmantojot dažādus materiālus. Metāls, salaužu filžu gabali, glazēta un neglazēta keramika ir gatavi materiāli. Tie izel tradičionālos keramikas radīšanas un interpretācijas līdzekļus. Akcentētais nestāndā parkızätzās fenomens norāda arī uz ledzīvotiju un rāošanas pieaugumu, kas arī apspīrina urbanizācijas aplāmības ideju. Iespējams, tieši šo iemeslu dēļ māksliniece savos darbos izmanto materiālu ietverus.



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pravīda ūjopas letrā, raku dezinātājums - vaste ietekšķi, water jet utz puzīšanai leto, raku frīg

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formas uztveres maija. Māsdieni māksla tiek aplūkoti arī formālā pējee. Tomēr jānorāda, ka pēdējā periodā darbos šā pārmaiņas pēdējo 20 gadu laikā, ir starpdisciplinārā mijiedarbība un globāla sociālpolitiski notikumi. Pārmaiņu vīzātāspēks ir spredzē, vardarbība un lejaukšanās, kas ir vērjamās visās mākslas jomās.

Keramikas vairs nav tikai rotājumi un saimniecības noferīgi priekšmeti, bet arī izteiksmes līdzuma punkts.

Keramikai Insele Inala (*Insel Ina*) darbs "Samierenhāns II" ir viens no vija ietverības cīņgākajiem darbiem, kurā mākslinieki pēta konceptuālās idejas keramikai. Inala darbs pārsteidz ar tā pauso politisku vīstījumu, kas ir ietverts keramikā kā materiāla. Darbā ir akcentēti intensīvi emocionāli stāvokļi un izteiksmes. Viņi izpaužas tēma "No jaunu pastāvvību izdzīvošodis – atsaucies uz jauniem indikatoriem citās formas līdz salūst gababolās". Mākslinieks savā darbā izmanto materiālu izteiksmes līdzekļus.

I. Inais, apvinodāms savu trauslo un nepārapīti līro attieksni un matējumu, nepakļāvību materiālu un gandrīz eksplodējošas bumbas līfu, atklāj skafītēm savas bāzās, it kā jautājot: "Vai tās pāzudu, ja uzspīgs? Vai ar mani kaut kas notiks?"<sup>2</sup>

Māksliniece Buket Adzatirkī (*Buket Adzatirkī*) rada darbus, kuros kritizē manigumu mūsu pašreizējā sabiedrības struktūru un kulturas dzēsējēciju.

B. Adzatirkī darbā "Elpa" maskas ir atbilstuz

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Jājēm vērā arī mākslinieces komentars par savu darbu: "Neapturamais iedzīvotāji skaita pieaugums laikā gātā ir piespiedis cilveku izdzīvošanas notikumiem tālu prom no savu senču kapavietām. Lielākā daļa cilveku Turcijā nav dzimusi tajā pašā mājā, kur viņu tēvi; nav arī absolūviņu tās pašas skolas vai mājas uzticējumiem, tās pašas ielās. Kad tie, kas bija spiesti doties uz pilsētām, kur nav viļņu pagātnes, saka būvet mājas uz pilsētas leksakutām zemēm un dzīvot kopā ar turienes cilvēkiem, sistēmu tika sabojāta, telpa tika saspiesta, mājas saīvētas un galu gālās plāstības kļuva negiltas."<sup>4</sup>

Mākslinieces Džananas Dadelenas (*Canan Dağdelen*) darbi iedzīju un interprētāju ziņā atšķiras no viņu laikakatu darbiem. Viņa apvieno arhitektūras elementus ar tādiem jēdzienu kā svars, nepastāvība un caurspīdīgums, lai arī pālfidžu nākotni kļauj ar konceptuālu iedzījumu.<sup>5</sup>

Džanana "apgrēzē kājām gaisā idejas, kas vīgi iedvesmo, piemēro, laiku, telpu, arhitektūru, atmīti, identitāti un tī ūpaši - gravitāciju. Instalācija "DŽEJNEKS punkts DĀRSZS punkts", kas veidoja no moduļārām lodēm, kuras vija dēvē par "punktumiem", darbs it kā peld telpā. Tādā veidā māksliniece aplūko visus tradicionālos arhitektūras elementus. Darbs, kas sastāv no metāla, porcelāna un stieplēm, gan konfronē, gan rada harmoniju starp smagu un vieglumam, pilnību un tukšumu, iekšējo un ārējo".<sup>6</sup>

Darbs "Džanana punkts DĀRSZS punkts", kas veidoja no porcelāna un māla, nerāgoši uz porcelāna sānu, ignorējot gravitāciju. Tas ir līkisks un dinamisks - glūži kā dzējolis, lelevelandi skaitītu dinamiskā struktūra, tas aicina uz kontaktu. Tāpat kā darbs, arī arhitektūras elementādiņi, kas saskaras ar zemi, rada sagūtu, ka darbs karājas gaisā. Aplikojot darbu, skatēni nomāldās arhitektūriskās struktūras bezgalībā, pārejot no pašreizības punkta uz nākotni. Skatītājs tiek konfronēts ar jēdzienu "sāja brīdi" un "nākotne".

Hasans Bilents Kahramans (*Hasan Bilent Kahraman*) savā rakstā šādi raksturo Dž. Dadelenas darbus: "[...] Dadelena rāda divas lietas. No vienas puses, vija parāda, kas ir neiespējams, bet no otras puses - vija nosprauž arhitektūras uztveres robežas. Var teikt, ka vija nemānībā norāda uz darba veselumu un virtualitāti. Protams, jāpiebilst, ka, lai gan Dadelena darbojas no arhitektūras oriģinālajās aspektā, vija definē sevi ar

house as their father, nor graduated from the same schools or played in the same street. Once those who were forced to migrate to the cities where they had no past started to construct houses on the land that they surrounded in those cities and began to live together with people there, the system was corrupted, spaces were tightened, the houses overlapped and eventually the cities got ugly."

Canan Dağdelen's works are unlike her contemporaries in terms of concept and interpretation. She combines architectural elements with concepts such as weight, transience, and transparency to put forth conceptual ideas.

Dağdelen is "turning upside down concepts that form the essence of her inspiration such as time, space, architecture, memory, identity, and in particular gravity. Her installation, "POET dot GARDEN dot", constructed with modular spheres she names as "dots", work is floating in space and thus challenging all the traditional elements in architecture. The work consisting of metal and porcelain on thin ropes, paves the way for both the confrontation and the harmony of weight and lightness, of fullness and emptiness and of the interior and the exterior."<sup>7</sup>

"POET dot GARDEN dot", is made from porcelain clay and is a work that defies gravity, despite the weight of the porcelain. Therefore, just like a poem, it is lyrical and dynamic. By drawing the viewer into the dynamic structure, it pushes the viewer to make contact. Just like the work, the architectural elements/units that are in contact with the ground evoke a feeling of being suspended in mid-air for the viewer. As the person receiving the work examines it further, they get lost in the entirety of the architectural structure by journey from their point of being to the future. This situation causes concepts of "that moment" and "the future" to emerge from the receiver.

In his article where he evaluates Dağdelen's works, Hasan Bilent Kahraman states "... Dağdelen implies two things. On the one hand she shows what is impossible. On the other, she defines the boundaries of architectural perception. It is possible to say she slowly implies the entirety and the virtuality of the work. Of course what can be added to the conclusion is that even though Dağdelen acts from an architectural ontology, she defines herself with a fictional construct,

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.eftaydogduagatekin.com>  
<sup>5</sup> [<sup>6</sup> \[http://canandagdelen.com/wp-content/uploads/2009/123\\\_B\\\_Kahraman\\\_2007\\\_turk.pdf\]\(http://canandagdelen.com/wp-content/uploads/2009/123\_B\_Kahraman\_2007\_turk.pdf\), p. 6  
<sup>7</sup> \[http://canandagdelen.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/barsin\\\_acar\\\_spacepresence.pdf\]\(http://canandagdelen.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/barsin\_acar\_spacepresence.pdf\)](http://www.govanevin.com/en/eftaydogduagatekin/iderayi/447/canan-dagdelen</a></p>
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In sum, it is not a structure but a work of art and that is what is before us".<sup>8</sup>

Barsin Acar however, evaluates Dağdelen's works in his article "Space of Presence" as so: " Whatever material she uses, the works of Canan Dağdelen always have the transivity of skin ( in Merle-Ponty's terms ) as they emerge between space and mind. Whether it is an architectural representation, a photo, or a writing, they mark the first step of the emergence of the mind within a space, making a new proposition. The first impression about those of Canan Dağdelen's Works, which directly relate to architecture, is that they appear stable. But this stability is the first cancelled out by non gravity and then questioned by a switch of dimension. This is the mystery of the artist's works: the space that surrounds us is also surrounded by us".<sup>9</sup>

Ozgür Gundeslioglu-Demir, defines her work "Useless II as illustrations with alternative materials. Demir, who examines the concept of functionality that is the base of ceramics' existence, has arranged objects of use that link to the contemporary female identity by interpreting it through iron and glass materials, thus confronting us with errands we face every day. Through the use of traditional forms, it also leads the viewer to inquire the conceptual ideas towards "women".

Eif Agatekin on the other hand, makes a different remark on Demir's work. Agatekin makes the following remark about "Useless II": "This work aims to confront women with the valueless function of errands by questioning how in a kitchen that cannot be used, women form a bond with alternative materials that everyone can do their housework with such as ceramic, glass, and metal; but even if every day you carry out these tasks you cannot finish them, how you cannot

<sup>8</sup> [http://canandagdelen.com/wp-content/uploads/2009/123\\_B\\_Kahraman\\_2007\\_turk.pdf](http://canandagdelen.com/wp-content/uploads/2009/123_B_Kahraman_2007_turk.pdf), p. 6  
<sup>9</sup> [http://canandagdelen.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/barsin\\_acar\\_spacepresence.pdf](http://canandagdelen.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/barsin_acar_spacepresence.pdf)

ingratiate yourself, and has no aspect that will help women develop".<sup>10</sup>

In conclusion, the work reaches an evaluation based on women and their social identity. As the objects subject to the work signal a separate room for the woman in the privacy of the house. The objects in the kitchen transform into a metaphor presenting the image of the woman in the work.

Kemal Tızkıl is known with his works that reject the traditional attitude, classic and common means of expression in Contemporary Turkish Ceramic Art. He uses clay's organic colour and pushes aside the known slip types, and the usual colours used in ceramics until today. Contrary to the classic ceramic approach, he approaches clay as a material. Besides this, in his works he includes types of dye that are not used in ceramics. Using clay as a soft material, through mounting he reinterprets different industrial objects.

Kemal Tızkıl (*Kemal Tızkıl*) is pazlāsts ar saviem darbiem, kas noliedz tradicionālu attieksmi, klasiskos un ierastos ieteiksmes līdzekļus turku laikmetīgajai keramikai. Viņš pametāmā dabisks krāsas un nostumjāmā zīmās pastas veidus, kā arī mūsdienās ierastās vīnāmās pastas veidus. Preiļi klasiskajam keramikam. Mālam kā mikstam materiālam viņš piešķir jaunas interpretācijas, izmantojot dažādus industriālus objektus.

Burdzuz Ertırka Karabeja (*Burcu Öztürk Karabey*) par K. Tızkılıga raksta: "Mākslinieks, kurš spēj pleskties priekšmetu cēvēlēm, izcepj ūpuru priekšmētus un jēgas robežām; viņš izvēlas grūtības un konfronētību arī sādienās međinājumā".<sup>11</sup>

Darbi "Nomazgā mani" K. Tızkılıga pēta spēles un realitātes tēmas, apvienojot funkcionalus objektus un atrastus gatavus priekšmetus. Viņš pēta uzrakstu "Nomazgā mani", kurš bēri vai pat piešķiršu medži atstāt uz automātuņu netrāfijem logiem. Aplikojot šo darbu, redzams, ka rakstīšanai tiek izmantojoti gatavi materiāli, tāpēc tie pārtop par vēstījumu "Nomazgā mani" metaforā. Spēles un realitātes jēdzieni ir mainījusies tradicionālās keramikas izpratnē, tādēļki keramika ir saistīta ar formu un veidu, kā arī arāpus tradicionāli. Tādi jēdzieni kā saikne, transformācija,



Burçak Bingöl / Izlenme Değişimleri / Unforeseen Transformation // ceramics, print / keramika, apdeka / 2011, 100 x 100 cm - 27 cm, a - 17 cm  
<http://burcakbingol.com/turk-of-courses>

witness to this communication.

Using traditional figures and motifs from the East and West, Burçak Bingöl's work "Unforeseen Transformation" follows a different path in contemporary art. The flower motifs in the Eastern culture lead the viewer to an orientalist approach. Quite often these are encountered as wallpaper or tablecloths used in adorning and decorating houses. The whole work is the composition of the body, object and background. The artist, integrating her own body in the general atmosphere of the work questions the relationship between subject and object. The artist also interprets traditional forms in contemporary art from various cultures and makes a comparison between the past and the present.

Burçak Bingöl's work reflects her dense cultural heritage and her continued fascination with patterns. Through her labor-intensive process of tracing, copying and reconstructing, she adopts an analytical approach to ornamentation. Bingöl's drawings convey an unusual sense of order, although they are largely made up of non-symmetrical lines and patterns. The works are psychological landscapes that hover between abstraction and representation, seduction and repulsion, mysticism and consumption that both embrace and disregard Eastern and Western traditions. Bingöl is also known for her ambitious work in ceramics, which both questions and expands the Western canon inviting the viewer to a re-consideration of the divide between art vs craft and high vs low.<sup>12</sup>

The ceramic artist Funda Susamoglu's evaluation directed at Bingöl's works are of significance. Funda Susamoglu reviews Bingöl's works, making the following statement "In today's world where the dominance of image is indisputable, a person who builds, who constructs is indeed a point of resistance. For the craftsman in Bingöl's works, the importance of production and circulation speed works backwards; instead of the speed, a proposal of slowing down is visible in the construction period itself. The superposed pieces carefully create a space just for one person. This space is where the person installs himself/herself in the crowd."<sup>13</sup>

Another Turkish artist who works in daily objects are copied and transfigured is Perihan Şan Aslan. She focuses on the states in which objects can

<sup>10</sup> <http://www.eftaydogduagatekin.com>

<sup>11</sup> <http://www.govanevin.com/en/eftaydogduagatekin/iderayi/447/canan-dagdelen>

<sup>12</sup> Eif Agatekin, "Türklerde Kadın Objekti" / Kadın Objekti / akmenmasa ve Celik / Tokat Sanatları İncelemesi, Yedi Journal of Art, Design & Science, Celik Eyd University Faculty of Fine Art, Winter 2010, Issue 10, 83-92

<sup>13</sup> "The Soul of Things... - Kemal Tızkıl Ceramic Exhibition, Catalogue Script, 2012

<sup>14</sup> Eif Agatekin, "Türklerde Kadın Objekti" / Kadın Objekti / akmenmasa ve Celik / Tokat Sanatları İncelemesi, Yedi Journal of Art, Design & Science, Celik Eyd University Faculty of Fine Art, Winter 2010, Issue 10, 83-92

<sup>15</sup> "The Soul of Things... - Kemal Tızkıl Ceramic Exhibition, Catalogue Script, 2012



Perhan San Aslan / Pazarlaması / Familiar / keramik malz / colored clay  
2009, 105x105 cm; <http://perhanasan.blogspot.com>

Zīmējumi sniedz neprastu kārtības sajūtu, lai gan to veido nesimērķiski līnijas un raksti. Darbi ir psiholoģiskas ainaivas, kas plūst starp abstrakciju un atainojumu, vilinājumu un atrāšanu, mistiku un patēriņu, kas gan aptver, gan ignorē Austumru un Rietumu tradīcijas. B. Bingelei ir paziņamā arī savu vērienīgo darbu keramikā, kas gan apšaubā, gan izvērš ietumnieku lūkumus, aicinot skatītāju pārskaitī plausi starp mākslu un amatniecību, starp augsto un zemo.<sup>70</sup>

Keramike Funda Susamolu (Funda Susamolu) atzīnīgi vērtē B. Bingelei mākslu: "Mūsdieni pasaūsi, kur attēla domināncē ir noliedzēzma, persona, kas veido un būvē, ir pretestības punkts. Amatniecība Bingelei darbu izgatavotāšanas un aptries ātruma nozīmē darbojas aigāni; radīšanās procesā nozīmē ir nevis ātrums, bet vēlmei strādāt lēnāk. Uzmanītās dajās uzmanīgi rada telpu tikai vienai personai. Šī telpa ir vieta, kur persona ieliek sevi pūl."<sup>71</sup>

Vēlvienu turku mākslinieci, kuras darbos tiek pārkopēti un pārveidoti ikdienas priekšmeti, ir Perhan Šāna-Aslana (Perhan San Aslan). Viņa pievērsības stāvoklim, kādos arī šiem priekšmetiem var saskarties ikdienas dzīvē, un to kompozīcijām, kā arī aplūkoja istabību starp spiekīmēnu un cilvēkiem. Kārtīneice arī sketīta iegūtā pastāvīšanu un samazinātās cilvēku saiknes ar, iespējams, lētākajām un ikdienīkākajām patēriņu. Lai gan šīs saiknes ir pieredzētas daudzās situācijās, sarunās un izjūtās, tās vai nu ir

<sup>70</sup> <http://zibermangaly.com/burcas-dengi-117.html>

<sup>71</sup> <http://www.bingelang.com/contemporary-ceramics>

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be encountered in daily life and their compositions. She addresses the connection between these objects and people. She also unravels the long and winded association that humans have with possibly the cheapest and most mundane consumer products, so often encountered in daily life. Even though these associations have witnessed tens of situations, conversations, and emotions, they have either been abandoned at the scene of the incident or have been discarded. This is because they have expired. The artist Aslan's view on her work "Familiar" is as follows: "What is desired instead of the possible tearing, staining, fraying and wrinkling that might occur in a used object, is to stay away from these effects and instead of the feeling of these experiences being apparent, protecting the distance between the object and one's self, and the played down tentative feeling of connection being felt on one's own accord..."<sup>72</sup>

There is a criticism to the consumerist society. It is a common trait seen in consumerist societies where a product that is 'new' reaches its expiry date in a short period of time. Therefore, attention is drawn to the relationship between 'object and human' which are two essential components of popular culture. As it is in Pop Art, the criticism towards ready-made objects in the consumerist market is global. However, these products do not have brands or advertisements. The consumerist market that is indexed towards the society is desired to be removed. Thus, in a criticism towards industrial products, it has become an artistic expression with the use of ceramic materials.

In this series by Ufuk Tolga Savaş, the coordinate calculations between the surface and the texture stand out. Just as it is with his contemporaries, Savaş has also transformed ceramics into a means of expression. He has used both the traditional bowl form and has interpreted ceramics outside the traditional means of perception and expression. As it can be seen in the photographs, there are different surface textures and coordinate calculations on them.

Savaş's statements regarding his works are: "This aims to portray the space in a different manner, maybe taking the photograph of the space in a different way, or immortalising a piece of the space at that moment. It is possible to call this a kind of modern-day archaeology."<sup>73</sup>

Şirin Koçak Özşekici, produced the forms which she

<sup>72</sup> Perhan San Aslan, Artist Statement, 10.Juna 2016

<sup>73</sup> Ufuk Tolga Savaş, Artist Statement, 20 May 2016



Ufuk Tolga Savaş / Telpas definīcijas (1, 2, 3, 4) / Definitions of Spaces (1,2,3,4) / fotogrāfija / photography / 2012, 50 x 70 cm

jāmat, vai jaunciņina, jo tās vairs nav izmantojamās. Par savu darbu "Pārstāvītās" P. Šāna-Aslana sakā: "Lai izvairītos no iespējamiem saplēšanas, krāsošanas, sadrīkšanas vai saburžšanas, labāk šīs lietas neizmantot, sāgtā distancē stārp sevi un attiecīgo priekšmetu, mazinot piesaisti šiem priekšmetiem..."<sup>74</sup>

P. Šāna-Aslana kritizē pārērijākulturas sabiedrību. Pārērijākulturas sabiedrībā domīnē kopīga iežime - "jauns" produkts drīz vien kļūst nedefefs. Tādēļ mākslinieki pievērš uzmanību attiecībām starp "priekšmetu un cilvēku", kās ir divas būtiskas sastāvdalības populārajā ierakstā. Kā jau populāra māksla, gatavo priekšmetu kritika pārērijākulturas tirgū ir globāla. Taču šie nāvi zīmoli vai reklēmi produkti. Patēriņu tirgus, kas atsaucas uz sabiedrības pieprasījumu, būtu jālūkviēd. Tādējādi rūpniecisku ražošanu kritika ir kļuvusi par mākslinieku izpausēm, kas realizējas keramikas materiālos.

Ufuk Tolga Savaş ("Ufuk Tolga Savaş") darbu sērija "Telpas definīcijas" redzamā saskaņot apēriņi starp virsmu un tekšumu. Tāpēc kā viga laikēbāmē, arī U. T. Savaşā izmanto keramiku. Kā izteksmē dzīlēki. Viņš ir strādājis gan tradicionālo bijdas formu, gan interpretējis keramiku ārpus tradicionālajiem uztveres un izteksmes veidiem. Kā redzams fotogrāfijā, pastāv dažādas virsmas teiktrās un saskaņots apēriņus uz tām.

U. T. Savaşā par saviem darbiem sakā: "Mērķis ir attēlot telpu citādā veidā, varbūt citādā uzlūkojot telpas fotogrāfijas" vai iemūžinot telpas fragmentu tajā trītī. To var nosaukt par savā veida māsdienu arheoloģiju.<sup>75</sup>

Širin Koçak-Ezeksīli veidojis figūras sirds formā, ietverdamā tājās pārdomas par mūsu ikdienas dzīvi. Tās ir noteiktu apstākļu izpausmes, ko cilvēkā izjūt visas dienas garumā, piemēram, skumjās, vilšanās, uztraukums un mīrīja emocijas. Tās ir jānovērtē saskaņā

<sup>74</sup> Perhan Šāna-Aslana, mākslinieka komentārs, 2016, gads 10.jūnijā

<sup>75</sup> Ufuk Tolga Savaş, mākslinieka komentārs, 2016, gads 20.jūnijā

based on the heart shape as a reflection of our daily lives. They are an expression of certain circumstances people feel throughout the day such as sorrow, disappointment, excitement, and momentary emotions. They are required to be evaluated under a "vulnerability" theme. The thought that is questioned in the thematic relationship is re-existing in the dilemma of form and surface. This existence transforms into a conceptual story. In short, the story is as follows: "The heart finds life with the living being it hosts within itself. With rhythmic periods it becomes one with the living being. But, the living being's possible movements, excitements, sorrows, worries and happiness's change the rhythm of the heart. Negativity is what wears it down and damages it the most. Thus, the heart's sensitivity increases and vulnerability commences.

Şirin Koçak expresses her work "Project: Narrating Breaking" in her PhD thesis as follows:

In my work "Project: Narrating Breaking" the situations I experienced in developing clay's stylistic narrative language were influential. Thus, the conceptual process in my works started with the clay taking form. The figurative language develops concurrently with the them.

The thematic coherence in my works is shaped by the disappointments people have, their sorrows, desperation, reactions, and woes. These causes are influential in the stylistic reformation of the heart shape. The variety in the form, the black-white spots on the surface and the texture it gives are witness to the case I am trying to make. In the meantime, they present this situation to the viewer. I sometimes photograph my works in different spaces and sometimes using different bodies. Thus, I am able to attach a spatial or personal aspect to each form to recreate the work. This creation should be considered in the context of the problematic situations I have directly faced. For example, the heart

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ar "leivanojīmības" tēmu. Doma, kas tiek aplūkota tematiskajās attiecībās, ir atkarīota pastāvēšana formas un virsmas dilemām. Šī eksistēs pārītop konceptuālā stāsts. Īstāk sakot, stāsts ir šāds: "Sirds sadziņo ar dzīvo bōtni, kurā tā mīt. Tā sitas un saplāstītās arī dzīvo bōtni. Bet dzīvās bōtnes kustības, preki, bēdas, rōpes un laimes māris ritmā. Visvarā sirdi nomāc negativisms, kurš tālākā. Tāpēc sirds kļūst jūtīgāka un mazāk aizsargāta."

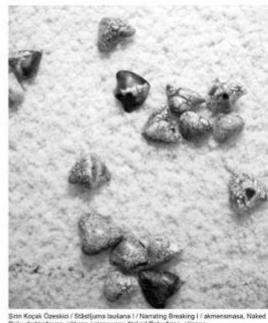
Š. Kočak-Ezeksīli darbu "Projekts. Stāstījuma laušanā" i īvārī promocijā, darbā raksturo ūdens: "Manu darbu "Projekts: Stāstījuma laušanā" ietekmeiā situācijas, kuras es piedzīvoju, veidojot māla stilistiskā stāstījuma valodu. Tādējādi konceptuālais process manos darbos sākas ar to, kaid, kad māls ieņem savu formu. Tēlainā valoda attīstība sākās vienlaikus ar tēmas attīstību."

Tematisko vienotību manos darbos veido cilvēku vīlenāšās, skumjās, izmīsus, reakcijas un rāzes. Šie cēloni ietekmē sirds formas stilistiskā pārvērtīvi. Formas daudzveidība, melnvalīte plankumi uz tās virsmas un piešķirtā tekšura atsevišķu situāciju, kuru es cenšos parādīt. Vienlaikus šīs situācijas tiek nodota skatītājiem. Reizēm es fotografēju savus darbus dažādās telpās un reiziņā izmājinot dažādās struktūras. Tādēļ veidās es varu piešķirt telpuvisu personisku aspektu katrā formā, tādējādi pārveidotdarbu. Šī radītāna bōtnu jūtākā problemātiskā situāciju kontekstā, ar kurām esmu tiešā veidā saskārusies. Piemēram, sirds ir joti svārigs orgāns, kas var cilvēku organizmu par dzīvību. Sabiedrībā, kurā mēs dzīvojam, mēs – cilvēki – reizēm aizmirstam (!) par sirds pamatlaukumam. Tās funkcija ir ne tikai nodrošināt dzīvību, bet arī paust jūtas, tīrās emocijas, bet tieši to mēs aizmirstam vai atmetam.

Procesā, kurā formas sāk eksistēt, notiek tiešā ietekāsāmās "sirdi", un laiku pa laikam tādi gadījumi notiek. Tās izskaidro tematisko attiecību manifestāciju manos darbos. Nemot vērā vai nu to formā, vai struktūrālā uzbūvi, darbi ir intensīvi. Piešķirtā jēga ir trausta. Masas izmaiņas, kas parādās uz pamatlaukuma (piemēram, kokvilnas vai šķiedras), ir apvienotas ar viņiem un mīkstiem materiāliem struktūrā un formā. Formu emocionālais dzīlums kļūst leītāks un legūst gaistīsto efektu."<sup>76</sup>

**Secinājumi**

Nemot vērā māsdienu Turcijas keramikas mākslas



Şirin Koçak Ozşekici / Šķiedras ietekme / Naked Reality / keramika, silīcija, sienas, vīns,裸體 / Ceramic, silicon, wall, wine, 2016, 30x30x30 cm

is a vital organ that binds the human body to life. In the society we live in, we humans sometimes forget (!) the heart's fundamental functions. Here, rather than the case being just the heart's vital function, it is the reflection of feelings, pure emotions that have been forgotten or discarded.

In the process of forms coming into existence, there are direct interventions to the "heart" and from time to time there are incidences that emerge. That explain the manifestation of the thematic relationship in my works. Considering either their form or their structural condition, the works are intense. The meaning that is attributed to it is that it is fragile. The mass movements that emerge in the foundational surface (such as cotton or fibre) are combined with light and soft materials in terms of structure and form. The emotional depth of the forms are increased and a volatile effect is obtained."<sup>77</sup>

**Conclusion**

Considering the rapid development in Contemporary Turkish Ceramic Art, from 2000 to the present day, many ceramic artists have made contributions in this period of time. As part of this continuum, apart from the ones mentioned in this article, there are many artists that produce unique ceramic works and contribute to

<sup>76</sup> Şirin Koçak, "Naked Reality: Researches and Applications" Proficiency in Art Work Report, Dokuz Eylül University Graduate School of Fine Arts Ceramic and Glass Design Department, 2014, Izmir, Republic of Turkey, p. 75.

Contemporary Turkish Ceramic Art with these works. Lerzan Özer, Muttlu Başkaya, Funda Susamolu, Bahar Ari Dellenbach, Hasan Şahbaz, Kemal Uludağ, Feyza Özgündoğdu, Emre Feyzoğlu and many other Turkish artists have produced important works of art.

As people, society, environment, traditions, cultural components, urbanisation, pressure, and socio-political events affect all fields of art, it can be seen that it also influences Turkish ceramic artists who choose ceramics as a material too. It can be said that putting aside the understanding of traditional form and shape, they are searching for new means of expression. In addition to this, the chaotic century that we are in has pushed artists to change concepts, content and context. For this reason, Turkish Ceramic Art has been subject to radical changes in the past 20 years, as is the case in other disciplines too. These changes manifest themselves in the form of material use, conceptual themes, and installations.

As a result, the artists subject to the research have shaped ceramics with an interdisciplinary approach.

In this period where societal events and changes are occurring, the medium of expression artists use varies too. It appears as if ceramics will not only be a discipline of art, but also a channel with which they can express and criticise current events.

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Seramik sanatını güncel yorumlarıyla buluşturan sanatçı Perihan Şan Aslan, Ankara'daki yeni sergisini izleyicilere sunuyor.



Perihan Şan'ın  
"Masal" isimli  
seramik çalışması.

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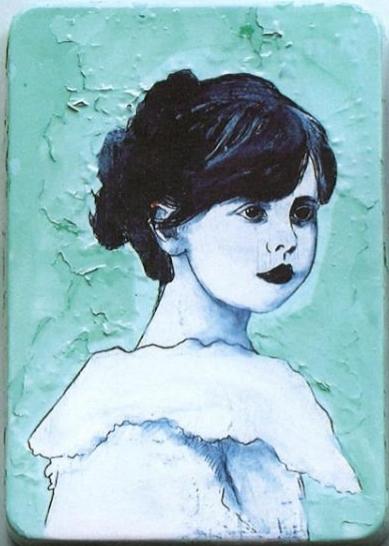
**P**erihan Şan Aslan, Türkiye'de seramik sanatında güncel işler yapan az sayıdaki sanatçılardan. 1978 yılında Ankara'da doğan sanatçı, 2000 yılında Hacettepe Üniversitesi Güzel Sanatlar Fakültesi Seramik Bölümü'nde lisans eğitmini tamamladı. Aynı bölümde 2004 yılında yüksek lisansını bitirdi, 2010 senesinde ise sanatta yeterlik derecesini aldı. Çalışmalarıyla çok sayıda uluslararası ve ulusal sergiye katıldı. Yurt içinde ve yurt dışında çeşitli sempozyum ve çalıştaylarda eğitmen olarak yer aldı. Yurt içinde beş kişisel sergi açtı ve üç ödül kazandı. Aslan'ın Çin, Romanya, İspanya, Malezya ve Türkiye'de çeşitli resmi ve özel koleksiyonlarda eserleri bulunuyor. Sanatçı ayrıca, Sanat Eğitimcileri Derneği (SEDER), Türk Seramik Derneği (TSD), Seramik Sanatı Eğitimi ve Değişimi Derneği (SSEDD) üyesi. 2001 yılından beri akademisyen olarak çalışan sanatçı halen Dr. Öğretim Üyesi olarak Abant İzzet Baysal Üniversitesi Güzel Sanatlar Fakültesi Seramik Bölümü'nde çalışıyor ve Bolu'da yaşıyor.

### ANI, BELLEK, KİMLİK

Perihan Şan, aslında Türkiye'den ziyade yurt dışında görünürlüğe sahip sanatçılarımızdan biri... Sanatçı, anı, bellek ve kimlik gibi konular ile ilgileneiyor. Sanatçı; bireyde kimliği oluşturan dönemin çocukluk yılları olduğunu düşündüğü için çocuk ve oyun temalarına yöneliyor. Perihan Şan, eserlerin her bir detayıni seramik malzeme ile oluşturuyor. Seramik işleri hayatı geçirirken bazen kalıplama, bazen el ile şekillendirme bazen de dokum gibi teknikler kullanıyor. Duvara asılan klasik çerçeveleri ile eski aile albümleri izlenimi veren işler aslında her bir detayı ile seramik. Üretimlere yaklaştıkça çerçevelerin seramik ve içlerinde yer alan fotoğrafvari görüntülerin ya da portrele-



Sanatçının "Zamansız" serisi, eski bir fotoğraf albümünü anımsatıyor..



Sanatçı, çalışmalarında kartpostallardaki kimliği bilinmeyen insanların çocukluk fotoğraflarından yararlanıyor.

rin ise seramik üzerine baskı tekniği ile yapılmış olduğu fark ediliyor. Portreler oluşturulurken monobaskı ve litografi vb. teknikler, renklendirmede ise sır altı boyalar, astarlar, sır altı ve üstü dekor teknikleri kullanıyor. Bu eserlerin son hâlini alabilmesi için en az iki üç ayrı pişirime girmesi gereklidir. Çerçevevelerde kalıplama tekniği ile yapılır ancak bazlarında yer yer elle şekillendirme mevcut. Sanatçının söylediğine göre eğer parçalar ayrı ayrı şekillendirildiye pişirim sonrasında bir araya getiriliyor. Bazı işlerde ise buluntu hazır porselen parçalar kullanılıyor ve pişirim sonrası çalışmaya dahil ediliyor. Ankara Art Sürem Sanat Merkezi'nde bu ayın ilk haftasına kadar devam eden sergisinde hem malzeme hem de uygulama biçimini bakımından gelenekle olan çatışmasını ve uyumunu esprili bulduğum işler, hazır buluntuların da dahil olduğu işlerdi. Bunların dışında, üç boyutlu oyuncak ayıcık heykellerinden oluşan seri de oldukça ilginç. Gerçek oyuncak ayıların porselen çamuruna daldırılıp 1000 derecede pişirilmesi ve devamında sırlanarak 1300 derecede pişirilmesiyle şekillendirilen bu işler, kalıptan nasıl çıkarsa o şekilde bırakılıyor. Bu durum biraz cesurca geldi bana. Çünkü işler kırılmış, dökülmüş izlenimi veriyor ve sanatsever çoğunlukla esere zarar geldiğini düşünüyor. Aslında sanatçı "Anı, bellek kollarını düşünürken seramik gibi bir malzeme ile yaşamışlığı nasıl yaratabilirim?" sorusuna yanıt arıyor. Tıpkı, solmuş fotoğraf albümlerini konu ettiği eser-

Şan, çocukluk fotoğraflarında yer alan oyuncaklılardan ilham alıyor.

lerinde yarattığı eskimişlik duygusu gibi... "Kayıp Bavullar" adını alan bir diğer serinin 2014 yılında yapılmış ilk işlerinden "Lost Case 4" isimli iş bugünden Çin'de yer alan Taishan Ceramics Factory Müzesi'nde kalıcı koleksiyona kazandırıldı.

#### KIZ ÇOCUĞU VE OYUNCAK

Sanatçı kendi işleri için "Son dönemde genellikle kız çocuğu ve oyuncak gibi imgelerden faydalananmıyorum," diyerek sözlerini şu şekilde detaylandırıyor: "Form ve yüzeylerde kullandığım imgeler uygulamaya koymacağım işe göre değişiyor. Portreler genellikle eski kartpostal vb. kaynaklardan kimliği bilinmeyen ve belki şu an yaşamayan insanların çocukluk fotoğrafları arasından seçiliyor. Seçilen fotoğraflarda çocukların genellikle en güzel halleriley çok zaman da oyuncaklarıyla birlikte belgelenmişler. Portreler genellikle pastel bir renkle çerçevelenmişler ve rengin de etkisiyle dikkat yüzdeki ifadeye yoğunlaşıyor. Kimi zaman ellerinde tuttukları çiçekler ve aksesuarlarındaki altın yıldızlar gibi detaylar dikkat çekiyor. Çocuk imgeleri geçmiş ve günümüz çocukların benzerlikleri veya farklılıklar hakkında fikirler veriyor."

Sanatçı, 11 Mayıs'ta Ankara Art Sürem'de açtığı sergi ile son işlerini izleyicisiyle paylaştı. Sergi yoğun ilgi nedeniyle hazırlanan ortasına kadar uzatıldı. Ankara'da sergiyi görme fırsatı yakaladığım için mutluyum. MS



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**Prof. Dr. T. Emre Feyzoğlu:** Sanat anlayışınızdan bahseder misiniz? Sizce seramik sanatının diğer sanatlar arasındaki yeri neresidir?

**Doç. Perihan Şan Aslan:** Sanatımda ele aldığım konular geçmişten günümüze değişmiş olsa da son zamanlarda çocukluk teması çalışmalarımda önemli bir yer tutuyor. Çocukluk dönemi, insanın en saf olduğu ve duyguların en yoğun yaşandığı zaman dilimlerindendir. Bu dönemin verdiği ilhamla, geçmişin izlerini, anıları ve duygusal derinlikleri keşfetmeye çalışıyorum. Geçici olmak, hatırlamak-unutmak, hatırlanmak ve unutulmak kavramları üzerinden bir sorgulama yapıyorum. Bu temayı somutlaştırırken genellikle kullandığım dekor ve baskılı teknikleri ise önemli araçlardandır. Dekor ve baskılı teknikleri ile, her bir iz ve yüzeyin özgün olmasını ve her çalışmamın kendine ait bir hikaye anlatmasını hedefliyorum.

Bana göre seramik sanatı, diğer sanat dalları arasında kendine özgü bir konumdadır. Hem tarihsel hem de kültürel açıdan köklü bir geçmişe dayanır. Antik çağlardan günümüze seramik hem işlevsel hem de sanatsal olarak kullanılmıştır. Estetik ve fonksiyonel yönleriyle sanat ve tasarımin çeşitli alanlarına entegre olabilen bir ifade biçimini sunar. Seramik, sadece form ve teknikle değil aynı zamanda içeriği kavrama da anlam kazanır. Bu bağlamda, seramik sanatı, diğer görsel sanatlarla yakın bir ilişki içindedir. Ancak, seramik kullanılan malzemenin doğasından gelen teknik ve teknolojik özellikler ile diğer sanat dallarından ayrılır. Özellikle son yıllarda, seramik kavramsal, deneysel yönü ile de ön plana çıkmaktır, geleneksel sınırlarının dışına çıkararak çağdaş sanatla bütünleşmektedir. Sonuç olarak seramik malzeme ile olan güçlü ilişki, birbirinden farklı özgün tekniklerle ulaştığı çeşitlilik, sunduğu zengin anlam ve kavramla izleyici ile derin bir bağ kurar.

## Doç. Perihan Şan Aslan İle Röportaj

Röportaj: Prof. Dr. T. Emre Feyzoğlu



**Prof. Dr. T. Emre Feyzoğlu:** Sizin farklı üniversitelerde çalışmalar yaparak gelişen akademik bir geçiminiz var. Akademisyen sanatçı olmanın avantajları ve dezavantajları var mı?

**Doç. Perihan Şan Aslan:** 1978 Ankara doğumluyum. Seramik sanatında kariyerim 1996 yılında Hacettepe Üniversitesi Güzel Sanatlar Fakültesi Seramik Bölümü'nde öğrenci olmamla başladı. 2000 yılında mezun olduktan sonra aynı bölümde yüksek lisans eğitimi başladım. 2001 yılında araştırma görevlisi olarak akademisyenlik kariyerime başlangıç yaptım. 2004 yılında bitirdiğim yüksek lisans eğitiminin ardından yine aynı bölümde sanatta yeterlik eğitimi devam ettim. Bu süreç 2001-2010 yılları arasında sürdürdü ve bu süre zarfında Hacettepe Üniversitesi Güzel Sanatlar Fakültesi Seramik Bölümü'nde 35. madde kapsamında araştırma görevlisi olarak çalıştım. 2010 yılından itibaren 4 sene Mersin Üniversitesi Güzel Sanatlar Fakültesi Seramik Bölümü'nde araştırma görevlisi ve ardından Dr. Öğretim Üyesi olarak çalıştım. 2004 senesinden bugüne ise Bolu Abant İzzet Baysal Üniversitesi Güzel Sanatlar Fakültesi Seramik Bölümü'nde çalışmalarımı sürdürmektediyim. Şu an çalışmalarima aynı üniversitede doçent olarak devam etmekteyim.



Bu anlamda 3 ayrı üniversitede çalışmam sayesinde üniversitelerin sahip olduğu kurumsal gelenekler arasındaki farkları deneyimleme şansı edindim. Özellikle öğrencilik yıllarımı geçirdiğim ve 2001-2010 yılları arasında araştırma görevlisi olarak çalıştığım Hacettepe Üniversitesi tecrübe benim için ayrı bir önem taşır. Burada Hamiye Çolakoğlu'nun da dahil olduğu birçok önemli akademisyen sanatçıdan ders alma, onlarla birlikte çalışma fırsatı oldu ki bu sanata bakış açımın köklenmesi ve gelişmesi açısından oldukça uygun bir ortamdı. Çeşitli dersleri asiste ettiğim bu dönemde sanatsal üretimim açısından da özgür hissettiğim ve beslendiğim bir ortamdaydım. Elbette bu köklü bölümün içerisinde yer aldığım yıllarda değişimine de tanıklık ettim. Hacettepe'den yolu geçen birçok akademisyen ve sanatçı ile bu süreçte tanıştım. Bu süre zarfında derin tecrübeler edindim.

2010 yılında sanatta yeterlik eğitimini bitirdiğimde kadromun bulunduğu Mersin Üniversitesi'nde akademik kariyerim devam etti. Bu fakültede de kıymetli sanatçı akademisyenler tanıdım. Kendi sanat ortamına sahip olan, nispeten büyük bir şehirde olsam da seramik adına pek bir zenginlik yoktu. Farklı illerden pek çok kişi Mersin Üniversite'sinde bir Seramik Bölümü'nün var olduğunu bile bilmiyordu. O dönemde merkezden uzak olmak, kendimi camiada daha görünür kılmam için sanatsal üretimlerime durmaksızın devam etmem gerektiğini hissetti. Böyle de oldu, hep çalıştım. Yeni teknikler denedim. Bu dönemde ürettiğim çalışmalar pek çok uluslararası bienal ve trienalde sergilendi. Bu ise sanatsal açıdan motivasyonumu diri tuttu. Bunun dışında derslerine girdiğim öğrencilerle çok iyi işler yaptık, birlikte başarılı öğrenci sergilerine imza attık. O dönemde derslerine girdiğim öğrencilerin çoğunu seramik kariyerine devam ettiklerini görmek mutluluk veriyor. Birçoğu ile ise dostluğum sürüyor.

Bölümde akademisyen ihtiyacı olması sebebi ile 2014 yılında Bolu Abant İzzet Baysal Üniversitesi'ne geçtim. Seramik Bölümü'nde 5 kişilik iyi bir kadromuz var. 2014 yılından itibaren birlikte pek çok ulusal, uluslararası etkinliğe imza attık. Yerli ve yabancı pek çok sanatçı ve akademisyen ağırladık. Sergiler açık. Seramik alanına bu anlamda önemli katkılar sağladığımızı düşünüyorum.

Bana göre akademisyen sanatçı olmanın gençlerle bir arada olmanız ve onların üretim süreçlerini de yönlendirmeniz nedeniyle sizi hep diri tutan, geliştiren bir tarafı var. Onlarla hep yeni şeyler deniyor, öğreniyor, kendınızı tazeliyorsunuz. Elbette bu üretmek ve yaratmakla ilgili kaygısi olan gençlerle çalışırken geçerli. Bu kaygıya sahip olmayan öğrencilerle çalışırken onları motive etmeye, belli bir kalitede üretim yapmalarını sağlamaya ve üretmenin zevkini anlatmaya, aşılamaya çalışmak yorucu olabiliyor. Kendi enerjinizden fazlasıyla eksildiğini hissettiyor bazen. Bunun dışında akademik görevler zaman alan, zahmetli işler... Bütün bunlar bir araya geldiğinde tam zamanlı sanat üretmemeye sorunu ortaya çıkıyor. Ki aslında bu akademisyen sanatçı olmanın temel sorunlarından. Bu problemi elden geldiğince aşmaya ve üretmeye gayret ediyorum. Bir avantaj olarak ise sanat üretiminizde para kazanma kaygısının geri planda kalması ve bu durumun size daha özgür bir alan tanımmasını da ekleyebilirim.

**Prof. Dr. T. Emre Feyzoğlu:** Son yıllarda sıkça katılım sağladığınızı izlediğimiz uluslararası etkinlıklarınız sizin sanat hayatınıza ne gibi katkıları oldu?

**Doç. Perihan Şan Aslan:** Bu uluslararası etkinlikleri kabaca sempozyumlar ve bienal, trienal vb. gibi sergiler olarak sınıflandırabilirim. Uluslararası etkinliklere Hacettepe Üniversitesi'sinde çalıştığım yillardan așinaydım. Orada araştırma görevlisi iken bazı uluslararası sempozyumlara sanatçı olarak da dahil edildim.



Ancak ilk yurtdışı seramik sempozyumu tecrübem 2013 yılında Letonya Zvartava'da gerçekleşen sir üstü porselen boyama konusunda idi. Bunun dışında Çin, Sırbistan, Türkiye, yine Letonya, Romanya gibi ülkelerde uluslararası seramik sempozyumlarına davetli sanatçı olarak katılım sağladım. Kuzey Kıbrıs Türk Cumhuriyeti, Romanya, Slovenya, Letonya, Türkiye'de uluslararası ve ulusal çalıştaylara davet edildim. Özellikle üzerinde uzmanlaştığım bir konu olan seramik yüzeylerde baskı ve dekor konularında çok sayıda çalıştay gerçekleştirdim.

Uygulamalı seramik sempozyumları genellikle 2 hafta sürer. Bu nedenle katıldığım sempozyumlarla kısa sürede yaratma ve üretim yapma pratiği edindim. Bu seyahatler farklı ülkelerden sanatçıları tanıma ve onların üretim süreçlerine şahit olma, gidilen ülkenin kültür ve tarihini öğrenme açısından bulunmaz bir fırsattır. Belki bir turist olarak gittiğinizde göremeyeceğiz ortamları görme şansı verir ki bu şans bu tür etkinliklerin en sevdigim yanlarındandır.

Bunun dışında çalışmalarıyla Litvanya, Arjantin, Kuzey Kıbrıs Türk Cumhuriyeti, İtalya, Romanya, Sırbistan, Güney Kore, Ukrayna, Letonya, İspanya, Çin, Slovenya, Dominik Cumhuriyeti, Hırvatistan, Malezya ve Türkiye'de pek çok jüri ya da davetli ulusal ve uluslararası sergide yer aldım. Özellikle uluslararası bienal ya da trienallere seçilen çalışmalarıyla dünyadaki birçok meslektaşımı boy ölçüşebilecek çalışmalar yaptığımı hissettim. Motivasyonum arttı. Ulusal ve uluslararası tanınırlığım bu sayede artmış oldu.

**Prof. Dr. T. Emre Feyzoğlu:** Türk seramik sanatının dünü ve bugünü arasında nasıl bir kıyaslama yapılabilir? Son yillardaki teknik ve teknolojik gelişmelerin seramik sanatımıza yansımışı olduğunu?

**Doç. Perihan Şan Aslan:** Türkiye'de seramik sanatının gelişmekte olduğuna inanıyorum. Son yıllarda Türkiye'de birçok ulusal ve uluslararası etkinlik yapılmaktadır. Bunun yanı sıra Türk sanatçılar yurtdışındaki uluslararası etkinliklerde daha sık görülmekte, başarılar elde etmektedir. Aynı zamanda Türkiye'de seramik eğitimi veren bölgüler niteliklidir ve sonuç olarak bu alana ilgi artmaktadır. Seramik bir malzeme olarak çağdaş sanat alanında da ilgi görmektedir. Gelenek ve teknolojik gelişmelerin bu denli yan yana durabildiği bir sanat dalı postmodern bir yaklaşımla yeniden deneyimlenmektedir. Teknik ve teknolojik gelişmeler elbette ki sanatma olumlu yansıyor. Örneğin farklı malzemelere, hammaddelere ulaşmak ve onları denemek daha kolaylaştı. İnternet ortamında ise her türlü bilgi paylaşımı açık bu da bilgiye ulaşmayı ve farklı sanatçıların deneyimlerini izleme fırsatı sunuyor. Bütün bunlar daha fazla görmemi, bilgi edinmemi, yeni teknikleri denememi sağlıyor.

**Prof. Dr. T. Emre Feyzoğlu:** Geleceğe yönelik projeleriniz ve sanat adına bekłentileriniz nelerdir?

**Doç. Perihan Şan Aslan:** Türkiye'de geleceğe yönelik plan yapmak biraz zor. Ancak bekłentilerim daha çok üretmek, zamanımı daha verimli kullanmak, bazı sanat platformlarında daha görünür olmak için çalışmak, alanla ilgili yurtdışı seyahatlerimin artması, edindiğim teknik tecrübeleri içeren bir kitap yazmak olabilir.

