

## **İSMİHAN YILMAZ**

İsmihan Yılmaz is a Turkish journalist and TV producer. She studied Communications at Ankara University. Upon graduation, she worked briefly at TRT's documentary department as assisting director and later taught journalism at various high schools. She moved to Canada, Toronto with her husband in 2000 and attended graduate classes at Cultural Studies Program at Trent University while working at a local TV broadcaster, COGECO with producer and host Esther Caldwell. After spending two years in Canada, her husband and she moved to Washington DC, US, where they lived for nearly 10 years. While taking documentary film making classes at George Washington University and Docs in Progress institution, she also earned a degree in Early Childhood Education at Stratford Institution. During her time in the US, she produced various TV shows and documentaries for TRT and Fairfax Public TV.

Upon moving back to her homeland in 2012, she continued producing documentaries. In 2014 she was back at TRT working as deputy head of TRT Çocuk. In this capacity, she was responsible for commissioning and acquisitions. She supervised both live action and animated shows in house and out of house productions. During her supervision at TRT Çocuk, the broadcaster reached the point of most watched childrens channel. Along with above mentioned responsibilities, she was also the director of TRT International Childrens Media Conference between 2014-2018, which she had led to found. She quit her post from TRT Çocuk recently and now has been supervising productions at investigative journalism department at TRT World, Turkey's first English language news broadcaster.

She has been frequent speaker and delegate for various international congresses, festivals, fairs, competitions dealing with childrens media. She was elected two times as a juror for International Emmy Awards.

She is happily married and have two daughters, Zehra and Zeynep. She very much enjoys travelling, designing and making jeweleries and exploring less known cuisines of the world.