

PROF. DR. EROL GÖKA

He was born in 1959 in Denizli. He completed his secondary school education as “free boarding” in Aydın. He became “Doctor of Medicine in 1983, “Psychiatry Specialist” in 1989, “Associate Professor in Psychiatry” in 1992 and Chief of Psychiatry Clinic at Ankara Numune Education and Research Hospital in 1998 after having succeeded in the series of exams organized by the Ministry of Health and the Council of Higher Education. He was appointed as “Professor” in 2010 to Necmettin Erbakan University, Meram Medicine Faculty, Department of Psychiatry. Prof. Dr. Erol Göka is currently serving as “Education and Administrative Officer, Department of Psychiatry” at University of Health Sciences, Medicine Faculty, Ankara City Hospital.

Having educated a great number of psychiatry specialists and associate professors and contributed to the development of tens of family physicians and neurology specialists, Erol Göka actively participates in the actions to enable the organization of psychiatric services in a contemporary manner in our country. Although he has taken place in the scientific works conducted in several areas of psychiatry, his interest is focused particularly on the intersection point of psychiatry with social sciences and philosophy. His interest in dynamic characteristics of human being and group-existence has led him towards psychodynamic-oriented clinical practices and group psychotherapies. Therefore his scientific studies are mainly in these fields.

He takes place in the publication board of Türkiye Günlüğü journal as well as serving in the consultancy boards of many journals in the fields of medicine and human sciences. He has participated in several scientific studies and authored scientific articles. He is one of the scientists who reflects the look of psychology in order to inform our leaders and the community in subjects such as “Armenian Question”, “Civil Law Practices”, “Violence and Fanaticism in the Family”, “Traumas and Human Rights”, “Islam, Freedoms and Democracy” His books entitled “Hoşçakal: Kayıp, Matem ve Hayatın Zorlukları”(2009; 2018), "Hayatın Anlamı Var Mı?" (2013; 2019) ve “Yalnızlık ve Umut” (2020) reveals the authentic existential-dynamic frame of his look towards psychiatry.

His long-term efforts in the field of historical psychology, towards understanding the unchanging attitudes of Turks throughout the history was published into a book entitled “Türk Grup Davranışı” at the beginning of 2006, which was followed by “Türklerin Psikolojisi” (2008; 2018) and “Yedi Düvele Karşı: Türklerde Liderlik and Fanatizm” (2009), “Türk’ün Göçebe Ruhu” (2010; 2018). Involving many authentic opinions, these studies have been warmly welcomed in the entire Turkic world and have been and are causing very productive debates. As Prof. Dr. Erol Göka is renowned as an authority in the field of social psychology, he has taken place in visual and written media and radio programs several times both as a speaker

and presenter and invited to meetings by the universities, non-governmental organizations and public institutions. Being awarded as the “Savant of the Year” in 2006 by his book entitled “Türk Grup Davranışı” by the Writers Union of Turkey, Erol Göka received the “Ziya Gökalp/ Turkish Hearths Science and Encouragement Award” in 2008 from Turkish Hearths thanks to “introducing works that open up the horizon of Turkish nation by way of his scientific studies”.