

**Prof. Dr. Gülay Altay**

Gülay Altay graduated from the İstanbul Technical University (İTÜ) in 1971 and got her PhD and Associate Professorship degrees in the same institution in 1977 and 1982, respectively. In 1988 she became a full professor at Boğaziçi University. In 1975-1977 she worked as a research fellow at the Princeton University, in 1981-1982 as a visiting research associate at the Lehigh University and in 1987-1988 as a visiting research professor at the George Washington University. Between 1992-1998 she served as the Department Chair of the Civil Engineering Department of Boğaziçi University and 2006 to 2009 as the Director of the Kandilli Observatory and Earthquake Research Institute of Boğaziçi University.

Dr. Altay's research is mainly related to steel structures, structural connections, earthquake resistant design, repair and retrofitting of historical structures, plates and smart structures. She represented Turkey and directed research in international projects such as the COST Action (COST C1 and COST 26) and within the framework of FP-6 (Protection of historical structures with reversible mixed Technologies-PROHITECH) project.