

We will remember you, Nagihan!

Jineoloji scholar Nagihan Akarsel was shot dead on October 4 in Suleymaniyah in northern Iraq. She was reportedly on her way to a women's library that she had been setting up over the past few months. As a scholar and editor-in-chief of the Jineoloji Journal, Nagihan Akarsel was one of the most influential voices in the struggle for women's rights in the Kurdish women's movement.

What does Jineoloji mean? The term refers to the scientific reflection on the conditions of life and power that lead to the oppression of women and how to overcome it. Jineoloji is part of the political principles of the Democratic Federation of Northern Syria (AANES or Rojava).

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On the anniversary of her death, a translated excerpt from an article she wrote for Jineoloji magazine in 2018 was published. It is available to read.

In Kurdish, the word jin means “woman” and also has the root jîyan, which means “life.” The demonstrations against the death of Jina Mahsa Amini that began in September 2022 in the Kurdish part of Iran also refer to Jineoloji with the slogan Jin, Jiyan, Azadî (Woman, Life, Freedom). The chant has since become a global slogan in the fight for women's rights. In Innsbruck, too, the Women's Network Tyrol has organized joint actions and demonstrations under this slogan.

The violent murder of Nagihan is a crime for which the Turkish fascist state and its collaborators are guilty. It is attempting to silence women's struggle for freedom through such atrocities. But the simple and clear truth that revolutionary women are trying to illuminate overshadows those who want to darken the future of women. It is this: women will change the world.

Rest in peace and strength, Nagihan.

Thank you for everything!