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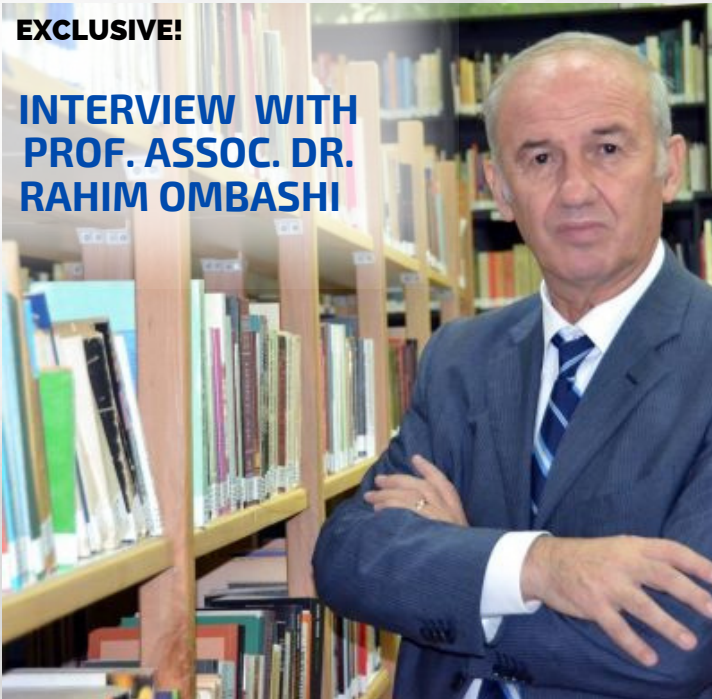
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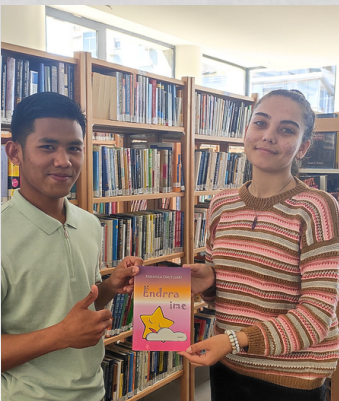
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# The importance of

## INCLUSION, ACCEPTANCE, AND EMPOWERING DIVERSITY

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Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is a neurological condition that affects individuals in different ways. It is a lifelong condition that impacts an individual's social skills, communication, and behavior. Inclusion, acceptance, and empowering diversity are essential values that promote a more just, equitable, and inclusive society, and this includes individuals with ASD.

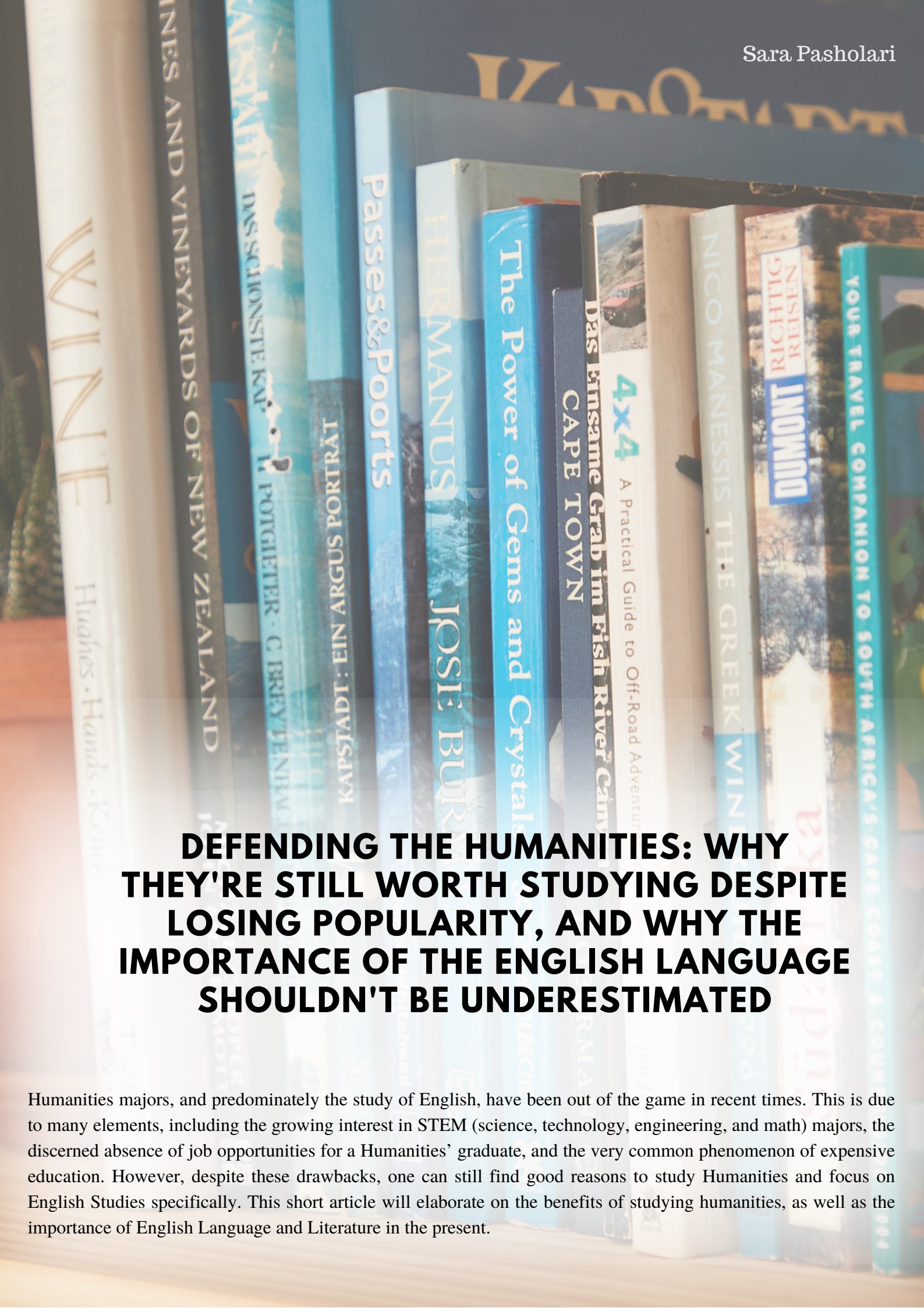
One of the most important reasons for promoting inclusion, acceptance, and empowering diversity of individuals with ASD is to promote equality. Every individual deserves respect, dignity, and equal treatment, regardless of their background, race, gender, or abilities. By promoting equality, we reduce discrimination and promote a smoother reason for promoting inclusion, acceptance, and empowering diversity of individuals with ASD is that it fosters innovation and creativity. Individuals with ASD often have unique strengths and abilities, and when their perspectives and ideas are embraced, it can lead to the creation of new and innovative solutions to complex problems. This can drive progress in various fields and industries.

In addition, promoting inclusion, acceptance, and empowering diversity of individuals with ASD can also promote social harmony. When individuals with ASD are included in society and treated with respect and dignity, it can reduce the likelihood of prejudice, hostility, and conflicts. It can also encourage positive interactions between individuals from different

backgrounds, leading to greater social harmony, cohesion, and understanding. We encourage individuals to explore and celebrate their differences, rather than hiding them or feeling ashamed of them. This helps to reduce social stigma and stereotypes and creates a more accepting and supportive environment for everyone.

Finally, promoting inclusion, acceptance, and empowering diversity of individuals with ASD is also important for their personal growth and development. When individuals with ASD are exposed to new experiences and perspectives, they are challenged to think outside of their own worldview and broaden their horizons. This can help them to become more well-rounded individuals, with a greater understanding and appreciation for the world around them.

In conclusion, promoting inclusion, acceptance, and empowering diversity of individuals with ASD is essential for creating a more just, equitable, and inclusive society. By promoting equality, fostering innovation, promoting social harmony, and creating a more tolerant and open-minded society, we can create a world where individuals with ASD are valued and included, and can reach their full potential. It is up to all of us to embrace these values and work towards a more inclusive and equitable world for all.



**DEFENDING THE HUMANITIES: WHY THEY'RE STILL WORTH STUDYING DESPITE LOSING POPULARITY, AND WHY THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE SHOULDN'T BE UNDERESTIMATED**

Humanities majors, and predominately the study of English, have been out of the game in recent times. This is due to many elements, including the growing interest in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) majors, the discerned absence of job opportunities for a Humanities' graduate, and the very common phenomenon of expensive education. However, despite these drawbacks, one can still find good reasons to study Humanities and focus on English Studies specifically. This short article will elaborate on the benefits of studying humanities, as well as the importance of English Language and Literature in the present.

The study of majors such as Literature, Art, History or Philosophy are mandatory for the study of . They enable in-depth understanding of many aspects of the world: the past, the present, and the future. They also enable the enhancing of critical thinking skills and the skills to analyze complex subjects.

The Humanities are also useful in a variety of other ways. A literature major, for example, may use his knowledge, and focus his/her work on publishing, marketing, or advertising, using the command of language, the talent for narrative to craft messages that captivates costumers and other related skills that guarantee a good career. Because they lay a foundation for the critical thinking, problem-solving, and communication skills, that are necessary in any possible job.

However, because of constant declining in students' number and funding for those eager to study in these fields, there is a growing belief that the study of Humanities is an expensive luxury and also a waste of time. The study of English as a major, in particular, has encountered a unique set of difficulties recently. The study of English has come under fire for allegedly being overly preoccupied with the works of the West and for not including enough other voices and viewpoints. But that's merely bogus!

The study of English offers the chance to dive into a vast literary heritage that varies in periods and nations. Shakespearean theatre, modern fiction and non-fiction, poetry, and memoirs are some of the variations of English literature. There is also knowledge available about the human experience, including ideas like love, loss, power, and identity.

It is important to remember that English Studies benefits in various applications. As previously mentioned, communication skills are crucial in every job, and being able to read and write precisely is mandatory in Humanities-based professions like journalism, marketing, and public relations. Furthermore, the analytical and critical thinking skills learned through English major can be used in professions like law or politics.

In conclusion, even though STEM majors are the most requested and in-the-market, Humanities, and particularly English, may be shining in some areas that are still strong and beneficial even for this modern technological era. Strengthening the critical thinking and analytic abilities for complex subjects is one aspect that is gained by studying in the Humanities. Moreover, it also offers insight into the human experience. English Studies, particularly, provide a graduate the opportunity to explore a rich literary legacy and learn more about the cultural and social relations forces that shape our world. Even though these professions have somehow lost their previous popularity, they are still breathing and indispensable, due to the unending human need and will to serve its social amends.

# Shakespeare and his influence

by: Cut Zana Yuki Meroza

World book's day is always celebrated on the 23 of April. This day is also known as English day. Back in the past, this day was celebrated as Shakespeare day. Actually the book's day and English day originated from Shakespeare day, which was based on his birthday on the 23rd of April.

William Shakespeare is one of the biggest litterateurs in English history and world literature. He has contributed to English language and Literature in many aspects. His work contributed especially to the development of English Language through the inventing thousand new vocabularies and the standardizatio remains popular and still remembered nowadays. Indeed, hisbirthday is still celebrated as the book world day. His contribution seems to be rooted in hischildhood and his own family environment. He was the star in his family. According to thecirculating news, John and Mary Shakespeare -William Shakespeare's parents- were illiterate; they never learned to read or write. William Shakespeare, on the other hand, attended the local Stratford grammar school, where he mastered reading, writing, and Latin. His wife and two children (Susanna and Judith) are also considered illiterate. So, even though he came from an illiterate family, it did not affect him; he pursued his dreams.

Another great point is that he not only learns literature but produced it to perfection. His writings are full of words that did not exist before and were created by him. Shakespeare's plays provide the first written examples of hundreds of previously unknown terms. Some examples of these words include: fashionable, sanctimonious, eyeball, lackluster and hundreds more. There were also phrases he made up, such as a foregone conclusion, in a pickle, wild goose chase and one fell swoop. Not only words, Shakespeare is also credited with the inventing of proper names: Olivia, Miranda, Jessica and Cordelia, which later became common over the years. Interestingly,Shakespeare did not only create new words, but also modified old ones. He did this to his own name, as well.



Our doubts are traitors, And make  
us lose the good we oft might win,  
By fearing to attempt.  
Measure for Measure



From several sources during William Shakespeare's lifetime there is a record of spelling his last name in more than 80 different ways, ranging from "Shappere" to "Shaxberd". His name was rarely spelled as "William Shakespeare". Furthermore, he is credited with the inventing of the blank - unrhymed - verse and popularizing iambic pentameter, a ten-syllable line with alternating unstressed and stressed syllables.

If one has a look to the past, when most of the citizens were illiterate, then how does all of his writing influenced so many people in centuries? This is the benefit of Shakespearean theater. Every circle at the time and for the coming centuries watched drama. That's how his work became known to everyone, even to the illiterate public. His career in theater began in 1594, William Shakespeare joined the acting troupe of the Lord Chamberlain's Men. One of London's most famous troupes, the Lord Chamberlain's Men performed at court and managed to receive noble patronage. By 1599, the troupe had enough money to build the Globe Theatre. In 1603, the Lord's People became the King's People. At its peak in 1608, King's Men could appear at the Blackfriars Theater and The Globe.

That is how William Shakespeare impacted English language and literature. Through the creation of new words, a large number of legendary written works and also through live appearances on theatrical stages. Therefore, it seems that there is a close connection between English language and literature and this literary figure. Not only that! At the time people also began to learn to read, and in Shakespeare's honor today we celebrate English Day and Book Day on the same date: April 23. It is the date that celebrates a huge change in history and letters, what was achieved almost single-handedly by this exceptional man.

Shakespeare is a model and a source of inspiration. He is the exemplification of the saying: "A beggar's book exceeds the blood of a noble." Shakespeare as a self-made reader and writer managed to go beyond his family background to reach audiences in every single corner of the world and to change the perception and standards of language, literature and books.

# Exclusive Interview

WITH PROF. ASSOC. DR. RAHIM OMBASHI

Hello professor and thank you for accepting to have this interview with Beder Youth Magazine.

## **1. Can you tell us about a particular book or author that has had a profound impact on your own intellectual growth and development?**

Drama e Sami Frashërit "Besa", më ka mbetur në shpirt dhe nuk më largohet, sado që shkojnë vitet. E kam parë të luajtur në disa skena, por më tepër e kam shijuar duke e lexuar. E kishim në bibliotekën e familjes, na e kishte sjellë gjyshi nga Stambolli. Samiu nuk është vetëm iluminist, filozof, shkrimtar, dijetar, por gjeni. Nëna e frashëllinjve të mëdhenj, Emine Mirahori, ka qenë lindur e rritur në mëhallën tonë, në Korçë, kësajsoj me Shemshedin Samiun, si e thërrasin në Turqi, jemi aq afër.

*Sami Frashëri's play "Besa" has always remained within me. And no matter how many years go by, I think, it will always be the case. I've watched it several times on stage, but I've enjoyed reading it more. It was part of the family library. My grandfather had brought (the book) from Istanbul. Sami is not solely an illuminist, philosopher, writer, and scholar; he is a genius. The mother of the great Frashëri brothers, Emine Mirahori was born and brought up in our neighborhood in Korça, so I feel very close to Shemshedin Sami, as he was referred to in Turkey.*

## **2. How has the role of books changed in society over the years, and how has this impacted your work as a professor?**

Forma e librit evoluon, përmbajtja mbetet e njëjtë. Libri do të mbetet arritja më madhore e njerëzimit për njeriun.

*The form of the book evolves; the content remains the same. The book will always be the greatest achievement of humankind.*

## **3. In your opinion, what makes a book truly great, and are there any current authors or books that you believe exemplify this?**

Të mos thotë gjëra të zakonshme, të nxisë imagjinatën, kjo është e para cilësi. "Don Kishoti i Mançes" nga Migel de Servantes, si libër që nuk vjetërohet kurrë, sepse tregon në kohë artistike aventurat e dy kalorësve, që luftojnë me mullnjtë e erës.

*It should not tell about ordinary things; it should stimulate one's imagination. This is the primary quality. Don Quixote of Manche by Miguel de Cervantes, is a book that never gets old, because it shows in artistic times the adventures of two knights, who fight the windmills.*

## **4. How could we promote the reading of books within the youth in our digital era and how would the creation of a youth that reads and learns more have on our country and beyond?**

Këtë mision e jo rol e ka mësuesi që po ta dinte rëndësinë, do të bënte mrekullinë.

*This is not merely a role, but the mission of teachers. Only if they knew the importance (of this vocation), they would be capable of miracles*

## **5. Finally, what message would you like to convey to readers and writers around the world on this World Book Day?**

E thotë aq shkurt Samiu: "Në vend që të shesësh dituri dhe zotësi, përpiku t'i fitosh ato.", pramos iu ndaj librit me vlera

*Sami Frashëri puts it in few words: "Instead of selling knowledge and skills, try to earn them.", so never drop books that teach such values*

# April's fool: Eid and the grenade

To write poetry after Auschwitz is barbaric, claimed Adorno. Is then celebrating Eid after the grenade in Gaza also barbaric? Is the grenade “the biggest fool” or is it something else? Who knows and who cares?

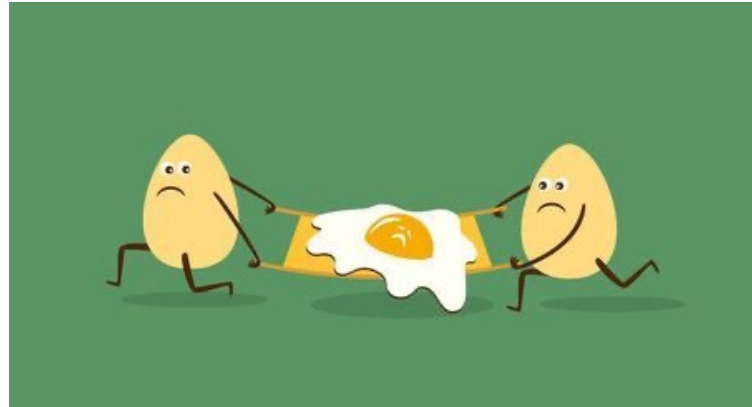
April's fools!” Yeah it was April, and the world has been waiting for April to fool somebody else this year. This article focuses on April's Fool day, discussing whether it is somehow inhuman to celebrate in the face of conflicts and tears in different parts of the world.

On April 1, 1700, British pranksters first popularized the existing tradition, April Mop or April Fool's Day. It is an annual custom on 1 April, consisting of practical jokes and hoaxes. Mass media can be involved with these pranks, which may be revealed as such the following day. In the past, April Fools' Day was done by telling practical jokes to each other. Nowadays, the custom has spread throughout the world. Although it has been celebrated for several centuries in various cultures, the true story of early April Fools' Day is still debatable.

This year, the public opinion “was pranked” by a grenade in Gaza or the other 32 countries which are now still in the midst of conflict. To mention some, Russia and Ukraine, Armenia and Azerbaijan, the unstable Middle East and the Gulf and the fear that world powers would be involved in nuclear forces was used as a prank by international medias. We have all been “pranked” by the same sort of crisis all these years, and the impact passed quickly, yet the biggest April mop seems to be another one: IGNORANCE and love for our apathy.

As an Arabic proverb states:

He who knows not,  
and knows not that he knows not,  
is a fool; shun him.



He who knows not,  
and knows that he knows not,  
is a student; teach him.

He who knows,  
and knows not that he knows,  
is asleep; wake him.

He who knows,  
and knows that he knows,  
is Wise; follow him!

University students, especially Beder students, whose educational philosophy is inspired by universal human values, are the front troops for the future of humanity. Students who seem to be stuck between “I don't know” and “I don't really care” should, first, have their mind and heart nurtured with compassion, care and knowledge. As the proverb suggests, they are either fools or student, deep in sleep who need and try to find “the wise” to follow among their professors.



In today's almost dystopian reality, it is crucial to have students put their feet on the ground to keep sane and not be affected by the 'disease' that their generation has contracted. As students, we might not be able to suggest Putin to stop the attacks on Ukraine, or stop China's products from overwhelming our nation's market, or any other thing of this sort. However, students might start by reacting in a certain way to what is happening, by going after volunteering activities for the affected children and teenagers, participating in intercultural events to foster understanding, being active in delivering or campaigning to drive awareness with fellow students for a better world, donating part of their monthly allowance and pocket money and so on. Human existence is like an onion ring: one should round first to start growing the others. We start taking care of things within our ring. To grow, it needs time, but unlike onions, humans can go beyond their ring. In other words, we need to seek for more, and the we can do more.

After a prank or a true shocking event, wisdom grows not with the question of 'what is it now with the world', instead the focus should be 'what we have now for the world?'. Before we end up as a big community of apathetic, ignorant and lonely individuals, let's attempt something. It could be our friendship that crosses continents, race and colors that contribute to world's peace, or an online interfaith dialogue session that one attends as a means to reduce the heat of today's conflict. It might be a little dance and sway, like the honey bee does to evoke livelihood on earth. Our interconnectedness, interaction, action-reaction might result in bigger advantages than the thoughts of how significantly insignificant we are to each other.

To conclude, the problem is not whether we live in a time of crisis or not. It is to find the ability to make a change in attitude. The fooled that brings true disaster to himself and society is the one that surrendered to apathy and ignorance. Honestly, it shows itself in the big laugh in the face of the grenade joke. Yet, it could be defied with some caring with the vision for a better world.



# MEME

## CORNER

\*Me going at 9:20 am and expect to arrive at 9



Aulia Al Adawiyah

# Poem &

## On a Crack Spring of Holly

*On the bleak and dreary day  
A weary birdie sang its say  
Perching on a crack sprig of holly  
Losing feathers - losing its holy  
It flew not able to  
It died not a will too*

*Decades pass - it still last  
Still a birdie, live in a blast  
Fly far a hand grasp -  
As if misery tightened clasp,  
It fled not away  
It packed no sway;*

*Unwooded day, to it, is a cast-iron  
Time embodied ruthless lion  
Not ever had it gone  
Losing feathers - losing its own.  
A mourn singing pity birdie,  
Back on a crack sprig of holly!*



### *A Letter*

Are graceful sunrises,  
After overcast - melancholy  
grey  
Following in-betweens  
Clumsy spring - firm summer  
day.

Are eternal seedling  
As Shamrock growth – flourish  
As the crack bone downing  
Tears – Thrown – over lasting  
wish

In your bold shadow  
In - between both your eyes  
Light dropped on morrow  
Nevermore – remorse rise.

# quotes corner



Make not your  
thoughts your prisons.  
—Antony and  
Cleopatra

Do not live in the past  
It'll just bring you regret  
Don't live in the future  
It gives you worry of nothing sure  
Live in the present, the life in front of your eyes  
The good is a present and the bad is a just test.

I stop letting them who see  
Merely the ugly side of me  
Blast what does not reflect  
Destroy what I expect  
I am great, though, surely,  
imperfect.

"We know what we are, but  
know not what we may be."

-Hamlet

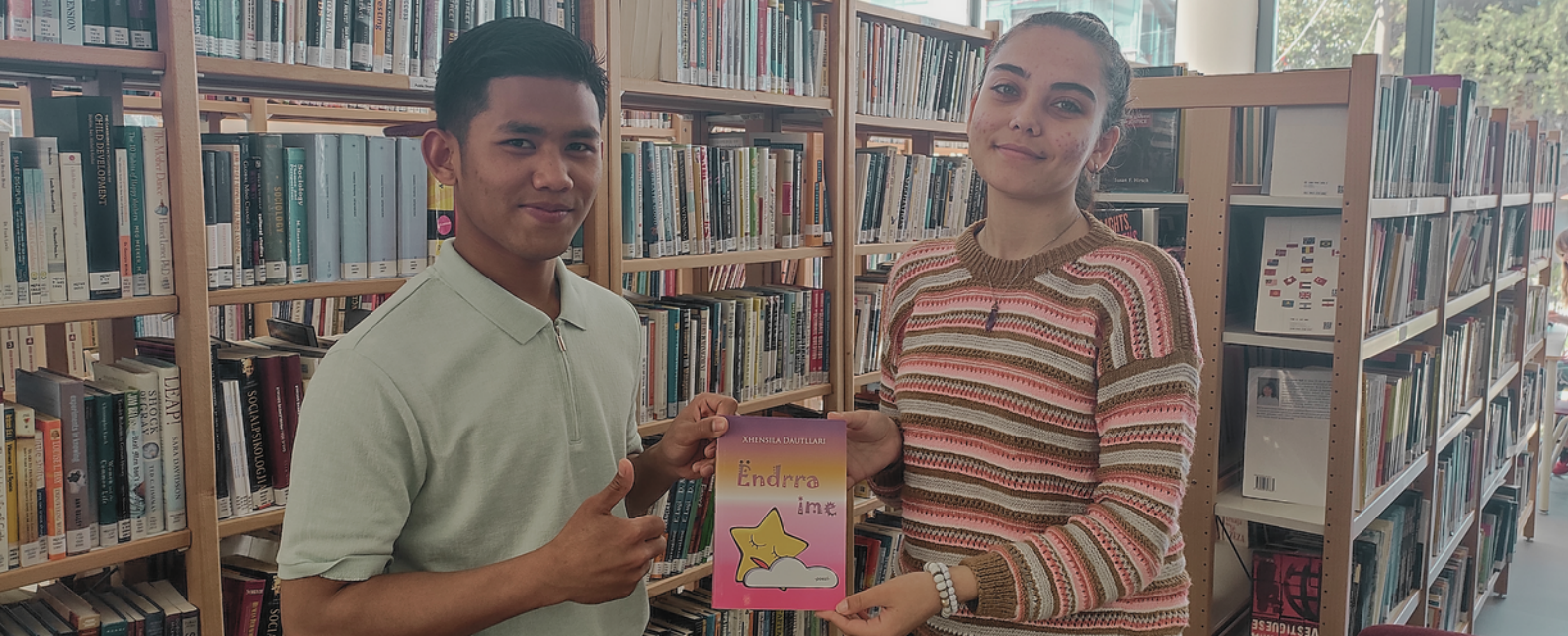
"There is nothing either  
good or bad, but thinking  
makes it so." – Hamlet

"Our doubts are traitors, and  
make us lose the good we  
oft might win by fearing to  
attempt." – Measure for  
Measure

"The course of true love never  
did run smooth."

A Midsummer Night's Dream

To the purest part of your heart,  
Say:  
Dear me,  
It's okay not to be okay  
To experience oscillations  
amid the chaos, hustle, and  
hush;  
To collect the desires  
you seem to always abscond  
It's okay to face failure  
for failing is natural  
but you, you are exceptional.



## *Interview with Xhensila Dautllari, a student at Beder and author of poetry collection "My Dream"*

Interviewer: Anpas Tohir Maulana

Reading is a vital part of personal and intellectual growth, especially for young people. It helps them not only develop professionally, but also as individuals. By reading, one can gain new knowledge, broaden his/her perspectives, and experience different worlds. Sadly, in this digital age, many young people seem to be more interested in scrolling through their screens than reading a good book. But as the famous rapper J. Cole once said, "Reading is like the gym for your mind. It gives you the strength to carry yourself through life with an educated confidence." So, let's ditch the screens and hit the books! Reading is not only entertaining, but it also has the power to transform our lives in incredible ways. Therefore, to see the sincere perspective from the youth about how important reading is, I am bringing here an interview with Xhensila Dautllari, an Albanian youth, and author of the poetry book "My Dream".

**Let's get to know a little bit about you, your background, and your journey until now, when you have published your first book "My Dream"?**

Well, I have to admit I have always been passionate about writing and reading. Since when I was little, I loved reading fairy tales and children stories, as well as writing about them. My elementary school teacher would say that I was one of the most talented pupils in this field, and every passing day I started taking writing and especially poetry more seriously. At the beginning, I would just write for fun, but then I found myself into poetry more than ever before. The idea of publishing "My Dream" was originally my parents' idea, but it was for sure one of my biggest achievements.

***What is your book "my dream" about? Any special personal background or perspective you put in it or any particular poem in it?***

“My dream” is basically about everything surrounding me back then. I have written about animals, family, friends, nature, childhood memories and the way I saw life. Going back and reading them now makes me nostalgic and brings back wonderful memories.

***How has reading impacted you as a young writer?***

There is a quote that states that if you want to be a good writer, first of all you have to be a good reader. Reading improves my writing skills and expands my vocabulary each time I pick up a new book and read it. I prefer reading realistic stories and poetry, since I typically try to write about reality, and so I get inspiration from them.

***Any message you would like to give to the youth out there who doesn't consider reading books?***

There are no bad books, you just haven't found the book you like yet. You give your life another meaning the moment you start reading. There is a quote that says: A person who doesn't read lives only one life, but a person who reads lives thousands of lives.



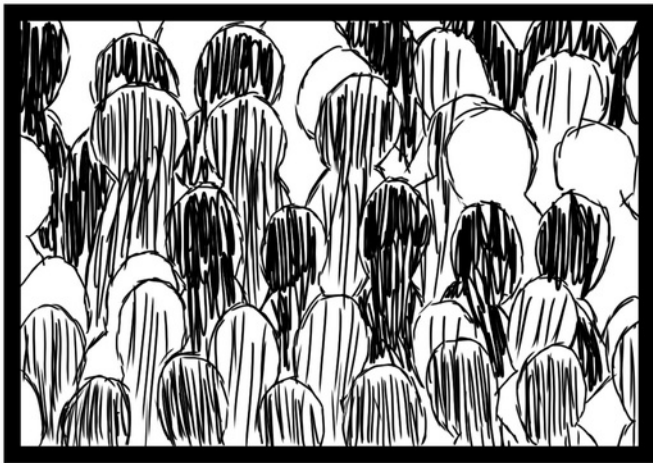
***As part of nowadays youth, how do you feel about reading books as a habit? What would you say about the significance of such a habit?***

Reading is for sure one of the most important elements of life; everyone should consider it as a worthy form of entertainment. Not only because it grows us professionally, but also because it helps us develop as individuals. Through reading, people can expand their knowledge and perspectives about the world. It's sad that nowadays the youth is more focused on the digital world, but I am always hopeful that reading books will never get out of fashion!



**Do the feelings that you experience when you read appear to be the same as the feelings when you write? Do both of them enhance your point of view towards things?**

The feeling is not the same, but the impact and the importance both reading and writing have for me are very related to each other. When I either write or read, I try to escape reality and find peace in a world that maybe will never be real, but nice to dream about, good to feel inside you. Both of them make life more colourful, for sure.



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# HIGH LIGHTS

