Elif Şafak in focus of Bilkent’s journal

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Bilkent University’s Center for Turkish Literature has just published the sixth annual issue of its Journal of Turkish Literature, the world’s only English-language scholarly journal devoted entirely to Turkish literature. JTL 6 is designed as the “Elif Şafak Special Issue.”

It features five critical articles on Şafak written by American and Turkish literary scholars and a 12-page exclusive interview with the prominent writer who makes fascinating comments about her novels, Turkish culture and literature, and her observations on the world of fiction. Another special feature is an interview with Yaşar Kemal who reminisces about his life and works as well as his encounters with Nazım Hikmet and others.

The issue includes an article by Prof. Pierre MacKay on the “real and the imaginary travels” of Evliya Çelebi, a Moris Farhi article on Orhan Kemal, a review of “Voice of Hope” (a major study of the Turkish poet Gülten Akun), and the obituary of Irène Mélkoff, a master of Turkology, who died in 2009.

The 160-page issue is available for purchase at the Center for Turkish Literature: Faculty of Humanities and Letters. Room No.247. Tel: 290 2317, e-mail: temerkez@bilkent.edu.tr

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The sixth issue of Journal of Turkish Literature is being published as a special Elif Şafak issue.