



I think so, yes. *[laughs]* My parents told me yesterday that they are proud of me.

They are very much entitled to be proud.

Of course, everyone has their down moments, but I think at the end it is important to get it together again and start again. When you have a bad day, then you just continue. You know you can continue.

What is the most difficult part of the pressure that you put on yourself?

I think the comparison with men, I would say. I always think that I am not good enough and compare myself to others. I would say this is the hardest part.

Do you feel any kind of satisfaction when you are better than a man? If you get a better mark or you win an award?

I have a tendency to make it less of a big deal if I get something. If I get it then I say anyhow, this was easy. What I get is mostly for me. It is OK, but failures influence me much more. That's why I think it gives me more will when I fail and continue. I would say that, especially for the girls, don't give up. You know you can do it. You actually know it, just continue doing it. If you don't, the most important thing is to ask yourself: "Do you want to do it?" Then do it. If you don't want to do

it then don't, because you know yourself better. Nobody can tell you what to do.

What will you say to the boys?

I think it is the same for them. It's something they should also ask themselves.

They seem more confident naturally.

Yes, this is what I meant before that I compare myself with boys because they advertise more what they do. I don't think this is something that men should change, but maybe women should learn.

"Don't have prejudice and be nice!"

Would you tell them to behave differently or that they should make life easier for women?

I think for men it is important not to have prejudice. It is not only a man's job.

That's the only thing that we do wrong?

[laughs]... and be nice!

In general, we are nice...

That's true, yes!

A few hours after our interview, Ece Özkan won the Best Paper runner-up Award at IPCAI 2017. Congrats for a well-deserved honor!

