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### Education

- Ph.D. in Economics, 2006, *Syracuse University*
- M.A. in Economics, 2001, *Boğaziçi University*
- B.A. in Management, 1999, *Boğaziçi University*

### Current Positions

- Visiting Scholar  
*Harvard University, Davis Center*  
September 2021- Present
- Senior Economic Advisor  
*Presidency of the Republic of Turkey*  
July 2017 – Present
- Chair of Department & Professor of Economics  
*Istanbul Medipol University, Department of Economics & Finance*  
March 2015 – Present (Associate Professor until January 2020)

### Past Experience (Selected)

- Research Fellow, Teaching Assistant and Short-Term Lecturer  
*Syracuse University, Department of Economics & Center for Policy Research*
- Economic Consultant  
*DEIK- The Foreign Economic Relations Board of Turkey*
- Economic Consultant  
*TIM- The Turkish Exporters' Assembly*
- Adjunct Lecturer  
*Istanbul Bilgi University, Institute for Graduate Programs*
- Advisor to the President  
*TUBITAK MAM- The Technological & Scientific Research Council of Turkey*

### Selected Publications (Books, Book Chapters, Articles)

- "The Silent Discrimination against Headscarved Professionals in the Turkish Labor Market: The Case of Women in the Banking Sector", (with N. Tugsuz), 2021, *Sustainability*, 13(20): 11324.
- The Quest for a New International Aid Architecture: The Turkish Experience, *PALGRAVE*, 2020.
- "Searching for the Optimal Level: Inflation and Price Variability in Turkey", (with M.E. Yazgan), 2019, *The Singapore Economic Review*, September.
- Turkish Economy: Between Middle-Income Trap and High-Income Status, (co-editor), *PALGRAVE*, 2018.

- “Export Diversification in Emerging Economies”, in *Global Financial Crisis and its Ramifications on Capital Markets*, Hacıoglu, Umit, Dincer, Hasan (Eds.), **SPRINGER**, 2017.
- “Does Spousal Health Insurance Contribute to the Supply of Micro-Entrepreneurs?”, 2013, *International Research Journal of Finance and Economics*, 104, 187-198.
- “Does Population Density Have any Effect on Entrepreneurial Rates? Evidence from US Counties”, 2013, *Journal of Social and Development Sciences*, 4 (3), 123-130.
- “Impact of Human Capital on Entrepreneurial Earnings: Employing Parametric and Nonparametric Methods”, 2013, *Journal of Economics and Behavioral Studies*, 5 (5), 307-315.
- “The Effect of Power Distribution Privatization on Electricity Prices in Turkey: Has Liberalization Served the Purpose?” (with M. Toptas), 2013, *Energy Policy*, 63, 614-621.
- “Pricing Electric Power under a Hybrid Wholesale Mechanism: Evaluating the Turkish Electricity Market” (with M. Toptas), 2013, *International Journal of Energy Economics and Policy*, 3(3), 221-228.

### **Working Papers**

- “A Manifestation of Discrimination through Invisibilization: Representations of Headscarved Women in Turkish Corporate Advertisements”
- “The Nordic Generosity towards Development Aid: The Cases of Sweden, Norway and Denmark”
- “Political Climate and The Headscarf Issue in Turkey: A Perspective from the Labor Market”

### **Other Selected Publications (Op-Eds, Policy Papers and Reports)**

- “It’s Time to Rethink International Development Cooperation”, *Aljazeera*, January 2021
- “The Post-Referendum Turkish Economy: How to Write the New Chapter?”, *Roubini’s EconoMonitor*, May 2017
- Annual Report of Economy and Foreign Trade, *The Turkish Exporters’ Assembly (TIM)*, 2014

### **Special Projects**

- Improving women’s financial literacy in Turkey, 2018.
  - Designed and led a nationwide financial literacy campaign that trained approximately 21,000 women through an intensive seminar program in every single city in the country.

### **Selected Presentations and Invited Talks**

- “Women in the Digital Age”, *AmCham & EBRD*, Istanbul, 2019
- “Turkey’s Economic Outlook”, *Citibank*, London, 2018
- “Turkey’s Economy”, *IIF (The Institute of International Finance) Forum*, Istanbul, 2018
- “MENA Economies and Turkey”, *UCLA CMED’s Enriching the Middle East’s Economic Future Conference*, Doha, 2017
- “Trade Outlook of the OIC Countries”, *OIC (Organization of Islamic Cooperation) Forum*, Istanbul, 2016

### **Selected Media Appearances**

- Published/broadcast interviews for international media

*Financial Times, Bloomberg, Deutsche Welle, Handelsblatt, FAZ, Die Welt, TRT World*

### **Languages**

- Turkish- Native
- English- Full professional proficiency
- French- Advanced

### **Selected Honors, Fellowships and Awards**

- Ranked 12<sup>th</sup> out of 1 million students in Turkey's University Entrance Exam, 1994
- Honor Student, Boğaziçi University, 1999
- Full Ph.D. Scholarship, Syracuse University, 2001-2006
- Maxwell School Fellowship, Syracuse University, 2003 and 2004
- Best Economics Columnist Award, EBBO Turkey, 2016