

## SEVEN A Ğ I R

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### CURRENT POSITION

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**Middle East Technical University, Department of Economics**  
**Associate Professor**, 2019 to present; **Assistant Professor**, 2012-2018

### PREVIOUS POSITIONS

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**Cornell University, Sociology Department**  
**Fulbright Visiting Scholar**, 2018-2019

**Yale University, Economic History Programme**  
**Postdoctoral Associate**, August 2010- July 2012

**Princeton University, Department of Near Eastern Studies**  
**Research and Teaching Assistant**, September 2006-June 2008

**Middle East Technical University (NCC), Department of Economics**  
**Instructor**, August 2009- July 2010

**Middle East Technical University, Department of Economics**  
**Research Assistant**, January 2003- August 2003

### EDUCATION

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**Princeton University, Department of Near Eastern Studies**  
**Ph.D. 2009**  
**M.A. 2005**

**Dissertation:** *From Welfare to Wealth: Ottoman and Spanish Grain Policies in a Time of Change*

**Adviser:** Şükrü Hanioglu

**Middle East Technical University, Economics Department**  
**M.S. 2003**

**Dissertation:** *The Mentalities of 'Decline' in the Spanish and Ottoman Empires*

**Adviser:** Onur Yıldırım

**Middle East Technical University, Economics Department**  
**B.S. 2002, High Honor, GPA: 3.85, Rank: 3**

**Ankara Atatürk Anadolu Lisesi, High School Diploma, 1998**

## TEACHING & RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Economic History  
Institutional Economics

Business History  
Agriculture Economics

## CURRENT/ RECENT PROJECTS

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“Women in Family Businesses in Turkey: A Historical Perspective,” started in January 2023.

“From Craftsmen to Industrialists: Transformation of Businesses in Late Industrialization, Turkey 1930-1980,” started in January 2024.

“Long-term Effects of the Turkish Health Socialization Reform on Development Indicators,” with İlhan Can Özen, started in June 2023 (Grant: 890000 TL/\$30000)

“Legal Institutions, Economic Policy and Firm Dynamics in Turkey, 1957-1993,” TUBITAK 1001 PROJECT, started in March 2021 (Grant: 480000TL/ \$22000)

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Articles in SSCI Journals

"Farmers' perspectives on challenges and opportunities of agrivoltaics in Türkiye: An institutional perspective," with Pinar Derin-Gure, and Bilge Senturk. *Renewable Energy* 212 (2023): 35-49.

“Set and Forget? The Evolution of Business Law in the Ottoman Empire and Turkey”, *Business History Review* 95.4 (2021): 703-738.

“The Evolution of Grain Procurement Practices in Ottoman Macedonia, 1774–1838,” *Journal of the Ottoman and Turkish Studies Association*, 7(1), (2021): 110-145.

“The Wealth Tax of 1942 and the Disappearance of Non-Muslim Enterprises in Turkey” with Cihan Artunç (Arizona University), *Journal of Economic History* 79(1), 2019: 201-243.

“Rise and Demise of *Gedik* Markets in Istanbul, 1750-1860,” *Economic History Review* 71(1), 2018: 133-156.

“The Evolution of Grain Policy: The Ottoman Experience,” *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, vol. 43, no. 4, 2013: 571-598.

“Empires Looking Seawards: The Benefits and Costs of Foreign Seaborne Trade,” *Journal of Mediterranean Studies*, vol. 6, no. 1, 2006: 1-18.

### **Articles (in Turkish)**

“Erken Dönem Cumhuriyetin “Girişimcilik” Mirası: Milli İktisadın Bedeli,” *Toplum ve Bilim* 163, 2023: 114-132.

“Türkiye’de Tarım ve Enerjinin Kesişimi, TarımFV: Güncel Yazın Işığında Bir Ön Değerlendirme,” (with Bilge Şentürk and Pınar Derin-Güre) *Hacettepe Üniversitesi İktisadi ve İdari Bilimler Fakültesi Dergisi* 39(1), 2023: 1-21.

“Tarım ve gıda sistemlerinin dönüşümü ekseninde anaakım ve agroekolojik ayrışmalar: İktisadın katkısı üzerine bir değerlendirme,” (with Bilge Şentürk) *Toplum ve Bilim* 161, 2022: 68-103.

“İşletmecilik Tarihi Açısından Osmanlı İktisat Tarihi Birikimine Bakış,” *İstanbul Üniversitesi İşletme Fakültesi Dergisi*, Özel Sayı, April 2016.

“Osmanlı’da İaşecilik ve Fiyat Politikaları: Bir İstanbul-Madrid Karşılaştırması,” *Doğu Batı*, no: 52, 2010.

### **Book Chapters (in English and Spanish)**

“Peripheralization of the Ottoman Economy, 1938-1908,” in *Political Economy of Development in Turkey, 1838-Present*, (eds.) Emre Özçelik and Yonca Özdemir, Palgrave and Macmillan, 2022, pp. 47-78.

“Nineteenth-Century Female Entrepreneurship in Turkey,” in *Female Entrepreneurs in the Long Nineteenth Century: A Global Perspective*, (eds.) Jennifer Aston and Catherine Bishop, Palgrave Macmillan, 2020.

“Institutions and Business Organizations in the Late Ottoman Empire and Early Turkish Republic” in Aslı M. Çolpan, & Geoffrey G. Jones (eds.), *Business, ethics and institutions: The Evolution of Turkish Capitalism in Global Perspectives*, Routledge, 2020.

“Dialogues sur le Commerce des Bleds de Ferdinando Galiani: Texte, Intertexte, et Contexte” co-authored with Eyüp Özveren and Çınla Akdere, in C. Carnino and A. Tiran (eds.), *Classiques Garnier*, Paris, 2018.

“Gedik: What’s in a Name?” co-authored with Onur Yıldırım, *Bread from the Lion’s Mouth: Artisans Struggling for a Livelihood in Ottoman Cities*, (ed.) Suraiya Faruqi, Berghahn Books, 2015, 217-236.

“The Reception and Impact of Keynes’s Economic Consequences of the Peace in Turkey,” in *Keynes’s Economic Consequences of the Peace: A Reappraisal*, (eds.) Jens Hölscher and Matthias Klaes, Pickering & Chatto, 2014.

“Una perspectiva comparada sobre la política de precios en los cereales: Estambul y Madrid, 1500-1700,” *Economía Política Desde Estambul a Potosí: Ciudades Estado*,

*Imperios y Mercados en el Mediterráneo y en el Atlántico Iberico, c. 1200-1800* (From Istanbul to Potosi: Institutions and Economic Growth in the Mediterranean and the Atlantic, 1500-1800), (eds.) Fernando Ramos Palencia and Bartolome Yun Caselilla, Valencia: Publicacions Universitat de València, 2012.

### **Books (in Turkish)**

*Yeşil Dönüşüm ve Türkiye’de Gıda ve Tarım Sektörü (The Green Deal and Food and Agricultural Sector in Turkey;* with Ulaş Karakoç and Aylin Topal), Maliye Hesap Uzmanları Vakfı Yayınları, 2023.

*Milli İktisat, İktisadi Düşünce ve İktisat Tarihi: Eyüp Özveren’e Armağan (National Economy, Economic History and History of Economic Thought: In Honor of Eyüp Özveren;* eds. Seven Ağır and Alp Yücel Kaya), Ankara: İmge Yayınları, 2023.

### **Book Chapters (in Turkish)**

“Türkiye’nin Sanayicilik Macerası” (with Ebru Voyvoda) in *Cumhuriyet* (ed.) Mine Eder, forthcoming in İstanbul: Kültür, 2023.

“Milli İktisattan önce Milli İktisat: Osmanlı Merkantilizmi?” in *Milli İktisat, İktisadi Düşünce ve İktisat Tarihi: Eyüp Özveren’e Armağan* (eds. Seven Ağır and Alp Yücel Kaya), İmge: 2023.

“Osmanlı İmparatorluğu’nda Mülkiyet Hakları Kurumları,” *İktisat Tarihinin Dönüşü: Yeni Yaklaşımlar ve Tartışmalar*, (eds.) Alp Yücel Kaya ve Ulaş Karakoç, İstanbul: İletişim Yayınları, 2021.

“Osmanlı İktisat Düşüncesinde Bir Kalkınma Stratejisi Olarak Örnek Alma,” *Türkiye’de İktisadi Düşünce*, (eds.) Alp Yücel Kaya, Erdem Özgür, Alper Duman, İstanbul: İletişim (2017): 49-92.

“‘Hukuk ve İktisat’ Perspektifinden Milli İktisat Mirasını Yeniden Düşünmek,” in *Geçmişten Geleceğe Türkiye Ekonomisi*, co-authored with Semih Gökatalay, in (eds.) Hakan Mıhçı, Hasan Cömert, İstanbul: İletişim (2017), 193-221.

“Türkiye’ye Özgü Bir Keynes Etkisi: Versay Sulhu’nun Netayic-i İktisadiyyesi,” *Keynes: Yine, Yeniden*, (eds.) Emre Özçelik and Deniz Taner Kılınçoğlu, İstanbul: İletişim, 2016.

### **Book Reviews**

Review of *A History of Ottoman Economic Thought: Developments before the Nineteenth Century*, by Fatih Ermiş, *The European Journal of the History of Economic Thought*, 2014, (co-authored with Eyüp Özveren).

Review of *Braudel Revisited: The Mediterranean World, 1600-1800*, by Gabriel Piterberg, Teofilo Ruiz, and Geoffrey Symcox, for EH.Net (Economic History Association), February 2010.

Review of *Plague, Quarantines, and Geopolitics in the Ottoman Empire*, by Birsen Bulmuş, *The Journal of Economic History* 73, 2013: 895-896.

Review of *Kicking Away the Ladder, Development Strategy in Historical Perspective*, by Ha-Joon Chang, *METU Studies in Development*, Vol. 30, Number 1, 2003: Ankara.

## **PREVIOUS PROJECTS**

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Shibusawa Foundation, Gapponshugi Project, Second Phase, “Capitalisms in Emerging Markets: Capitalism in Turkey,” 2015-2018.

The Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness in Spain, Project No: 17860, “El impacto de las sociedades con responsabilidad limitada en el Mediterraneo: Italia, Turquía y España (1445-2010),” (Limited Liability Companies in the Mediterranean: Italy, Turkey, and Spain (1445-2010)), joint project with Susana Martinez-Rodriguez, 2014-2018.

“Evolution of Business Organizations in the European Periphery: Ottoman Empire and Turkish Republic, 1850-1950,” a four-year project sponsored by European Commission, Marie Curie Program, 2013-2017.

“Historical Development and Institutional Innovations in Asset Markets, 1750-1920” METU, BAP Project, 2011-2013.

“Ottoman Commodity Chains in Institutional Perspective: Bread, Meat and Leather Supply in Istanbul, 1774-1808,” joint project with Onur Yıldırım (METU) and Arif Bilgin (Sakarya University), sponsored by TUBITAK, 2012-2014.

## **ACADEMIC (INVITED) PRESENTATIONS**

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**Utrecht University**, “Female Entrepreneurship in Family Businesses in Turkey: Female Corporate Board Members,” presented in PDW Workshop: Where Have All the Business Women Gone? Female Entrepreneurship in the long 20th Century, Utrecht, 25-26 April, 2024.

**Universidad Carlos III, Economic History Seminars**, “Law and Firm Dynamics in Turkey: A Historical Perspective,” held on May 4, 2023.

**Harvard Business History Workshop**, “The Address Book as Sources of Data for Business History: The Problems and Prospects in Creating and Analysing Novel Data Sets,” in the Seeking the Unconventional in Forging Histories of Capitalism Workshop held on May 9-10, 2019.

**Yale Economic History Seminars**, “Evolution of Business Law in Turkey: A Political Economy Perspective,” held on April 15, 2019.

**Stanford History Department Seminars**, “Legal Change in the Late Ottoman Empire and Early Turkish Republic,” held on April 11, 2019

**Cornell Comparative Muslim Studies Programme**, "Unique or Universal?: The Ottoman Quest for Economic Modernization,” held on March 7, 2019.

**Harvard Business History Society Seminars**, “Patterns of Legal Change: Company Law and Business Enterprise in the Middle East, 1850-1950,” held on October 16, 2017 in Cambridge, USA.

**Gappon-shugi Project**, “Business Organizations in the Late Ottoman Empire and Early Turkish Republic, 1850-1950,” held on May 20, 2017 in Kyoto, Japan (distant/on-line participation).

**University of Murcia**, “Corporate Law and Business Enterprise in Turkey, 1923-1950,” DECIDE Seminar, held on May 11, 2017 in Murcia, Spain.

**Middle East Technical University-NCC**, “Business Organization and Commercial Activity in Turkey, 1923-1950: Alternative Sources and Preliminary Findings,” held on November 30, 2016 in Güzelyurt.

**University of Murcia**, “Firm Organization in the Ottoman Empire and Turkish Republic, 1850-1950,” at *Seminario de Expertos en Historia, Legislacion y Organizacion Societaria* (Workshop on History, Law and Business Organizations) held on January, 28-29, 2015 in Murcia, Spain.

**İzmir Ekonomi Üniversitesi**, “Evolution of Property Rights in Istanbul, 1750-1850,” held on January 8, 2015 at the Economics Department.

**Türkiye Ekonomi Kurumu**, “18. Yüzyıl Osmanlı Ekonomisinde Kurumsal Yenilikler” (Institutional Innovations in the Eighteenth-Century Ottoman Economy), held on September 18, 2014 in Ankara.

**Yalova University**, “Türkiye’de İktisat Tarihi Çalışmalarına İlişkin Birikim,” held on June 2, 2014, at *İşletmecilik Tarihi Çalıştayı* (Business History Workshop).

**Vehbi Koç ve Ankara Araştırmaları Merkezi**, “Tarihin Gizli, Tarihçiliğimizin Eksik Bahçesi: İşletme Tarihi” Paneli, February 27, 2014 in Ankara.

**Ankara University**, “Osmanlı İmparatorluğu’nda Menkul Kıymetler Piyasasında Yenilikler, 1789-1838,” (Innovations in the Asset Markets in the Ottoman Empire, 1789-1838) held on April 25, 2014 at the Economics Department.

**Yale University**, “Grain Redistribution in Principal-Agent Framework: Practice of ‘Mubayaa’ in Ottoman Macedonia, 1774-1838,” held on October 31, 2011 at 28 Hillhouse Avenue.

**Yale University**, Council on the Middle East Studies, “Merchants of Grain in the Ottoman Cities, 1750-1810,” held on March 2, 2011 at ISPS, Room A001.

**Yale University**, Economic History Workshop, “Sacred Obligations, Precious Interests: Ottoman Grain Administration in Comparative Perspective,” held on November 8, 2010 at 28 Hillhouse Avenue.

**Middle East Technical University**, Department of Economics, “Price Controls in Historical Perspective: Regulation in the Mediterranean Grain Trade in the Early Modern Period,” held on November 2, 2009 at FEAS A Building.

**Koç University**, Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations, “Ottoman and Castilian Grain Policies in the Eighteenth Century,” held on April 17, 2009 at RCAC Auditorium.

**Salamanca University**, Department of Economics and Economic History, “From Mercantilism to Liberalism: Where do the Mediterranean Empires fit?” held on March 13, 2007 at Hall 234.

**Princeton University**, Department of Near Eastern Studies, Brown Bag Lunch Series 2005-2006, “Turkey and the EU: an Open Discussion” held on October 17, 2005 at Jones Hall.

**Princeton University**, Department of Near Eastern Studies, Sherry Hour Presentation, “From Mercantilism to Liberalism: Where do the Mediterranean Empires fit?” held on October 10, 2005 at Jones Hall.

#### **CONFERENCE PAPERS (INTERNATIONAL, LAST 5 YEARS)**

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“İşletme Tarihimize ‘Cinsiyetli’ Bir Bakış: Kadınların Aile Şirketlerindeki Yeri” V. İşletme Tarihi Konferansı, Muğla Sıtkı Koçman Üniversitesi, 10 Aralık 2022.

“Türkiye’de Tarım ve Enerjinin Kesişimi, Tarım FV: Güncel Yazın Işığında Bir Ön Değerlendirme,” (with Bilge Şentürk and Pınar Derin Güre) *Agriculture in the Anthropocene: Challenges and Opportunities*, Ankara, 27-28 October 2022.

“Managing the Family: Women and Business in the Turkish Historical Context,” in XIII Congreso Internacional de la Asociación Española de Historia Económica (AEHE), 31 August- 3 September 2022.

“Agricultural Sector Risks in Türkiye and AgroPV Potential from Farmers’ Perspective,” (with Bilge Şentürk ve Pınar Derin Güre) PVCON Photovoltaic Conference, Ankara 5-7 July 2022.

“Urban Sprawl and Peri-Urban Agriculture: Dynamics of Land-Valuation and Land-Use in Ankara” (with Aylin Topal) Challenging Rural Studies in Turkey: Present State and New Imaginaries, METU Sociology Department, 23 June 2022.

“Patterns of Legal Change: Company Law and Business Enterprise in the Middle East, 1850-1950,” XII Congreso Internacional de La Asociacion Espanola de Historia Economica, 6-9 September 2017, Salamanca.

“Business Organization(s) in the Late Ottoman Empire and Early Turkish Republic,” in *Gappon Capitalism and Emerging Markets: Capitalism in Turkey*, Business History Society of Japan, 21 May 2016.

"Corporate Law and Path Dependence in Late Ottoman Empire and Early Turkish Republic," XVIIth World Economic History Congress held in Kyoto, 3-7 August 2015.

“Dialogues sur le Commerce des Bleds de Ferdinando Galiani: Texte, Intertexte, et Contexte” in International Conference on “Économie Et Politique Chez Ferdinando Galiani”, l’université Lumière in Lyon, France, 29-30 January 2015.

## **WORKSHOPS**

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“Business Organization and Commercial Expansion in Turkey between 1923 and 1950,” presented in the Workshop on *The History of Business Organization and Law: Turkey in Comparative Perspective* held in Dokuz Eylül University, Faculty of Business Administration, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016.

“Institutions in the Mediterranean: Ottoman Empire and Castile,” presented in the Workshop on *Institutions and Economic Growth in the Mediterranean, 1500-1800* at the **European University Institute** in Florence, April 18, 2008.

“Comparative and Trans-National Approaches to the History of Early Modern and Modern Europe: Theories, Methodology and Historical Case Studies,” at the **European University Institute**, Florence, 5-10 September 2006.

## **ACADEMIC VISITS**

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**Cornell University, Department of Sociology**  
**Fulbright Visiting Scholar**, September 2018-June 2019

**Murcia University, Department of Economics**  
May 8-May 12, 2017.

**Yale University, Economic History Programme**  
January 1-January 30, 2016.

**Salamanca University, Department of Economics and Economic History**  
January 1-June 15, 2007.

**European University Institute, Department of History and Civilization**  
1-30 September 2006.



## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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**METU**, Assistant Professor / Associate Professor (since 2019)  
Economics 101/102: Introductory Microeconomics / Introductory Macroeconomics  
Econ 107/108: History, Society, and Civilization I & II  
Econ 207/208: Social and Economic History, I & II  
Econ 416: Economic Institutions in Historical Perspective  
Econ 462: Topics in Economic History  
Econ 648: Agriculture and Sustainable Development

**Yale University**, Instructor  
Economics 472: Economic History of the Middle East, Fall 2011.

**METU, Northern Cyprus Campus**, Instructor  
Economics 107: Economy, History and Civilization.  
Economics 101/102: Introductory Microeconomics / Introductory Macroeconomics.  
Economics 211/212: Economic History / History of Economic Thought.

**Princeton University**, Teaching Assistant  
Near Eastern Studies 201: Introduction to the Middle East, Fall 2005 and Fall 2007.

**METU**, Teaching Assistant  
Economics 208: Social and Economic History II, Spring 2003.  
Economics 205 / 206: Statistics for Economists I & II, 2000-2001.

## HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

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**Marie Curie Career Integration Grant (CIG)**, 2013-2017.

Junior Fellowship at **Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations (RCAC)**  
**Koç University**, 2008- 2009.

**Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies (PIIRS)** Graduate Fellow,  
**Princeton University**, 2005-2007.

**Young Scholar's Paper Prize**, Travel and Accommodation Grant,  
**European Society for the History of Economic Thought (ESHET)**.

**Münir S. Erteğün** Grant,  
**Princeton University**, 2003-2008.

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

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Referee for *Business History* (2024, latest service) and *Business History Review* (2024, latest service), *Journal of Management History* (2024, latest service) *Quarterly Journal of Economics* (2019), *Marketing History Review* (2019), *Management & Organizational*

*History* (2016, 2019), *Journal of Economic History* (2022), *Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies* (2017), *Journal of Ottoman and Turkish Studies* (2016), *New Perspectives in Turkey* (2014), *METU Studies in Development* (2016, 2017, 2018), *Agricultural History* (2018),

Referee for the Turkish National Science Councils, Social Science and History Project Applications.

Member of the Graduate Admissions Committee, Economics Department at METU.

Member of the Departmental Committee in Revising Undergraduate Curriculum.

Co-organizer of the ‘Women in Turkish/Ottoman History’ Initiative

## **LANGUAGES**

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Turkish (native), English (fluent), Spanish (advanced), Ottoman Turkish (reading skills), Arabic (intermediate)

## **REFERENCES**

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Timothy Guinnane, Yale University, Philip Golden Bartlett Professor Emeritus of Economics  
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