

Curriculum Vitae
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EDUCATION

Ph.D.	University of Pennsylvania	(Economics)	2004
B.A.	University of Michigan	(Mathematics and Economics)	1998

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Professor, Koç University	2024–present
Professor, Boğaziçi University	2017–2024
Associate Professor, Boğaziçi University	2014–2017
Associate Professor, Middle East Technical University	2013–2014
Assistant Professor, Middle East Technical University	2008–2013
Lecturer, Middle East Technical University	2004–2008
Teaching Assistant, University of Pennsylvania	2000–2004

Visiting Appointments

European Commission Marie Curie Fellow, PSTC, Brown University	2021–2022
Mamdouha El Sayed Bobst Visiting Professor, American University of Beirut	2019–2020
Visiting Associate Professor, Boğaziçi University	2013–2014
Visiting Scholar, IRLE, University of California-Berkeley	2011–2012

Other Affiliations

Research Fellow, Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA)	2010–present
Research Fellow, Economic Research Forum (ERF)	2012–present
Research Fellow, Centre for Research and Analysis of Migration (CReAM)	2019–present

Editorial Positions

Associate Editor, <i>European Economic Review</i>	2018–present
Editorial Board, <i>Central Bank Review</i>	2018–present

PUBLICATIONS IN REFEREED JOURNALS

- R. Assaad, A. Aydemir, M. Dayioglu and M.G. Kirdar (2026) “Wage Returns to Human Capital Resulting from an Extra Year of Primary School: Evidence from Egypt,” *Economics of Education Review*, 111, 102760.
- M.B. Gökçe and M.G. Kirdar (2025) “The Effects of Civil War and Forced Migration on Intimate Partner Violence among Syrian Refugee Women in Jordan,” *World Development* 196, 107189.

- A.D. Foster, M.B. Gökçe and M.G. Kırdar (2024) “Intergenerational Power Shift and the Rise of Non-arranged Marriages among Refugees,” *Demography* 61 (5), 1427-1454.
- M. Demirci, A.D. Foster, and M.G. Kırdar (2024) “Child Growth and Refugee Status: Evidence from Syrian Refugees in Turkey,” *Journal of Demographic Economics* 90 (3), 486-520.
- A. Aygun, M.G. Kırdar, M. Koyuncu, and Q. Stoeffler (2024) “Keeping Refugee Children in School and Out of Work: Evidence from World’s Largest Humanitarian Cash Transfer Program,” *Journal of Development Economics* 168, 103266.
- M. Dayıoğlu, M.G. Kırdar, and İ. Koç (2024) “The Making of a ‘Lost Generation’: Child Labor among Syrian Refugees in Turkey,” *International Migration Review* 58 (3), 1075-1113.
- M.G. Kırdar, M. Dayıoğlu, and İ. Koç (2023) “School Integration of Syrian Refugee Children in Turkey,” *Labour Economics* 85, 102448.
- S. Çakır, E. Erbay, and M.G. Kırdar (2023) “Syrian Refugees and Human Capital Accumulation of Working-age Native Children in Turkey,” *Journal of Human Capital* 17(4), 557-592.
- Y.E. Akgündüz, Y.K. Bağır, S.M. Cilasun and M.G. Kırdar (2023) “Consequences of a Massive Refugee Influx for Firm Performance and Market Structure,” *Journal of Development Economics*, 103081.
- M. Demirci and M.G. Kırdar (2023) “The Labor Market Integration of Syrian Refugees in Turkey,” *World Development* 162, 106138.
- P. Akyol and M.G. Kırdar (2022) “Compulsory Schooling Reform and Intimate Partner Violence in Turkey,” *European Economic Review* 150, 104313.
- M. Dayıoğlu and M.G. Kırdar (2022) “Keeping Kids in School and Out of Work: Compulsory Schooling and Child Labor in Turkey,” *Journal of Human Capital* 16(4), 526-555.
- E. Aksu, R. Erzan, and M.G. Kırdar (2022) “The Impact of Mass Migration of Syrians on the Turkish Labor Market,” *Labour Economics* 76, 102183.
- D.T. Aracı, M. Demirci, and M.G. Kırdar (2022) “Development Level of Hosting Regions and the Impact of Refugees on Natives’ Labor Market Outcomes in Turkey,” *European Economic Review* 145, 104132.
- M.G. Kırdar, I. Lopez Cruz, and B. Türküm (2022) “The Effect of 3.6 Million Refugees on Crime,” *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization* 194, 568–582.
- A. Aydemir, M.G. Kırdar, and H. Torun (2022) “The Effect of Education on Internal Migration of Young Men and Women: Incidence, Timing, and Type of Migration,” *Labour Economics* 74, 102098.
- A. Aygün, M.G. Kırdar, and B. Tuncay (2021) “The Effect of Hosting 3.4 Million Refugees on Native Population Mortality,” *Journal of Health Economics* 80, 102534.
- İ. Tunalı, M.G. Kırdar, and M. Dayıoğlu (2021) “Down and up the “U” – A Synthetic Cohort (panel) Analysis of Female Labor Force Participation in Turkey, 1988–2013,” *World Development* 146, 105609.
- A. Akay, A. Brausmann, S. Djajic, and M.G. Kırdar (2021) “Purchasing-Power-Parity and the Saving Behavior of Temporary Migrants,” *European Economic Review* 134, 103682.
- M.G. Kırdar, M. Dayıoğlu and İ. Koç (2018) “The Effects of Compulsory Schooling Laws on Teenage Marriage and Births in Turkey,” *Journal of Human Capital* 12(4): 640-668.

- A. Aydemir and M.G. Kırdar (2017) “Quasi-Experimental Impact Estimates of Immigrant Labor Supply Shocks: The Effect of Treatment and Comparison Group Matching and Relative Skill Composition,” *European Economic Review* 98: 282–315.
- A. Aydemir and M.G. Kırdar (2017) “Low Wage Returns to Schooling in a Developing Country: Evidence from a Major Policy Reform in Turkey,” *Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics* 79(6): 1046-1086.
- S. Djajic, M.G. Kırdar and A. Vinogradova (2016) “Source-Country Earnings and Emigration,” *Journal of International Economics* 99: 46-67.
- M.G. Kırdar, M. Dayıoğlu and İ. Koç (2016) “Does Longer Compulsory Education Equalize Schooling by Gender and Rural/Urban Residence?” *World Bank Economic Review* 30(3): 549-579.
- O. Ekşi and M.G. Kırdar (2015) “Emek Gelirlerinin ve Eşitsizliğinin Türkiye için bir Analizi: 2002-2011,” [An Analysis of Labor Earnings and Inequality in Turkey: 2002-2011] *İktisat, İşletme ve Finans* 30 (353): 9-44.
- S.M. Cilasun and M.G. Kırdar (2015) “Durable and Nondurable Consumption, Health and Education Expenditures over the Life-Cycle in Turkey,” *METU Studies in Development* 42(2): 247-270.
- M.G. Kırdar (2013) “Source Country Characteristics and Immigrants’ Optimal Migration Duration Decision,” *IZA Journal of Migration* 2:8.
- S.M. Cilasun and M.G. Kırdar (2013) “Household Structure, Household Income and its Components over the Life-cycle in Turkey,” *İktisat, İşletme ve Finans*, 28(328): 89-116.
- M.G. Kırdar (2012) “Estimating the Impact of Immigrants on the Host Country Social Security System When Return Migration is an Endogenous Choice,” *International Economic Review* 53(2): 453-486.
- M.G. Kırdar (2009) “Labor Market Outcomes, Savings Accumulation and Return Migration,” *Labour Economics* 16(4): 418-428.
- M. Dayıoğlu, M.G. Kırdar and A. Tansel (2009) “Impact of Sibship Size, Birth Order, and Sex Composition on School Enrollment in Urban Turkey,” *Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics* 71(3): 399-426.
- M.G. Kırdar (2009) “Explaining Ethnic Disparities in School Enrollment in Turkey,” *Economic Development and Cultural Change* 57(2): 297-333.
- S.M. Cilasun and M.G. Kırdar (2009) “Türkiye’deki Hanehalklarının Gelir, Tüketim ve Tasarruf Davranışlarının Yatay Kesitlerle Bir Analizi,” [An Analysis of Income, Consumption, and Savings of Households in Turkey] *İktisat, İşletme ve Finans* 24(280): 9-46.
- M.G. Kırdar and Ş. Saraçoğlu (2008) “Migration and Regional Convergence: An Empirical Investigation for Turkey,” *Papers in Regional Science* 87(4): 545-567.

WORKING PAPERS

- “Propagation of Immigration Shocks through Firm-to-Firm Trade Linkages,” (with E. Akgündüz, A. Aydemir and S.M. Cilasun), IZA Discussion Paper No. 16770, January 2024, conditionally accepted

at the *Journal of the European Economic Association*.

- “Intergenerational Effects of Compulsory Schooling Reform on Early Childhood Development in a Middle-Income Country,” (with Yusuf Emre Akgunduz, Pelin Akyol, Abdurrahman Aydemir, and Murat Demirci), IZA Discussion Paper No. 17249, August 2024, revision requested from *Journal of Human Capital*.
- “Cash Transfers, Diet Quality, and Child Growth Among Refugee Children: Evidence from Turkey’s ESSN Program,” (with Murat Demirci and Andrew D. Foster), revised and resubmitted to *World Bank Economic Review*.
- "Breaking Barriers via Refugees: Cultural Transmission and Women’s Economic Empowerment," (with M. Akbulut-Yüksel, A. Aydemir, and B. Turan), IZA Discussion Paper No. 17871, April 2025.

WORK-IN-PROGRESS

- "Firm Adjustments to Minimum Wages in a Dual Labor Market: Scale Contraction and Informal Substitution," (with Y. Emre Akgunduz, Ugur Aytun, and Seyit M. Cilasun)
- "Refugee Inflows, Within-Firm Reorganization, and Productivity in Turkey's Dual Labor Market," (with Okan Akarsu, Seyit M. Cilasun, and U. Seven)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- M.G. Kırdar (2024) The Winners and Losers in the Turkish Labor Market on the Arrival of 1989 Repatriates from Bulgaria. In *WORLD SCIENTIFIC HANDBOOK OF GLOBAL MIGRATION: Volume 1: Immigration and the Labor Market: A Global View of Assimilation and its Aftermath*. Ed. R.M. Sauer (World Scientific Pub Co Inc), pp. 71-98.
- M. Dayıoğlu and M.G. Kırdar (2022) “İşgücü Piyasasına Erişim: Demografik Gruplar Bazında Bir İnceleme,” in *Refah Ekonomisi ve Eşitsizlik*. Ed. Ö.F. Çolak and L.A. Özalp, (Efil Yayınevi, Ankara), pp. 45–68.
- A. Aydemir and M.G. Kırdar (2015) “Integration of 1989 Repatriates from Bulgaria to the Turkish Labor Market,” in *Waves of Diversity: Socio-Political Implications of International Migration in Turkey*. Ed. A.B. Karaçay, D.Ş. Sert and Z.G. Göker, (Isis Yayınevi, İstanbul), pp. 29-55.
- M.G. Kırdar (2013) “Turkey: Migration and Remittances, 1960s to Present,” in *The Encyclopedia of Global Human Migration*. Ed. Immanuel Ness. Wiley-Blackwell.
- M. Dayıoğlu and M.G. Kırdar (2010) “Determinants of and Trends in Labor Force Participation of Women in Turkey,” State Planning Organization of the Republic of Turkey and World Bank, Welfare and Social Policy Analytical Work Program, Working Paper Number 5, Ankara.
- M.G. Kırdar and Ş. Saraçoğlu (2006) “İç Göç, Bölgesel Yakınsama Sorunu ve Ekonomik Büyüme: Türkiye Örneği,” in *Ekonomik Büyümenin Dinamikleri ve İstihdam*. Ed. Bilin Neyaptı. Türkiye Ekonomi Kurumu, (İmaj Yayınevi, Ankara), pp.111-132.

HONORS

- Turkish Science Academy (Bilim Akademisi) BAGEP Award, 2015.
- TEPAV Merih Celasun Award, 2012 (with Meltem Dayıoğlu and İsmet Koç).
- TÜBİTAK International Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship, 2011.
- ODTÜ Geliştirme Vakfı, Young Investigator Award, 2010.
- Turkish Ministry of Education Scholarship, 1994–1998, 2000–2001
- Department of Economics Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania, 1999

GRANTS

- The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK) Grant, No: 225K235, Principal Investigator, 2025 (with M. Demirci)
- TÜBİTAK Grant, No: 122K386, 2022 (with Y.E. Akgündüz, A. Aydemir, S. M. Cilasun)
- European Commission, MSCA-IF-2020 Global Fellowship, Project 101024877, Title: An Analysis of Educational, Labor Market, Demographic and Health Outcomes of Syrian Refugees in Turkey
- TÜBİTAK Grant, No: 217K042, Principal Investigator, 2017 (with Meltem Dayıoğlu).
- Economic Research Forum Grant, No: 2014-072. (with Ragui Assaad, Abdurrahman Aydemir and Meltem Dayıoğlu).
- TÜBİTAK Grant, No: 112K517, 2012 (with İnsan Tunalı and Meltem Dayıoğlu).
- TÜBİTAK Grant, No: 112K006, 2012 (with Ozan Ekşi).
- TÜBİTAK Grant, No: 109K490, Principal Investigator, 2009.
- The Migration Research Program at Koç University Grant, Principal Investigator, 2009 (with Abdurrahman Aydemir).
- TÜBİTAK Grant, No: 108K251, Principal Investigator, 2008 (with Meltem Dayıoğlu and İsmet Koç).
- TÜBİTAK Grant, No: 107K414, Principal Investigator, 2007.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Referee For:

Economics Journals

Review of Economic Studies, International Economic Review, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Labor Economics, American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics, Economic Journal, Journal of International Economics, Journal of Development Economics, European Economic Review, Labour Economics, Journal of Human Capital, World Bank Economic Review, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Economic Inquiry, Journal of Population Economics, Journal of Demographic Economics, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Economics of Education Review, Journal of Comparative Economics, Journal of Economic Inequality, Review of World Economics, CESifo Economic Studies, IZA Journal of Migration, LABOUR, Health Economics, Economics and Human Biology, Empirical Economics, Review of Economic Design, Economics Letters, Journal of African Economies, Education Economics, Manchester School, Scottish Journal of Political Economy, Economic Systems, Review of Development Economics, International Journal of Health Economics and Management, Feminist Economics, Applied Economics, Emerging Markets Finance and Trade, Journal of Economics Management and Religion, Economics E-Journal, Economics Bulletin, İktisat İşletme ve Finans, Central Bank Review, Ekonomi-tek

Demography Journals

Demography, International Migration Review, European Journal of Population, Population Research and Policy Review, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, International Migration, Population Space and Place, Journal of Immigrant and Refugee Studies

Development Journals

World Development, Journal of Development Studies, Oxford Development Studies, European Journal of Development Research, Middle East Development Journal

Regional Studies Journals

Journal of Regional Science, Regional Studies, International Regional Science Review, Review of Urban and Regional Development Studies

Other Journals (Policy, Education, Sociology, Health, Industrial Relations, Interdisciplinary)

Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Education Finance and Policy, Higher Education Quarterly, Journal of Marriage and Family, Acta Sociologica, Journal of Biosocial Science, Journal of Migration and Health, Industrial Relations Journal, Journal of Quantitative Criminology, PLOS One, New Perspectives on Turkey, METU Studies in Development, Bogazici Journal

Other

World Bank WP Series, Turkish Central Bank WP Series, French National Research Agency, Turkish Scientific and Technological Research Council

Conference and Seminar Presentations

- 2026** Econometric Society CSW Asia Meeting, IAB (Institute for Employment Research) Colloquium, Central Bank of Turkey Seminar, Koç U. Department of Economics Seminar, Barcelona Summer Forum-Migration, Joint Data Center Conference on Forced Displacement.
- 2025** Doha Institute of Graduate Studies Conference on the Demography and Labor Markets in the MENA Region; World Bank “Mend the Gender Gap Workshop” at EIEF, Rome; Turkish-German Workshop on the Economics of Migration at the Turkish-German University.
- 2024** 17th AFD-World Bank Migration and Development Conference, 14th Annual Conference on Immigration in OECD Countries, Koç University Department of Economics Seminar, Workshop on Refugee Migration at the University of Neuchatel.
- 2023** ENS Lyon Department of Economics Seminar, Bilkent University Department of Economics Seminar, Georgetown University-Qatar Department of Economics Seminar, Turkish Economic Association Annual Conference (keynote speaker).
- 2022** North American Summer Meeting of Econometric Society, Population Association of America Conference, CUNY Queens Department of Economics Seminar, 2nd Research Conference on Forced Displacement, 12th Annual Conference on Immigration in OECD Countries, Koç University Winter Workshop.
- 2021** Royal Economic Society Conference, Society of Labor Economists Conference, North American Summer Meeting of the Econometric Society, Middle East Economic Association Conference, 14th AFD-World Bank Migration and Development Conference, 11th Annual Conference on “Immigration in OECD Countries”, University of Barcelona AQR Seminar
- 2019** Forced Displacement, Asylum Seekers and Refugees at Queen Mary U., IZA/World Bank/NJD Conference on Jobs and Development, ITU Department of Economics Seminar, Bilkent U. Department of Economics Seminar, American U. of Beirut Department of Economics Seminar
- 2018** TOBB-ETU Department of Economics Seminar, Koç University Department of Economics Seminar, Sabancı University Department of Economics Seminar, Boğaziçi University Department of Economics Seminar, METU Department of Economics Seminar, ASSET Annual Conference.
- 2017** Economic Research Forum 23rd Annual Conference, Turkish Economic Association Annual Conference, Higher School of Economics ICEF Department of Economics Seminar, Koç University Department of Economics Seminar, Bilkent University Department of Economics

- Seminar, Boğaziçi University Department of Economics Seminar, Bahçeşehir University Department of Economics Seminar, Kemerburgaz University Department of Economics Seminar
- 2016** ESPE Annual Conference, Boğaziçi Journal 30th Annual Conference
- 2015** SOLE/EALE World Meetings, Economic Research Forum 21st Annual Conference, Kadir Has University Department of Economics Seminar, Özyeğin University Department of Economics Seminar
- 2014** Koç University Department of Economics Seminar, Boğaziçi University Department of Economics Seminar, Danish National Center for Social Research Seminar, Bilkent Annual Summer Workshop in Economics.
- 2013** Johannes Kepler University of Linz Department of Economics Seminar, Sabancı University Department of Economics Seminar, Bilkent University Department of Economics Seminar, Galatasaray University Department of Economics Seminar, NORFACE Migration Conference, 6th International Migration and Development Conference, European Society of Population Economics Annual Conference, Young Lives Conference, Econometric Society European Conference.
- 2012** UC-Berkeley Department of Economics Labor Lunch Seminar, UC-Berkeley Department of Demography Seminar, World Bank Research Group on International and Development Economics Seminar, Boğaziçi University Department of Economics Seminar, TED University Department of Economics Seminar, Atılım University Department of Economics Seminar, Econometric Society Asian Meeting
- 2011** UC-Berkeley Institute for Research on Labor and Employment Seminar, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies Seminar, Econometric Society Asian Meeting, Econometric Society European Meeting, Economic Research Forum Annual Conference, Middle East Economic Association Annual Conference
- 2010** Econometric Society World Congress, Middle East Economic Association Annual Conference, Koç University Department of Economics Seminar, TOBB ETU Department of Economics Seminar
- 2009** Society of Labor Economics Annual Conference, Population Association of America Annual Conference, European Society of Population Economics Annual Conference, International College of Economics and Finance Seminar, Ryerson University Department of Economics Seminar.
- 2008** University of Mannheim Applied Economics and Econometrics Seminar, Bilkent University Seminar, TOBB ETU Seminar, Economic Research Forum Annual Conference, AIEL Conference of Labour Economics
- 2007** Society of Labor Economics Annual Conference
- 2006** European Society of Population Economics Annual Conference, International Minnesota Economic Development Conference, Sabancı University Department of Economics Seminar, Koç University Department of Economics Seminar, CReAM/TARGET Conference on Immigration: Impacts, Integration and Intergenerational Issues, Turkish Economic Association Conference
- 2005** Bilkent University Department of Economics Seminar, ECOMOD/MEEA Conference
- 2004** Koç University Department of Economics Seminar, Sabancı University Department of Economics Seminar, Middle East Technical University Department of Economics Seminar, University of Pennsylvania Empirical Microeconomics Workshop, 6th German Socio-Economic Panel User Conference

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Koç University Econ 554: Empirical Methods in Economics (graduate) Econ 450-550: Topics in Labor Economics Econ 311: Econometrics II Econ 320: Labor Economics	Middle East Technical University Econ 501: Microeconomic Theory I (graduate) Econ 682: Microeconometrics (graduate) Econ 683: Applied Econometrics I (graduate) Econ 684: Applied Econometrics II (graduate)
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Boğaziçi University Econ 531: Econometrics I (graduate) Econ 596: Special Topics in Econometrics (graduate) Econ 101: Introduction to Economics I Econ 203: Intermediate Microeconomics Econ 331: Econometrics Econ 332: Advanced Econometrics Econ 407: Labor Economics EF 507: Quantitative Methods for Economics and Finance EF 508: Financial Econometrics American University of Beirut Econ 305: Econometrics (graduate) Econ 317: Microeconomic Theory I (graduate)	Econ 101: Introduction to Economics I Econ 102: Introduction to Economics II Econ 122: Principles of Macroeconomics Econ 201: Intermediate Microeconomics Econ 205: Statistics for Economists Econ 211: Principles of Economics I Econ 301: Introduction to Econometrics I Econ 469: Economics of Labor Econ 475: Introduction to Mathematical Economics I Econ 476: Introduction to Mathematical Economics II University of Pennsylvania Labor Economics (Instructor) Industrial Organization (Instructor) Economic Development (Instructor) Introduction to Statistics (Instructor) Introductory Macroeconomics (Teaching Assistant) International Economics (Teaching Assistant)
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GRADUATE STUDENT ADVISING

Koç University

Primary M.A. Advisor: Ikbal Oruç, Didem Özçakır.

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Primary M.A. Advisor: Süreyya Güder (2024, Central Bank of Turkey), Özgün Evrim İnce (2024), Tuğçe Kılıç (2023), İlkem Gök (2022, Ph.D. candidate at Arizona State U.), Alp Öcal (2020), Mustafa Runyun (2020, Ph.D. candidate at Boston College), Elif Satılmış Erbay (2020), Özgen Kırıbrahım (2020, Ph.D. candidate at Arizona State U.), Emre İnan (2019), Doğu Tan Aracı (2018), Betül Türküm (2018, Ph.D. candidate at EUI), Burcu Bahçeci (2017), Ege Aksu (2017, Ph.D. candidate at CUNY), Kübra Usta (2016, Ph.D. candidate at Bologna U.)

Primary Ph.D. Advisor: Merve Betül Gökçe (2024, Central Bank of Turkey)

Middle East Technical University

Primary M.A. Advisor: Gizem Koşar (2009, Ph.D. candidate at Johns Hopkins U.), Nutiye Seçkin (2009), Sezer Yaşar (2010, Ph.D. candidate at Johns Hopkins U.), Orhun Sevinç (2011, Ph.D. candidate at London School of Economics)

Primary Ph.D. Advisor: Seyit Mümin Cilasun (2009, assistant professor at Atılım U.)

UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENT SERVICE

Koç University

- Graduate Program Advisor, 2024-2025.

Boğaziçi University

- Vice-Chair, Economics Department, 2018–2019 and 2023-2024.
- Graduate Program Advisor, 2018–2019 and 2023-2024.

- Organizer of the Economics Department Seminar Series, 2016–2018.
- Erasmus Coordinator for the Economics Department, 2014–2018.
- Member, University Committee for Exchange/Erasmus Students, 2015–2018.

Middle East Technical University

- Organizer of the Economics Department Seminar Series, 2008–2011.