



2ND ANNUAL ISTANBUL MEETING ON HUMAN CAPITAL: ECONOMICS OF EDUCATION, HEALTH, AND WORKER PRODUCTIVITY

*Galatasaray University, Istanbul, Turkey
October 14-15, 2016
Erdoğan Teziç Salonu*

Friday, October 14, 2016

- 8:30–8:45 Welcome Coffee
- 8:45–9:00 Opening Remarks
- 9:00–10:00 **Ipek Mumcu**, University of Essex
“The Effect of School Starting Age and Readiness for School on Verbal Ability Acquisition and Socio-emotional Skill Development,” with Nazlı Baydar (Koc University) and Thomas Crossley (University of Essex)
Discussant: Murat Kirdar, Bogazici University
- 10:00–11:00 **Gokce Uysal**, (Bahcesehir University)
“Does Classroom Gender Composition Affect School Dropout?” with Tuba Toru Delibasi (Bahcesehir University) and Bulent Anil (Bahcesehir University)
Discussant: Aysit Tansel, Middle East Technical University
- 11:00–11:15 Coffee Break
- 11:15–12:15 **Huzeyfe Torun**, TCMB
“Do Vocational High School Graduates Have Better Employment Outcomes than General High School Graduates? Evidence from Turkey”, with Semih Tumen (TCMB)
Discussant: Bulent Anil, Bahcesehir University
- 12:15–13:30 Lunch
- 13:30–14:30 **Aysit Tansel**, Middle East Technical University
“Analyzing Wage Differentials by Field of Study: Evidence from Turkey” with Antonia Di Paolo (University of Barcelona)
Discussant: Asena Caner, TOBB University
- 14:30–15:30 **Pelin Akyol**, Bilkent University
“Gender Differences in College Major Choice: Preferences versus Performance”, with Kala Krishna (Pennsylvania State University) and Sergey Lychagin (Pennsylvania State University)
Discussant: Belgi Turan, Atilim University

- 15:30–15:45 Coffee Break
- 15:45–16:45 **Onur Altındağ**, Harvard University
“Political Ramifications of Syrian Refugee influx: Evidence form a Natural Experiment in Turkey” with Neeraj Kaushal (Columbia University)
Discussant: **Bilge Erten**, Northeastern University

Saturday, October 15, 2016—2nd Day

- 8:45–9:15 Welcome Coffee
- 9:15–10:15 **Bilge Erten**, Northeastern University
“For Better or for Worse? Education and the Prevalence of Domestic Violence in Turkey” with Pinar Keskin (Wellesley College)
Discussant: **Ayca Akarcay Gurbuz**, Galatasaray University
- 10:15–11:15 **Oguz Oztunali**, Bogazici University
“Dynamics of Intergenerational Educational Mobility in Turkey,” with Orhan Torul (Bogazici University)
Discussant: **Sinan Sarpca**, Koc University
- 11:15–11:30 Coffee Break
- 11:30–12:30 **Sezgin Polat**, Galatasaray University
“Some Economic Consequences of Higher Education Expansion in Turkey”
Discussant: **Ozan Bakis**, Bahcesehir University
- 12:30–14:00 Lunch
- 14:00–15:00 **Erdal Tekin**, American University
“Does Natural Gas Save Lives: Evidence from the Expansion of Natural Gas Networks,” with Resul Cesur (University of Connecticut)
Discussant: **Onur Altındağ**, Harvard University
- 15:00–15:15 Coffee Break
- 15:15–16:15 **Mevlude Akbulut-Yuksel**, Dalhousie University
“The Impact Recent Investments on Transportation Infrastructure on Rural Development in Turkey” with Belgi Turan (Atilim University)
Discussant: **Erdal Tekin**, American University
- 16:15 Adjourn