



**FOURTH ANNUAL ISTANBUL MEETING ON HUMAN CAPITAL:
ECONOMICS OF EDUCATION, HEALTH, AND WORKER PRODUCTIVITY**

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Thursday, October 11, 2018

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| 8:30–8:45 | Welcome Coffee |
| 8:45–9:00 | Opening Remarks |
| 9:00–10:00 | Huzeyfe Torun, Central Bank of Turkey
“Two and a half Million Syrian Refugees, Skill Mix and Capital Intensity,”
with Yusuf Emre Akgunduz (Central Bank of Turkey)
Discussant: Murat Kirdar (Bogazici University) |
| 10:00–11:00 | Ozan Bakis, Bahcesehir University
“Blessing or Burden? The Impact of Refugees on Businesses and the Informal
Economy” with Onur Altindag (BentleyUniversity) and Sandra Rozo (University of
Southern California)
Discussant: Merve Demirel (Bilkent University) |
| 11:00–11:15 | Coffee Break |
| 11:15–12:15 | Hasan Tekguc, Kadir Has University
“The Multi-dimensional Approach to Gender Gap in Poverty: An Application for
Turkey,” with Bengi Akbulut (Concordia University)
Discussant: Alpay Filiztekin (Ozyegin University) |
| 12:15–13:30 | Lunch |

- 13:30–14:30 **Tolga Yuret, Istanbul Technical University**
“Where are the Golden Young People of Turkey?”
Discussant: Bulent Anil (Bahcesehir University)
- 14:30–15:30 **Semih Tumen, TED University**
“Long-Term Education and Labor Market Consequences of Student Protests in 1970s and the Subsequent Political Turmoil in Turkey,” with Ahmet Ozturk (Ministry of Development)
Discussant: Belgi Turan (Atilim University)
- 15:30–15:45 **Coffee Break**
- 15:45–16:45 **Seyit Mumin Cilasun, Central Bank of Turkey**
“Does Gender Discrimination Contribute to Low Labor Force Participation of Women in Turkey? Evidence from Survey and Field Data” with Binnur Alkan (Stockholm School of Economics)
Discussant: Pelin Akyol (Bilkent University)

Friday, October 12, 2018

- 8:45–9:15 **Welcome Coffee**
- 9:15–10:15 **Cagla Okten, Bilkent University**
“Expansion of Higher Education and Labor Market Outcomes: Evidence from Turkey” with Asena Caner (TOBB University) and Merve Demirel (Bilkent University)
Discussant: Sinan Sarpca (Koc University)
- 10:15–11:15 **Benan Orbay, Istanbul Bilgi University**
“What is the ‘Race between Education and Technology’ in Turkey,” with Yigit Aydede (Saint Mary’s University) and Narod Erkol (Istanbul Bilgi University)
Discussant: Meltem Dayioglu Tayfur (Middle East Technical University)
- 11:15–11:30 **Coffee Break**
- 11:30–12:30 **Yusuf Emre Akgunduz, Central Bank of Turkey**
“The Impact of Minimum Wages on Exporters: Evidence from a Sharp Minimum Wage Increase in Turkey,” with Altan Aldan (Central Bank of Turkey), Yusuf Kenan Bagir (Central Bank of Turkey) and Huzeyfe Torun (Central Bank of Turkey)
Discussant: Asena Caner (TOBB University)
- 12:30–14:00 **Lunch and adjourn**