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### **Education**

Ph.D. in Economics: July 1997, The Johns Hopkins University, MD, USA

Dissertation: "Essays on the Environment and International Trade"

Fields of Concentration: Environmental Economics, Microeconomics,  
International Trade, Econometrics

M.A. in Economics: May 1993, The Johns Hopkins University, MD, USA

B.S. in Electronics Engineering: May 1991, Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey

### **Professional Experience**

Director General, Statistical Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries, (SESRIC) May 2006 -- Present

Board Member, Tobacco and Alcohol Market Regulation Authority, July 2003- May 2006

Associate Professor, Beykent University, May 2003 – September 2003

Assistant Professor, Beykent University, October 2002 – April 2003

Assistant Professor, Bilkent University, August 1997 – October 2002

Consultant, Energy Resources International, Inc., May 1997 onwards

Research Assistant, Electronic Resource Center, M.S. Eisenhower Library,  
The Johns Hopkins University, June 1996 - June 1997

Instructor, Bilkent University, Summer 1995 - Fall 1995

Teaching Assistant, The Johns Hopkins University, 1993-1996

## **Honors and Awards**

- COMCEC Service Award for Outstanding Contributions, 2009
- Turkish Thoracic Society Award for Outstanding Public Health Service, 2006
- Best Presented Paper Award, ERF 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Egypt, 2005
- Fellowship, Department of Economics, The Johns Hopkins University, 1992-1997
- Scholarship, Vehbi Koc Foundation, Turkey, 1996
- Fellowship, Department of Electronics Engineering, Bilkent University, 1987-1991
- Ranked 69th among 600,000 students in Turkey University Entrance Examinations, 1987

## **Publications**

### **Books:**

Trade and the Environment: Analysis of Reciprocal Interactions, 2002, Kluwer Academic Publishers, Boston, USA.

### **Articles, Chapters and Proceedings:**

“Trade among OIC Countries: Limits of Islamic Solidarity,” (with M. Atlamaz and E. Bakımlı), *Insight Turkey*, vol. 13, No.2, 2011.

“South-East Asian Integration in the Context of OIC: Implications of Free Trade among Malaysia, Indonesia and Bangladesh,” (with M. Acar, E. Bakımlı and Z. Koç), *Journal of Economic Integration*, March 2009.

“A Comparative Efficiency Analysis of Interest-Free Financial Institutions and Conventional Banks: A Case Study on Turkey,” (with K. Hasan), Economic Research Forum Working Paper Series, November 2007.

“An Evaluation of Special Finance Houses: A Case Study of Turkey,” *in Advances in Islamic Economics and Finance* (Editor: M. Iqbal, S. Syed Ali, and D. Muljawan), Islamic Development Bank, 2007.

“Interactions Among Economic Development, Openness to Trade and Environmental Sustainability With a Case Study on South Korea,” *Journal of Korean Economics*, June 2005.

“The Economics of International Trade and the Environment,” Book Review, *Journal of Economic Literature*, September 2004.

“Estimation of Complete Demand System Under Data Limitation: A Case Study on Turkey,” *Eastern European Economics*, May 2003.

“Does Trade Always Harm the Global Environment? A Case for Positive Interaction,”  
*Oxford Economic Papers*, 52, April 2000, 272-288.

“International Environmental Agreements and Turkey,” *ASO Media*, Official Journal of  
Ankara Chamber of Commerce, March 2000.

“Can Environmental Regulations be Compatible with Higher International Competitiveness:  
Some New Theoretical Insights,” in *Trade and Environment* (Ed. by J.W. Maxwell and  
R. Reuveny), Edward Elgar Publishing, Massachusetts, USA, 2005.

“What do We Know About the Interactions Between Trade and the Environment? A Survey  
of the Literature,” in *New Perspectives on Globalization* (Ed. by F. Columbus),  
Nova Science Publishers, New York, USA, 2002.

“Economic Development, Openness To Trade And Environmental Sustainability In The  
MENA Countries,” *Conference Proceedings*, 10<sup>th</sup> International Conference of ERF,  
Marrakesh, Morocco, December 2003.

“Environmental Regulations, International Trade and Strategic Behavior,” *Proceedings of the  
Fifth Annual International Conference on Global Economic Analysis (GTAP)*,  
Taiwan, June 2002.

“Economic Development, Trade and Environmental Quality: Environmental Kuznets Curve  
Hypothesis in a Threshold Model,” *Proceedings of the 2nd World Congress of  
Environmental and Resource Economists*, California , USA, June 2002.

“An Empirical Analysis of Firm-Level Determinants of Export Performance: The Case of  
Food Quality and Safety Standards of the EU,” *Conference Proceedings*, 8<sup>th</sup>  
*International Conference of ERF*, Cairo, Egypt, January 2001.

“Measuring the Impact of Economic Growth and Trade Liberalization on Environmental  
Policy Performance: Comparison of Developed and Developing Countries,”  
*Proceedings of Annual Conference of Canadian Economic Association*, Montreal,  
Canada, 2001.

“The Trade and the Environment Nexus,” in *Economic Issues and Globalization: Theory and  
Evidence* (Eds. E. Ortiz and A. Cabello), Proceedings of the ISINI Conference,  
Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico, Mexico City, August 1999.

### **Projects:**

“Analysis of the Impact of European Quality and Safety Standards on the Competitiveness of  
Turkish Food Industry,” sponsored and published by Agricultural Economics  
Research Institute, Ankara, Turkey, March 2001.

“Analysis of Illinois Coal Production Costs,” Report prepared for the State of Illinois,  
Department of Commerce and Community Affairs, published by Energy Resources  
International, Washington, DC, June 1997.

### **Invited Seminars & Conferences:**

“Challenges on Youth Unemployment,” Skill Development for Youth Employment, *SESRIC IDB and TOBB Workshop*, Ankara, Turkey, 2012.

“Socio-economic Developments in the Islamic World: Prospects and Challenges,” *International Islamic University of Malaysia*, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 2011.

“Current Stance of Science and Technology in the OIC Member Countries,” *World Islamic Economic Forum (WIEF)*, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 2011.

“The Importance of Technology for Development in Islamic Countries,” *14th International Business Forum Congress*, Istanbul, Turkey, 2010.

“Enhancing Statistical Capacity Building Programmes in the OIC Member Countries,” *First Conference of Al-Khawarezmi Committee on Statistics*, Doha, Qatar, 2010.

“Fostering the Measurement of Societal Progress: the Role of ICT and Training,” Session Chair, *Third OECD World Forum on ‘Statistics, Knowledge and Policy’*, Busan, Korea, 2009.

“The Role of International Organizations in Developing Integrated Statistical Systems,” *International Conference on the Impact of Information and Integrated Statistical Systems on Socio-Economical Development*, Ras Al-Khaimah, UAE, 2008.

“Real Progress, Shared Progress,” *Second OECD World Forum on Statistics, Knowledge and Policy*, Istanbul, Turkey, 2007.

“Economic Development, Openness to Trade and Environmental Sustainability: A Comparison of Developed and Developing Countries,” *Chemnitz University*, Germany, 2005.

“Environmental Regulations, International Trade and Strategic Behavior,” *Kobe University*, Kobe, Japan, 2004.

“Trade and the Environment,” Thailand Environment Institute, Bangkok, Thailand, 2002.

“International Competitiveness and Environmental Regulations: Some New Theoretical Insights,” Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA, USA, 2000.

### **Training Workshop:**

A one-week long workshop on “Applied Demand Analysis,” presented at the State Planning Organization of Turkey, December 1999.

**Community Services:**

Participated in the Expert Committee on Turkey's Foreign Economic Relations, organized by the State Planning Organization of Turkey (for the 8<sup>th</sup> 5-year Growth Plan).

**Editor:**

Journal of Economic Cooperation and Development

**Refereeing:**

Journal of Environmental Economics and Management

Oxford Economic Papers

Environmental and Resource Economics

METU Studies of Development