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## EDUCATION

Princeton University, A.B. magna cum laude in Economics, 1977  
Stanford University, M.A. in Economics, 1979  
Stanford University, Ph.D. in Economics, 1982

## EMPLOYMENT *(reverse chronological order)*

Professor of Economics and Law, and King Faisal Professor of Islamic Thought and Culture, University of Southern California: 2001-present.  
Visiting Professor of Economics, Stanford University: 2004-05.  
Professor of Economics and King Faisal Professor of Islamic Thought and Culture, University of Southern California: 1993-2001.  
John M. Olin Visiting Professor, George Stigler Center for the Study of the Economy and the State, Graduate School of Business, University of Chicago, 1996-97.  
Member, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton: 1989-90.  
Associate Professor of Economics, University of Southern California: 1988-93.  
Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Southern California: 1982-88.

## TEACHING

*Undergraduate courses taught:* Principles of Economics, Intermediate Microeconomics, Industrial Organization, Economics of Less Developed Countries, Political Economy of Values, Economic History and Modernization of the Middle East  
*Graduate courses taught:* Political Economy of Institutions; Values and Social Analysis, Industrial Organization, Theories of Economic Development  
*Graduate seminars organized:* Economic Development, Law, Economics, and Organization

*Ph. D. students (with date of degree):* Richard Dean Cummings (1987), Gwang-Ju Rhee (1989), Jayati Sarkar (1996), Praveen Kumar Mohanty (1996), Feisal Khan (1999), Murat Somer (1999), Didar Erdinç (2002), Tolga Köker (2004), Diana Webster (2005), Murat Birdal (2006).

## **SELECTED UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

Chair / Member, Personnel Committee, School of Letters, Arts & Sciences (USC): 2005-06, 2006-07 [chair 2006-07]

Member, University Committee for Academic Reviews (USC): 2002-03, 2003-04, 2005-06, 2006-07 [in 2003-04, chair of internal review committee for School of Accounting, Marshall School of Business].

Chair, University Tenure & Promotions Committee (USC): 1999-2000, 2000-01

Member, University Tenure and Promotions Committee (USC): 1995-96, 1997-98.

Chair, Department of Economics (USC): 1994-96.

Chair, Department of Economics Executive Committee (USC): 1990-91, 1997-98, 2002-03.

Director, Undegraduate Studies, Economics Department (USC): 1994-95, 1995-96

Director, Admissions & Financial Aid, Economics Department (USC): 1988-89, 1990-91.

## **GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS** (*reverse chronological order*)

12. (Joint with Ed McCaffery), James H. Zumberge Research and Innovation Fund, "The Fluidity of Discrimination": 2005-07.
11. Metanexus Foundation, "The Role of Religion in the Economic Performance of Civilizations": 2005-07.
10. Guggenheim Foundation, "Islamic Influences on Middle Eastern Governance": 2004-05.
9. Earhart Foundation, "Institutional Roots of the Middle East's Economic Underdevelopment", 2003-04.
8. Center for Interdisciplinary Research, USC, "Islam and Economic Underdevelopment": 2002-03.
7. (Joint with Ed McCaffery), USC-Caltech Center for the Study of Law and Politics, "Self-identification and perceptions of discrimination": 2000-03.
6. Earhart Foundation, "Legacies of living a lie: The cases of Eastern Europe and India": 1991-92.
5. Faculty Research and Innovation Fund, University of Southern California, "The economic institutions of Islam": 1989-91.
4. National Endowment for the Humanities: 1989-90.
3. National Science Foundation, "Cognition and collective conservatism": 1988-1990.
2. National Science Foundation, "The economics of conservatism": 1985-1987.
1. Haynes Research Fellowship: Summer 1985 [award unused due to NSF restrictions].

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Economic Association, American Political Science Association, Association for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Culture, Economic History Association, International Society for New Institutional Economics, Middle East Studies Association of North America, Middle East Economic Association.

## **EDITORIAL DUTIES**

1. University of Michigan Press: Editor of book series "Economics, Cognition, and Society": 1989-2006 (28 books published); Founding editor, 2006-present.
2. *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*: Acting editor, Feb. 1993-May 1993; Associate editor, 1989-present; Managing editor, 1988-1989; Managing associate editor, 1984-87; Managing assistant editor, 1983-1984.
3. *Pakistan Journal of Applied Economics*: Associate editor, 1989-present.
4. *American Journal of Sociology*: Consulting editor, 1994-1996.
5. *Rationality and Society*: Member of Editorial Board, 1995-present.
6. *Independent Review: A Journal of Political Economy*: Contributing Editor, 1995-present.
7. *Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics*: Member of Advisory Board, 1998-present.
8. *International Journal of Middle East Studies*: Associate Editor, 1999-2005.
9. *International Journal of Business, Management and Economics*, Member of Advisory Board, 2005-present.

## **OTHER ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

Director, Institute for Economic Research on Civilizations, USC: 2005-present.  
Member, American Economic Association Committee on Nominations: 2005-06.  
Member, Advisory Board, Association for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Culture (ASREC): 2004-present.  
Co-Director, Center for Law and Economics, University of Southern California, 2003-04.  
Member, Advisory Board, "Comparative Philanthropy in Muslim Societies," a research project of the Ford Foundation, 2002-04.  
Member, Advisory Board, "Culture Matters" Research Project, Fletcher School, Tufts University, 2002-04.  
Member, Gustave E. von Grunebaum Center for Near Eastern Studies, UCLA, 1994-1997.  
Member, Economic Research Forum, Cairo, 1995-present.  
Member, Steering Committee, USC-Caltech Center for the Study of Law and Politics, 2000-03.

## PUBLICATIONS *(reverse chronological order)*

### A. Books

- 2C. South Asian trade edition (New Delhi: Tulika Press, 2006).
- 2B. Turkish translation: *İslâm'ın Ekonomik Yüzleri* (by Yasemin Tezgiden), with an original introduction (Istanbul: İletişim Yayınları, 2002), 303 pp.
- 2A. *Islam and Mammon: The Economic Predicaments of Islamism* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2004), xviii + 194 pp.
- 1E. Chinese translation (by Ding Zhen Huan and Ou Yang Wu): *Pian Hao Wei Zhuang De She Hui Hou Guo* (Changchun: Changchun Publishing House, 2005), 287 pp.
- 1D. Turkish translation (by Alp Tümertekin), with an additional preface: *Yalanla Yaşamak: Tercih Çarpıtmasının Toplumsal Sonuçları* (Istanbul: YKY, 2001), 498 pp.
- 1C. Swedish translation (by Margareta Eklöf): *Privat Sanning, Offentlig Lögn* (Stockholm: City University Press, 1999), 424 pp.
- 1B. German translation (by Ekkehard Schöller), with an additional preface: *Leben in Lüge: Präferenzverfälschungen und Ihre Gesellschaftlichen Folgen* (Tübingen, Germany: J.C.B. Mohr, 1997), xviii + 462 pp.
- 1A. *Private Truths, Public Lies: The Social Consequences of Preference Falsification* (Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 1995), xv + 423 pp.

### B. Articles and Essays

57. "Alle radici del deficit di imprenditorialità in Medio Oriente." *Biblioteca della libertà*, 42 (March 2007): 11-36.
56. (with Edward McCaffery) "Sex Differences in Attitudes toward Discrimination." *Political Research Quarterly*, forthcoming, 2008.
55. "Institutional Causes of Underdevelopment in the Middle East: A Historical Perspective," in *Institutional Change and Economic Behavior*, ed. János Kornai, Laszlo Matyas, and Gérard Roland (New York: Palgrave-Macmillan, 2007), pp. 64-76.
54. "Modern Islam and the Economy," in *New Cambridge History of Islam*, vol. 6, gen. ed. Michael Cook, vol. ed. Robert Hefner (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2007), in press.
53. "The Absence of the Corporation in Islamic Law: Origins and Persistence." *American Journal of Comparative Law*, 53 (July 2005): 785-834.
52. "The Logic of Financial Westernization in the Middle East." *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, 56 (April 2005): 593-615.

51. "Islamic Statecraft and the Middle East's Delayed Modernization," in *Political Competition, Innovation and Growth in the History of Asian Civilizations*, ed. Peter Bernholz and Roland Vaubel (Cheltenham, U.K.: Edward Elgar, 2004), pp. 150-83.
50. (with Edward McCaffery) "Expanding Discrimination Research: Beyond Ethnicity and to the Web." *Social Science Quarterly*, 85 (September 2004): 713-30.
- 49E. Reprint in *The Development Economics Reader*, ed. Giorgio Secondi (London: Routledge, 2008), in press.
- 49D. Chinese translation: "Zhong Dong Di Qu He Yi Jing Ji Luo Hou: Jing Ji Ting Zhi De Li Shi Ji Li." *Kai Fang Shi Dai (Open Times)*, 183 (March 2006): 89-105.
- 49C. Arabic translation: "Asbāb Takhalluf al-Sharq al-Awsat Iqtisadiyyan Al-Āliyyat al-Tārikhiyyah lil-Rukūd al-Mu'assasatiy." <http://www.mishahalhurriyya.org>, April 2006.
- 49B. Italian translation: "Perché il Medio Oriente è Economicamente Arretrato: Meccanismi Storici di Stagnazione Istituzionale." *QA: Rivista dell' Associazione Manlio Rossi-Doria*, 2005: 45-73.
- 49A. "Why the Middle East Is Economically Underdeveloped: Historical Mechanisms of Institutional Stagnation." *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 18 (Summer 2004): 71-90.
48. "The Economic Ascent of the Middle East's Religious Minorities: The Role of Islamic Legal Pluralism." *Journal of Legal Studies*, 33 (June 2004): 475-515.
47. "Cultural Obstacles to Economic Development: Often Overstated, Usually Transitory," in *Culture and Public Action: Understanding the Role of Culture and Development Policy in an Unequal World*, ed. Vijayendra Rao and Michael Walton (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2004), pp. 115-37.
- 46B. Reprint in *Historical Methods in the Social Sciences*, vol. 4, ed. John Hall and Joseph Bryant (New York: Sage, 2005), pp. 45-82.
- 46A. "The Islamic Commercial Crisis: Institutional Roots of Economic Underdevelopment in the Middle East." *Journal of Economic History*, 63 (June 2003): 414-46.
45. "Islamic Redistribution Through *Zakat*: Historical Record and Modern Realities," in *Poverty and Charity in Middle Eastern Contexts*, ed. Michael Bonner, Mine Ener, and Amy Singer (Albany: State University of New York Press, 2003), pp. 275-93.
44. "The Religious Undertow of Muslim Economic Grievances," in *Understanding September 11: Perspectives from the Social Sciences*, ed. Craig Calhoun, Paul Price, and Ashley Timmer (New York: New Press, 2002), pp. 68-74. [Shorter version on line: <http://www.ssrc.org/sept11/> ]
43. "The Provision of Public Goods under Islamic Law: Origins, Impact, and Limitations of the Waqf System," *Law and Society Review*, 35: 4 (2001): 841-897.
- 42B. Turkish translation: "Osmanlı Lonca Teşkilâtı Üzerinde İslâmî Etkiler," in Güler Eren (ed.), *Osmanlı*, vol. 3 (Ankara: Yeni Türkiye Yayınları, 2000), pp. 97-112.
- 42A. "Islamic Influences on the Ottoman Guilds," in Kemal Çiçek (ed.), *The Great Ottoman-Turkish Civilisation*, vol. 2 (Ankara: Yeni Türkiye Yayınları, 2000), pp. 43-59.

41. (With Cass R. Sunstein), "Controlling Availability Cascades," in Cass R. Sunstein (ed.), *Behavioral Law and Economics* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2000): 374-97.
- 40C. Reprint in *The International Library of Essays in Environmental Risk*, vol. 1, ed. John S. Applegate (Hampshire, U.K.: Ashgate, 2004), pp. 411-96.
- 40B. Abridged version in Cass R. Sunstein, *Risk and Reason: Safety, Law, and the Environment* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2002), pp. 78-98.
- 40A. (With Cass R. Sunstein), "Availability Cascades and Risk Regulation," *Stanford Law Review*, 51 (April 1999): 683-768.
39. "Insincere Deliberation and Democratic Failure," *Critical Review*, 12 (Fall 1998): 529-44.
38. "Ethnic Norms and Their Transformation through Reputational Cascades," *Journal of Legal Studies*, 27 (Summer 1998, pt. 2): 623-59.
37. "The Vulnerability of the Arab state: Reflections on the Ayubi thesis," *Independent Review*, 3 (Summer 1998): 111-23.
36. "Moral overload and its alleviation," in Avner Ben-Ner and Louis Putterman (eds.), *Economics, Values, and Organization* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 1998): 231-66.
35. "Ethnic dissimilation and its international diffusion," in David A. Lake and Donald Rothchild (eds.), *Ethnic Conflict: Fear, Diffusion, and Escalation* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1998): 35-60.
34. "Social mechanisms of dissonance reduction," in Peter Hedström and Richard Swedberg (eds.), *Social Mechanisms: An Analytical Approach to Social Theory* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 1998): 147-71.
- 33D. Updated version: in Sohrab Behdad and Farhad Nomani (eds.), *Islam and the Mundane: Public Policy Dilemmas* (New York: Routledge, 2006): 38-65.
- 33C. Turkish translation (by Yasemin Tezgiden): "İslâmcılık ve Ekonomi: Hür Bir Toplum İçin Politika Önerileri," in Timur Kuran, *İslâm'ın Ekonomik Yüzleri* (Istanbul: İletişim, 2002):101-146.
- 33B. Italian translation (by Anna Caffarena): "La dottrina economica dell'Islam: Una visione alternativa," *Biblioteca della Libertà*, 139 (March-April 1997): 35-67.
- 33A. "Islamism and economics: Policy implications for a free society," in Sohrab Behdad and Farhad Nomani (eds.), *Islam and Public Policy [International Review of Comparative Public Policy*, vol. 9] (Greenwich, Conn.: JAI Press, 1997): 72-102.
- 32B. Turkish translation (by Yasemin Tezgiden): "İslâm ekonomisinin doğuşu: Yaralı Müslüman kimliğini tedavi girişimi," in Timur Kuran, *İslâm'ın Ekonomik Yüzleri* (Istanbul: İletişim, 2002): 147-179.
- 32A. "The genesis of Islamic economics: A chapter in the politics of Muslim identity," *Social Research*, 64 (Summer 1997): 301-338.
- 31D-31E. Turkish translation (by Cihan Dansuk and Timur Kuran): "İslâm ve Geri Kalmışlık: Eski Bir Muammaya Çözüm Arayışları," *Birikim*, 137 (September 2000): 68-89. Revised form reprinted in Timur Kuran, *İslâm'ın Ekonomik Yüzleri* (Istanbul: İletişim, 2002): 211-253.

- 31C. French translation: "L'Islam et le Sous-Développement: Un Vieux Puzzle Revisité," *Journal des Economistes et des Etudes Humaines*, 8 (March 1998): 27-60.
- 31B. Farsi translation (by Yadullah Dadgar): *Naqd va Nazar*, 3 (Winter 1997): 310-353.
- 31A. "Islam and Underdevelopment: An Old Puzzle Revisited," *Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics*, 153 (March 1997): 41-71.
30. "Islamic economics and the clash of civilizations," *Middle Eastern Lectures*, 2 (1997): 25-38.
29. "The discontents of Islamic economic morality," *American Economic Review*, 86 (May 1996): 438-442.
- 28E. Reprint in *Islam and Globalization*, ed. Shahram Akbarzadeh (New York: Routledge, 2006), in press.
- 28D. Reprint in *Economics and Religion*, vol. 2, ed. Paul Oslington (Cheltenham, U.K.: Edward J. Elgar, 2003): 277-95.
- 28C. Turkish translation (by Yasemin Tezgiden): "İslâm ekonomisi ve İslâmî alt-ekonomi," in Timur Kuran, *İslâm'ın Ekonomik Yüzleri* (Istanbul: İletişim, 2002): 73-100.
- 28B. Reprint in *The Political Economy of the Middle East*, vol. 3, ed. Timothy Niblock and Rodney Wilson (Cheltenham, U.K.: Edward J. Elgar, 1999): 57-75.
- 28A. "Islamic economics and the Islamic subeconomy," *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 9 (Fall 1995): 155-73.
27. "The inevitability of future revolutionary surprises," *American Journal of Sociology*, 100 (May 1995): 1528-51.
26. "Religious economics and the economics of religion," *Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics*, 149 (December 1994): 769-775.
25. "The unthinkable and the unthought," *Rationality and Society*, 5 (October 1993): 473-505.
- 24C. Abridged reprint under the title "A backlash against affirmative action is growing among whites," in Paul A. Winters (ed.), *Race Relations: Opposing Viewpoints* (San Diego: Greenhaven Press, 1996): 29-35.
- 24B. Reprint in *Current*, no. 358, December 1993: 4-15.
- 24A. "Seeds of racial explosion," *Society*, 30 (September/October 1993): 55-67.
23. "Mitigating the tyranny of public opinion: Anonymous discourse and the ethic of sincerity," *Constitutional Political Economy*, 3 (Winter 1993): 41-74.
- 22B. Turkish translation (by Yasemin Tezgiden): "İslâmî köktencilik'in ekonomik etkileri," in Timur Kuran, *İslâm'ın Ekonomik Yüzleri* (Istanbul: İletişim, 2002): 13-71.
- 22A. "The economic impact of Islamic fundamentalism," in M. Marty and S. Appleby (eds.), *Fundamentalisms and the State: Remaking Politics, Economies, and Militance* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1993): 302-341.
21. "Fundamentalisms and the economy," in M. Marty and S. Appleby (eds.), *Fundamentalisms and the State: Remaking Politics, Economies, and Militance* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1993): 289-301.

- 20B. Reprint in Nancy Bermeo (ed.), *Liberalization and Democratization* (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1992): 7-48.
- 20A. "Now out of never: The element of surprise in the East European Revolution of 1989," *World Politics*, 44 (October 1991): 7-48.
19. "Cognitive limitations and preference evolution," *Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics*, 146 (June 1991): 241-73.
- 18C. Reprint in *The Economics of Defence*, vol. 3, ed. Keith Hartley and Todd Sandler (Cheltenham, United Kingdom: Edward Elgar, 2001): 552-56.
- 18B. Reprint in *The Road to Capitalism: Economic Transition in Eastern Europe and the Former Soviet Union*, ed. David Kennett and Mark Lieberman (San Diego: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1992): 332-38.
- 18A. "The East European Revolution of 1989: Is it surprising that we were surprised?" *American Economic Review*, 81 (May 1991): 121-125.
- 17B. French translation (by Joëlle Cicchini): "Préférences privées et préférences publiques," *Revue Européenne des Sciences Sociales*, vol. 37, no. 114 (1999): 293-319.
17. "Private and public preferences," *Economics and Philosophy*, 6 (April 1990): 1-26.
16. "The role of deception in political competition," in A. Breton, G. Galeotti, P. Salmon, and R. Wintrobe (eds.), *The Competitive State* (Boston: Kluwer-Nijhoff, 1990): 71-95.
- 15D. Turkish translation (by Yasemin Tezgiden): "Çağdaş İslâm düşününde Ekonomik Adalet Kavramı Üzerine," in Timur Kuran, *İslâm'ın Ekonomik Yüzleri* (Istanbul: İletişim, 2002): 181-210.
- 15C. Slight revision, in Jomo K. S. (ed.), *Islamic Economic Alternatives: Critical Perspectives and New Directions* (London: Macmillan Academic Press, 1992): 49-76.
- 15B. Slight revision, in H. Esfandiari and A. Udovitch (eds.), *The Economic Dimensions of Middle Eastern History* (Princeton: Darwin Press, 1990): 93-121.
- 15A. "On the notion of economic justice in contemporary Islamic thought," *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, 21 (May 1989): 171-191.
- 14B. Reprint in Ulrich Witt (ed.), *Evolutionary Economics* (Aldershot: Edward Elgar, 1993): 273-306.
- 14A. "Sparks and prairie fires: A theory of unanticipated political revolution," *Public Choice*, 61 (April 1989): 41-74.
13. (with Mongi Azabou and Mustapha Nabli) "The wholesale produce market of Tunis and its porters: A tale of market degeneration," in Mustapha Nabli and Jeffrey Nugent (eds.), *The New Institutional Economics and Development: Theory and Applications to Tunisia* (Amsterdam: North-Holland, 1989): 352-374.
12. "The craft guilds of Tunis and their amins: A study in institutional atrophy," in Mustapha Nabli and Jeffrey Nugent, (eds.), *The New Institutional Economics and Development: Theory and Applications to Tunisia* (Amsterdam: North-Holland, 1989): 236-264.
11. "The tenacious past: Theories of personal and collective conservatism," *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, 10 (September 1988): 143-171.

10. "Preference falsification, policy continuity and collective conservatism," *Economic Journal*, 97 (September 1987): 642-665.
9. "Chameleon voters and public choice," *Public Choice*, 53 (1987): 53-78.
8. "Continuity and change in Islamic economic thought," in S. Todd Lowry (ed.), *Pre-Classical Political Economy: From the Greeks to the Scottish Enlightenment* (Boston: Kluwer Nijhoff, 1987): 103-113.
7. "Price adjustment costs, anticipated inflation, and output," *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 101 (May 1986): 407-418.
  - 6C. Reprint in *The Political Economy of the Middle East*, vol. 3, ed. Timothy Niblock and Rodney Wilson (Cheltenham, U.K.: Edward J. Elgar, 1999): 27-56.
  - 6B. Slight revision, in Jomo K. S. (ed.), *Islamic Economic Alternatives: Critical Perspectives and New Directions* (London: Macmillan Academic Press, 1992): 9-47.
- 6A. "The economic system in contemporary Islamic thought: Interpretation and assessment," *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, 18 (May 1986): 135-164.
5. "Anticipated inflation and aggregate employment: The case of costly price adjustment," *Economic Inquiry*, 24 (April 1986): 293-311.
4. "Behavioral norms in the Islamic doctrine of economics: A critique," *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, 4 (December 1983): 353-379.
3. "Asymmetric price rigidity and inflationary bias," *American Economic Review*, 73 (June 1983): 373-382.
2. "Internal migration: The unorganized urban sector and income distribution in Turkey, 1963-73," in Ergun Özbudun and Aydın Ulusan (eds.), *The Political Economy of Income Distribution in Turkey* (New York: Holmes and Meier, 1980): 349-378.
1. Technical appendix to "Substitution and structural change" [in Hollis Chenery, *Structural Change and Development Policy* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1979)], World Bank Research Memorandum, August 1979.

### **C. Comments, replies, edited works, excerpts**

9. Excerpt of *Islam and Mammon: Milken Institute Review*, 6:3 (2004): 61-81.
8. Comment on Bill Maurer's "Speculations on Islamic Financial Alternatives," *Anthropology Today*, 17:3 (June 2001): 28-29.
7. Julian Simon, *The Great Breakthrough and Its Cause*, ed. Timur Kuran, with an editorial preface (Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 2001).
6. Reply to Umer Chapra's comment on article 28, *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 10 (Summer 1996): 195-196.
5. "Further reflections on the behavioral norms of Islamic economics" [Reply to Shahid Ebrahim and Akram Safadi's comment on article 4], *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, 27 (June 1995): 159-163.

4. Reply to Özay Mehmet's comment on review 12, *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, 26 (February 1994): 175-176.
3. "Institutions as regulators of economic change" [Comment on four articles by Eric Dahmén, Richard Day, Tad Rybcznski, and Gunnar Eliasson], in R. Day, G. Eliasson, and C. Wihlborg (eds.), *The Market in Ownership, Innovation, and Control* (Amsterdam: North-Holland, 1993): 50-53.
  - 2B. Reprint in Nikki R. Keddie (ed.), *Debating Revolutions* (New York: New York University Press, 1994): 27-35.
- 2A. "Why revolutions are better understood than predicted: The role of preference falsification" [Comment on an article by Nikki Keddie], *Contention*, 3 (Spring 1992): 199-207.
1. Reply to Muhammad Khan's comment on article 15, *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, 22 (August 1990): 376-377.

#### D. Encyclopedia articles

10. "Thomas Schelling," *The New Palgrave Dictionary of Economics*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., ed. Steven Durlauf and Lawrence Blume (London: Macmillan, 2007), in press.
9. "Islamic economic institutions," *The New Palgrave Dictionary of Economics*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., ed. Steven Durlauf and Lawrence Blume (London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2007), in press.
8. "Capitalism," *Encyclopedia of Islam and the Muslim World*, vol. 1 (New York: Macmillan Reference, 2004): 126-28.
7. "Property," *Encyclopedia of Islam and the Muslim World*, vol. 2 (New York: Macmillan Reference, 2004): 553-54.
6. "Riba," *Encyclopedia of Islam and the Muslim World*, vol. 2 (New York: Macmillan Reference, 2004): 596-97.
5. "Levant: Islamic Rule," *Oxford Encyclopedia of Economic History*, vol. 3 (New York: Oxford University Press, 2003): 309-14.
4. "Public opinion, microsociological aspects," *International Encyclopedia of the Social and Behavioral Sciences* (Amsterdam: Pergamon, 2001): 12556-60.
  - 3B. Revised and updated, *Oxford Encyclopedia of the Modern Islamic World* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2008), in press.
- 3A. "Interest," *Oxford Encyclopedia of the Modern Islamic World*, vol. 2 (New York: Oxford University Press, 1995): 205-07.
2. "Economic Theory," *Oxford Encyclopedia of the Modern Islamic World*, vol. 1 (New York: Oxford University Press, 1995): 397-400.
  - 1B. Revised and updated, *Oxford Encyclopedia of the Modern Islamic World* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2008), in press.
- 1A. (with Jeffrey Nugent) "Economic Development," *Oxford Encyclopedia of the Modern Islamic World*, vol. 1 (New York: Oxford University Press, 1995): 393-97.

## E. Reviews

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17. Barbara R. Bergmann, *In Defense of Affirmative Action* (New York: Basic Books, 1996), in *Journal of Economic Literature*, 35 (March 1997): 153-55.
16. Mohamed Aslam Haneef, *Contemporary Islamic Economic Thought: A Selected Comparative Analysis* (Petaling Jaya, Selangor: Ikraq, 1995), in *Middle East Studies Association Bulletin*, 30 (December 1996): 182-83.
15. M. Umer Chapra, *Islam and the Economic Challenge* (Leicester: Islamic Foundation, 1992), in *Journal of Economic Literature*, 31 (September 1993): 1484-1486.
14. Mark Casson, *The Economics of Business Culture: Game Theory, Transaction Costs, and Economic Performance* (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1991), in *Journal of Economic Literature*, 31 (March 1993): 234-235.
13. Ali Rahnema and Farhad Nomani, *The Secular Miracle: Religion, Politics and Economic Policy in Iran* (London: Zed Books, 1990), in *Journal of Islamic Studies*, 3 (July 1992): 286-288.
12. Özay Mehmet, *Islamic Identity and Development: Studies of the Islamic Periphery* (London: Routledge, 1990), in *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, 24 (February 1992): 137-140.
11. Jack A. Goldstone, *Revolution and Rebellion in the Early Modern World* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1991), in *Contemporary Sociology*, 21 (January 1992): 8-10.
10. Masudul Alam Choudhury, *Islamic Economic Co-operation* (New York: St. Martin's Press, 1989), in *Journal of Comparative Economics*, 15 (June 1991): 395-398.
9. Jon Elster, *The Cement of Society: A Study of Social Order* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1989), in *Journal of Economic Literature*, 28 (September 1990): 1194-1195.
8. Mohsin S. Khan and Abbas Mirakhor (eds.), *Theoretical Studies in Islamic Banking and Finance* (Houston: Institute of Research in Islamic Studies, 1987), in *Journal of Comparative Economics*, 13 (September 1989): 486-489.
7. Gerald Meier (ed.), *Pioneers in Development: Second Series* (London: Oxford University Press, 1987), in *Journal of Economic Literature*, 26 (December 1988): 1753-1755.
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## H. Interviews

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## **UNPUBLISHED WORKS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS**

### **A. Book manuscripts**

1. "Islam and Underdevelopment: Legal Roots of Organizational Stagnation in the Middle East" (working title)
2. "The Political Legacies of Islam" (working title)

### **B. Essays** (with date of latest draft)

1. (with William H. Sandholm) "Cultural Integration and Its Discontents" (December 2005).
2. "Opportunistic Taxation in Middle Eastern History: Islamic Influences on the Evolution of Private Property Rights" (August 2002).
3. "Islamic Barriers to Ottoman Economic Modernization: The Case of Insurance Markets" (September 2004).
4. "The Logic of the Middle Eastern Capitulations" (November 2005).
5. "The Scale of Entrepreneurship in Middle Eastern History: Inhibitive Roles of Islamic Institutions" (August 2006).
6. "Explaining the Trajectories of Civilizations: Musings on the Systemic Approach" (February 2007).

### **SELECTED RESEARCH ACTIVITIES** (*reverse chronological order*)

15. Research fellow, Center for Interdisciplinary Research, University of Southern California: September 2002-August 2003.
14. Yolanda T. Moses Visiting Scholar, Colin Powell Center, City College and Graduate Center, City University of New York: April 30-May 5, 2002.
13. Core member, Social Change Project" organized jointly by the Mercatus Center, Washington University, and Stanford University, 2000-present.
12. Visiting fellow: Research School of Social Sciences, Australian National University: June-August, 1999.
11. Lecturer and research fellow: Center for Economic Studies, University of Munich: June 1997.

10. Research visitor, Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi: August 1992.
9. Research visitor, Charles University, Prague: December 1991.
8. Member, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton: September 1989-August 1990.
7. Participant, Liberty Fund Conference on "Liberty and Constitutionalism," Crystal City, Virginia: July 1989.
6. Participant and group coordinator, The Fundamentalism Project of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, funded by the MacArthur Foundation: April 1989-92.
5. Research visitor, Department of Law and Economics, University of Tunis: May 1983, May 1984, June 1986.
4. Research visitor, CORE, Catholic University of Louvain: May 1983.
3. Research assistant to Kenneth Arrow, Stanford University: 1979-1981. Served as rapporteur for Interdisciplinary Seminar in Decision Analysis.
2. Research assistant to Hollis Chenery, World Bank: June-December 1978.
1. Research assistant to Sherman Robinson and Kemal Derviş, Princeton University and World Bank: 1976-1977 and summer 1979.

#### **SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS, 1997-2006**

*(reverse chronological order; for 1982-96, please see personal web site)*

71. "Explaining the Trajectories of Civilizations: Musings on the Systemic Approach." Conference on the Economic Performance of Civilizations: Roles of Culture, Religion, and Law," USC Institute for Economic Research on Civilizations, Los Angeles, 21-24 February 2007.
70. "The Absence of the Corporation in Islamic Law." American Society for Legal History, Baltimore: November 16-18, 2006.
69. "The Scale of Entrepreneurship in Middle Eastern History: Inhibitive Roles of Islamic Institutions." Keynote address, European Association for Evolutionary Political Economy, Istanbul: November 2-4, 2006.
68. "The Scale of Entrepreneurship in Middle Eastern History: Inhibitive Roles of Islamic Institutions." Conference of the Ewing Marion Kaufmann Foundation on "History of Entrepreneurship," New York University: October 20-21, 2006.
67. "The Entrepreneurial Deficit of the Middle East: Historical Role of Islamic Law," Annual Fulvio Guerrini Lecture, Torino, Italy: October 12, 2006.
66. "The Absence of the Corporation in Islamic Law: Origins and Persistence," International Economic History Association Congress, Helsinki: August 22, 2006.
65. "Economic Underdevelopment of the Middle East: Institutional Causes," Plenary address, Metanexus Institute Conference on Continuity and Change: Perspectives on Science and Religion, Philadelphia: June 3, 2006.
64. "The Role of Religion in the Economic Development of the Middle East," Keynote lecture, Association for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Culture, Rochester,

NY: November 5, 2005.

63. "Institutional Causes of Economic Underdevelopment in the Middle East: A Historical Perspective," Distinguished Lecture, 14<sup>th</sup> World Congress of the International Economic Association, Marrakech, Morocco: August 30, 2005.
62. "Why the Middle East Became Underdeveloped," Plenary address, International Academy of Business, Stockholm: July 10, 2004.
61. "Islamic Barriers to Ottoman Economic Modernization: The Case of Insurance Markets": Orient Institute Conference on Islam and Modernity, Istanbul: July 1-3, 2004.
60. "Islam and Economic Development," Keynote address, Association of Social Economics, ASSA convention, San Diego: January 2-5, 2004.
59. "Why the Middle East Is Economically Underdeveloped: Historical Mechanisms of Institutional Stagnation," USAID Forum on the Role of Institutions in Promoting Economic Growth, Washington D.C.: June 24, 2003.
58. "The Logic of Financial Westernization in the Middle East," Conference on Economic Behavior and Organization in honor of Richard H. Day, USC Center for Law and Economics, Los Angeles: April 26-27, 2003.
57. "Cultural Integration and Its Discontents," Conference on the Evolution of Preferences," organized by the All-University of California Group in Economic History, Davis: April 4-5, 2003.
55. "Critique of the *Arab Development Report 2002*," Conference on Islam and Democracy, University of California, Irvine: March 8, 2002.
55. "The Economic Ascent of the Middle East's Religious Minorities: The Role of Islamic Legal Pluralism," Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Salt Lake City, Utah: October 31-November 3, 2002.
54. "Islamic Statecraft and the Middle East's Economic Underdevelopment," Liberty Fund Colloquium on Political Competition and Decentralization as Preconditions for Economic Freedom, Innovation, and Development, Heidelberg, Germany: September 19-22, 2002.
53. "Opportunistic Taxation in Middle Eastern History: Islamic Influences on the Evolution of Private Property Rights," Charles Issawi Memorial Session, American Economic Association, Atlanta: January 4-7, 2002.
52. "The Provision of Public Goods under Islamic Law: Origins, Impact, and Consequences of the Waqf System," American Economic Association, Atlanta: January 4-7, 2002.
51. "The Muslim Commercial Retreat: Causes, Consequences, Responses," American Economic Association, New Orleans: January 5-8, 2001.
50. "The Muslim Commercial Retreat: Causes, Consequences, Responses," Middle East Studies Association of North America, Orlando, November: 16-19, 2000.
49. "Islamic Redistribution through Zakat: Medieval Roots of Contemporary Shortcomings," Conference on Poverty and Charity in Middle Eastern Contexts," Ann Arbor, University of Michigan: May 4-7, 2000.

48. "The Muslim Commercial Retreat: Causes, Consequences, Responses," Middle East Economic Association, Boston: January 7, 2000.
47. "Availability Cascades and the Political Economy of Regulation," Society for the Advancement of Behavioral Economics, San Diego: June 13-14, 1999.
46. "The Social Consequences of Preference Falsification," Hans L. Zetterberg Lecture, City University, Stockholm: May 26, 1999.
45. "The Rise and Decline of Muslim Commerce," Conference on the Economy of Medieval Islam, Washington University, Seattle: April 30-May 1, 1999.
44. "Making Sense of the Ongoing Attempts to Give Middle Eastern Economies an Islamic Character," Western Academy of Management, 5<sup>th</sup> International Conference, Istanbul: June 29-July 2, 1998.
43. "The Economic Norms of Contemporary Islamism," Conference on the Evolution of Social Norms," Institute for Humane Studies, Fairfax, Virginia: May 4-5, 1998.
42. "The Economic Objectives of Islamism: Policy Implications," CIBER Conference on Culture and International Business," Chicago: February 27-28, 1998.
41. "The Genesis of Islamic Economics: A Chapter in the Politics of Muslim Identity," American Economic Association, Chicago: January 5-8, 1998.
40. "Ethnic Norms and Their Transformation through Reputational Cascades," American Economic Association, Chicago: January 5-8, 1998.
39. "From Melting Pot to Salad Bowl: Ethnic Activity and Socially Induced Ethnification," Conference on Social Meaning, Social Norms, and the Law," University of Chicago Law School, Chicago: April 19-20, 1997.
38. "From Melting Pot to Salad Bowl: Ethnic Activity and Socially Induced Ethnification," Conference on new developments in political economy, W. Allen Wallis Institute of Political Economy, University of Rochester: February 1997.
37. "The Origins of Islamic Economics," Colloquium on Islamic Economics: A Better Strategy for Development," Watson Institute, Brown University, Providence: March 18, 1997.
36. "Conference on Liberty, Corruption, and the Fall from Virtue," Liberty Fund, Charleston, South Carolina: February 27-March 2, 1997.