WORKSHOP ON MACRO-ECONOMICS

SEPTEMBER 18, 2015 FRIDAY
KOÇ UNIVERSITY, SADBÉRK KOÇ MEETING ROOM

PROGRAM

09:00 - 09:20 Welcome Coffee

09:20 - 09:30 Opening Comments

09:30 - 10:10 Rising Skill Premium?: The Roles of Capital-Skill Complementarity and Sectoral Shifts in a Two-Sector Economy
Munehiko Katayama, Kyoto University
Discussant: Ayse Kabukcuoglu, Koç University

10:10 - 10:50 The Role of Education Signaling in Explaining the Growth of College Wage Premium
Yu Zheng, City University of Hong Kong
Discussant: Semih Tumen, Central Bank of Turkey

10:50 - 11:10 Coffee Break

11:10 - 11:50 What Helps Forecast U.S. Inflation?—Mind the Gap!
Ayse Kabukcuoglu, Koç University
Discussant: Cem Cakmakli, Koç University

11:50 - 12:30 Time-Varying Wage Risk, Incomplete Markets, and Business Cycles
Shuhei Takahashi, Kyoto Institute of Economic Research, Kyoto University
Discussant: Ahmet Ali Taskan, Central Bank of Turkey

12:30 - 14:00 Lunch Break

14:00 - 14:40 Ambiguity and the Business Cycle
Sumru Altug, Koç University and CEPR
Discussant: Sang Seok Lee, Bilkent University

14:40 - 15:20 Deep Historical Roots of Macroeconomic Volatility
Charles Leung, City University of Hong Kong
Discussant: Inci Gumus, Sabanci University

15:20 - 15:40 Coffee Break

15:40 - 16:20 Sovereign Risk and Bank Lending: Evidence from 1999 Turkish Earthquake
Yusuf Soner Baskaya, Central Bank of Turkey
Discussant: Zimrut Imamoglu, TUSIAD

16:20 - 17:00 Modernization, Social Identity, and Ethnic Conflicts
Kazuhiro Yuki, Graduate School of Economics, Kyoto University
Discussant: Ibrahim Unalms, Central Bank of Turkey