



## CONFERENCE ON EDUCATION, HEALTH AND WORKER PRODUCTIVITY

October 16-17, 2015

Koç University, Sadberk Koç Meeting Room  
Sarıyer-İstanbul

# EDUCATION, HEALTH, AND WORKER PRODUCTIVITY

October 16, 2015 – 1<sup>st</sup> day

Koç University Sadberk Koç Meeting Room

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- 8:30–9:00 Welcome Coffee
- 9:00–9:15 Opening Remarks
- 9:15–10:15 **Gökçe Uysal**, Bahçeşehir University  
“Culture, Religiosity and Female Labor Supply,” with Duygu Güner (University of Leuven)  
**Discussant: Abdurrahman Aydemir**, Sabancı University
- 10:15–11:15 **Onur Altındağ**, Graduate Center, City University of New York  
“Son Preference, Fertility Decline and the Non-Missing Girls of Turkey”  
**Discussant: Resul Cesur**, University of Connecticut
- 11:15–11:30 Coffee Break
- 11:30–12:30 **Asena Caner**, TOBB University of Economics and Technology  
“Education and Views on Gender Roles: Evidence from a Natural Experiment in Turkey” with Çağla Ökten (Bilkent University)  
**Discussant: Sezgin Polat**, Galatasaray University
- 12:30–14:00 Lunch
- 14:00–15:00 **Pelin Akyol**, Bilkent University  
“Hit or Miss? Test Taking Behavior in Multiple Choice Exams,” with James Key (University of Western Australia) and Kala Krishna (Pennsylvania State University)  
**Discussant: Seda Ertaç**, Koç University
- 15:00–16:00 **Ozan Bakış**, Sabancı University  
“The Impact of a Minimum Wage Increase on Employment and School Enrollment: Evidence from Turkey” with Mehtap Hisarcıklılar (Staffordshire University) and Alpay Filiztekin (Sabancı University)  
**Discussant: Asena Caner**, TOBB University of Economics and Technology
- 16:00–16:15 Coffee Break
- 16:15–17:15 **Semih Tümen**, Central Bank of the Republic of Turkey  
“The effects of Compulsory Military Service Exemption on Education and Labor Market Outcomes: Evidence from a Natural Experiment”, with Huzeyfe Torun (Central Bank of the Republic of Turkey)  
**Discussant: Bilge Erten**, Northeastern University

# EDUCATION, WORKER PRODUCTIVITY, AND SOCIAL SECURITY

October 17, 2015 – 2<sup>nd</sup> day

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- 8:45–9:15 Welcome Coffee
- 9:15–10:15 **Meltem Dayıođlu Tayfur**, Middle East Technical University  
“The Effects of Compulsory Schooling Laws on Teenage Marriage and Births in Turkey,” with Murat Kırdar (Boğaziçi University and IZA) and İsmet Koç (Hacettepe University)  
**Discussant: Alper Dinçer**, OECD
- 10:15–11:15 **Ayça Akarçay-Gürbüz**, Galatasaray University  
“The Rocky Road to Post-Compulsory Education in Turkey: Intergenerational Educational Mobility,” with Sezgin Polat (Galatasaray University and GIAM)  
**Discussant: Meltem Dayıođlu Tayfur**, Middle East Technical University
- 11:15–11:30 Coffee Break
- 11:30–12:30 **Bilge Erten**, Northeastern University  
“An Early Assessment of Extension of Compulsory School Attendance in Turkey: Evidence from a Natural Experiment,” with Alper Dinçer (OECD)  
**Discussant: Huzeyfe Torun**, Central Bank of the Republic of Turkey
- 12:30–14:00 Lunch
- 14:00–15:00 **Burcu Düzgün**, Marmara University  
“Does Lower Socio-Economic Status Make You Sick? Two-Period Life Cycle Model and Evidence from Turkey”  
**Discussant: Onur Altındağ**, Graduate Center, City University of New York
- 15:00–15:15 Coffee Break
- 15:15–16:15 **Resul Cesur**, University of Connecticut  
“The Impact of Universal Primary Care Provision on Fertility and Mortality: Evidence from the Family Medicine Program”, with Pınar Mine Güneş (University of Alberta), Erdal Tekin (American University, IZA and NBER) and Aydođan Ülker (Deakin University)  
**Discussant: Bülent Anıl**, Bahçeşehir University
- 16:15 Adjourn