



## CONFERENCE ON HUMAN CAPITAL: ECONOMICS OF EDUCATION, HEALTH, AND WORKER PRODUCTIVITY

October 14, 2016

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- 8:30–8:45 Welcome Coffee
- 8:45–9:00 Opening Remarks
- 9:00–10:00 **Ipek Mumcu**, University of Essex  
“The Effect of School Starting Age and Readiness for School on Verbal Ability Acquisition and Socio-emotional Skill Development,” with Nazli Baydar (Koc University) and Thomas Crossley (University of Essex)  
**Discussant: TBD**
- 10:00–11:00 **Bulent Anil**, (Bahcesehir University)  
“Does Classroom Gender Composition Affect School Dropout?” with Tuba Toru Delibasi (Bahcesehir University) and Gokce Uysal (Bahcesehir University) **Discussant: TBD**
- 11:00–11:15 Coffee Break
- 11:15–12:15 **Semih Tumen**, TCMB  
“Do Vocational High School Graduates Have Better Employment Outcomes than General High School Graduates? Evidence from Turkey”, with Huzeyfe Torun (TCMB)  
**Discussant: TBD**
- 12:15–13:30 Lunch
- 13:30–14:30 **Aysit Tansel** , Middle East Technical University  
“Analyzing Wage Differentials by Field of Study: Evidence from Turkey” with Antonia Di Paolo (University of Barcelona)  
**Discussant: TBD**
- 14:30–15:30 **Pelin Akyol**, Bilkent University  
“Gender Differences in College Major Choice: Preferences versus Performance”, with Kala Krishman (Pennsylvania State University) and Sergey Lychagin (Pennsylvania State University)  
**Discussant: TBD**

- 15:30–15:45 Coffee Break
- 15:45–16:45 **Onur Altındağ**, Harvard University  
“Political Ramifications of Syrian Refugee influx: Evidence form a Natural Experiment in Turkey” with Neeraj Kaushal (Columbia University)  
**Discussant: TBD**

### October 15, 2016—2<sup>nd</sup> Day

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- 8:45–9:15 Welcome Coffee
- 9:15–10:15 **Bilge Erten**, Northeastern University  
“For Better or for Worse? Education and the Prevalence of Domestic Violence in Turkey” with Pinar Keskin (Wellesley College)  
**Discussant: TBD**
- 10:15–11:15 **Oguz Oztunali**, Bogazici University  
“Dynamics of Intergenerational Educational Mobility in Turkey,” with Orhan Torul (Bogazici University)  
**Discussant: TBD**
- 11:15–11:30 Coffee Break
- 11:30–12:30 **Sezgin Polat**, Galatasaray University  
“Some Economic Consequences of Higher Education Expansion in Turkey”  
**Discussant: TBD**
- 12:30–14:00 Lunch
- 14:00–15:00 **Erdal Tekin**, American University  
“Does Natural Gas Save Lives: Evidence from the Expansion of Natural Gas Networks,” with Resul Cesur (University of Connecticut)  
**Discussant: TBD**
- 15:00–15:15 Coffee Break
- 15:15–16:15 **Mevlude Akbulut-Yuksel**, Dalhousie University  
“The Impact Recent Investments on Transportation Infrastructure on Rural Development in Turkey” with Belgi Turan (Atilim University)  
**Discussant: TBD**
- 16:15 Adjourn