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EDUCATION

2017	Ph.D. Economics	University of Virginia, VA
2012	M.A. Economics	University of Virginia, VA
2010	B.A. Economics	Boğaziçi University, İstanbul
2010	B.A. Business Administration	Boğaziçi University, İstanbul

FIELDS OF INTERESTS

Applied Microeconomics, Labor, Development, Immigration, Education

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE & AFFILIATIONS

2026 – Present	Research Fellow, IZA Network at LISER
2025 – Present	Associate Professor, Koç University, Department of Economics
2017 – 2025	Assistant Professor, Koç University, Department of Economics

PUBLICATIONS

Articles in International Journals

- [1] Demirci, Murat, Andrew Foster, and Murat Guray Kirdar. (2024). “Child Growth and Refugee Status: Evidence from Syrian Migrants in Turkey.” *Journal of Demographic Economics*, 90, 486-520.
- [2] Demirci, Murat, and Meltem Poyraz. (2024). “Post-Compulsory Schooling of Youth in Turkey: A Case of Pro-cyclical Enrollment.” *International Journal of Manpower*, 45(7), 1450-1473.
- [3] Demirci, Murat. (2023). “Youth Responses to Political Populism: Education Abroad as a Step Toward Emigration.” *Journal of Comparative Economics*, 51(2), 653-673.
- [4] Demirci, Murat, and Murat Guray Kirdar. (2023). “The Labor Market Integration of Syrian Refugees in Turkey.” *World Development*, 162, 106138.
- [5] Araci, Dogu Tan, Murat Demirci, and Murat Guray Kirdar. (2022). “Development Level of Hosting Areas and the Impact of Refugees on Natives’ Labor Market Outcomes in Turkey.” *European Economic Review*, 145, 104132.
- [6] Demirci, Murat. (2020). “International Students and Labour Market Outcomes of US-born Workers.” *Canadian Journal of Economics*, 53(4), 1495-1522.
- [7] Demirci, Murat. (2019). “Transition of International Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Students to the U.S. Labor Market: The Role of U.S. Visa Policy.” *Economic Inquiry*, 57(3), 1367-1391.
- [8] Bound, John, Murat Demirci, Gaurav Khanna, and Sarah Turner. (2015). “Finishing Degrees and Finding Jobs: U.S. Higher Education and the Flow of Foreign IT Workers.” *Innovation Policy and the Economy*, 15(1), 27-52.

PUBLICATIONS (cont.)

Articles in National Journals

- [9] Demirci, Murat. (2022) “Reasons for the Decline in the Population of Turkish Republic Citizens Pursuing Doctoral Education Abroad.” *METU Studies in Development*, 49(2), 257-291.
- [10] Demirci, Murat, and Meltem Poyraz. (2021). “A Practitioner’s Guide to Handling Irregularities Resulting from the 2014 Revisions of the Turkish Household Labor Force Survey.” *Boğaziçi Journal, Review of Social, Economics and Administrative Studies*, 35(1), 1-25.
- [11] Demirci, Murat. (2020). “Education Abroad and Post-graduation Location Choices: An Inquiry on Turkish Republic Citizens studying in the United States of America.” *Journal of Higher Education and Science*, 10(3), 404-413.

Book Chapters

- [12] Demirci, Murat, and Meltem Poyraz. (2023). “Regional Unemployment Rates in Turkey during the 2004-2019 Period.” In *Scientific Perspectives of Economics and Finance* edited by Şahin Karabulut, Ekin Kitabevi, Ankara, 67-78.
- [13] Demirci, Murat, and Meltem Poyraz. (2021). “The Sensitivity of Empirical Applications to the 2014 Revisions to the Turkish Household Labor Force Survey.” In *Theoretical and Empirical Perspectives on Economic and Financial Issues* edited by Şahin Karabulut, Gazi Kitabevi, Ankara, 145-159.

WORKING PAPERS

“The Effects of High-Skill Immigration on Choice of College Major, Occupation, and Earnings”

“Intergenerational Effects of Compulsory Schooling Reform on Early Childhood Development in a Middle-Income Country” (joint with Yusuf Emre Akgündüz, Pelin Akyol, Abdurahman Aydemir, and Murat Guray Kirdar) (*revision requested*)

“Cash Transfers, Diet Quality, and Child Growth Among Refugee Children: Evidence from Turkey’s ESSN Program” (joint with Andrew Foster and Murat Guray Kirdar) (*revision requested*)

WORK IN PROGRESS (with tentative titles)

“Major Outcomes: Do Foreign Undergraduate Students Impact Major Choices at U.S. Colleges and Universities” (joint with Sarah Turner)

“Work Permit Policy and Foreign STEM Graduation in the U.S.: Evidence from Optional Practical Training Reforms” (joint with Yeşim Yurteri)

“Peer Effects of Dismissed German Scholars in Turkish Academia” (joint with Deniz Güzel)

“The Impact of International Students on Electoral Outcomes in the United States” (joint with Özlem Toplar)

PRESENTATIONS

2022-2025 period

Workshop on Migration, Fertility, and Social Norms at Sabancı University (İstanbul), Turkish-German Workshop on the Economics of Migration (İstanbul), 100th Annual Conference of Western Economic Association (virtual), 15th Migration and Development Conference (Lisbon),

34th European Conference of European Association of Labour Economists (Padua), 30th Meeting of the Economics of Education Association (Porto), 15th Winter Workshop in Economics at Koç University (Istanbul), 5th Meeting of Population Studies in Turkey (Ankara), Workshop on the Economics of Refugee Migration at Bogazici University (Istanbul), Conference on Migration and Well-Being at Turkish-German University (Istanbul), Conference on Integration of Syrian Refugees in Turkey (Ankara), Bilkent University (Ankara), Koç University (Istanbul), Sabancı University (Istanbul)

2018-2021 period

33th European Conference of European Association of Labour Economists (virtual), Western Economic Association Virtual International Conference (virtual), 72nd European Meetings of the Econometric Society (Manchester), 2nd Conference on Dynamic Structural Models (Copenhagen), 12th Migration and Development Conference (Madrid), 32nd Eurasia Business and Economic Society Conference (virtual), 9th International Summer School at MiReKoc (Istanbul), Workshop on Labor Markets, Education, and Child Labor (Ankara), Istanbul Technical University (Istanbul), Yıldız Technical University (Istanbul), Boğaziçi University (Istanbul)

Pre-doctoral period

Sabancı University (Istanbul), Koç University (Istanbul), TED University (Ankara), Bankard Applied Micro Workshop at University of Virginia (VA), AERA Fall Research Conference (Washington, D.C.), Brown Bag Seminar at University of Virginia (VA)

REFEREE

American Economic Journal: Economic Policy • Boğaziçi Journal • Canadian Journal of Economics • Economics of Education Review • Economic Inquiry • Education Economics • Education Finance and Policy • Educational Research International • European Economic Review • Globalisation, Societies and Education • Insight Turkey • International Migration • International Journal of Manpower • International Journal of Migration, Health and Social Care • Journal of Clinical Gynecology and Obstetrics • Journal of Development Economics • Journal of Human Resources • Journal of International Migration and Integration • Journal of Labor Research • Journal of Policy Analysis and Management • Journal of Public Economics • Labour Economics • Middle East Development Journal • Research Policy • SN Social Sciences • The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy • The Developing Economies

TEACHING

Econ 599, Impact Evaluation, Koç University
Econ 599, Economics of Migration, Koç University
Econ 511, Graduate-Level Econometrics I, Koç University
Econ 311, Introduction to Econometrics, Koç University
Econ 101, Principles of Microeconomics, Koç University
Econ 2010, Principles of Microeconomics, University of Virginia

AWARDS and GRANTS

Post-doctoral period

Sep 2025 - June 2029	Marie-Curie Doctoral Network (MITIME: Co-supervisor)
Nov 2025 - Nov 2026	TUBITAK 1001 Grant (Researcher)
March 2024	Promotion to Assoc. Prof. by Council of Higher Education
July 2022 - Dec 2024	TUBITAK Career Start Grant (Principal Investigator)

Pre-doctoral period

Aug 2015 - Aug 2016	UVA Bankard Pre-doctoral Fellowship
May 2014 - May 2015	NSF AERA Dissertation Fellowship
Aug 2010 - May 2014	UVA President's Fellowship

STUDENT ADVISING

Primary Advisor of Master's Thesis in Economics at Koç University

Student name, initial placement (if academic)

Mustafa Özer

Mehmet Zahid Bilgin, PhD in Economics at Ohio State University

Yeşim Yurteri, PhD in Economics at University of Rochester

Enver Ferit Akın, PhD in Economics at University of Warwick (co-advised with Emre Ekinci)

Özlem Toplar, PhD in Economics at University of Warwick

Deniz Güzel, PhD in Economics at Bonn Graduate School of Economics

Buse Tanca Koçyiğit, PhD in Economics at European University Institute

Burak Dalaman, PhD in Economics at Royal Holloway University of London

Committee Member

Student name (academic program)

Ayşe Çetinel (PhD in Operations Management at Koç Univ) • Süreyya Güder (MA in Economics at Boğaziçi Univ) • Özgün Evrim İnce (MA in Economics at Boğaziçi Univ) • Merve Betül Gökçe (PhD in Economics at Boğaziçi Univ) • Esra Öztürk (PhD in Economics at Koç Univ) • Onur Osmanoglu (PhD in Marketing at Koç Univ) • Mert Gümren (PhD in Economics at Koç Univ) • Gamze Zeki (MA in Economics at Boğaziçi Univ) • Doğu Tan Aracı (MA in Economics at Boğaziçi Univ)

TRAINING

Econometrics with STATA

(delivered to data analysts and consultants at private companies, including EY)

Impact Evaluation Methods

(delivered to senior public experts in Turkey at the Ministry of Labour and Social Security)

Impact and Integration of Refugees

(delivered to senior public experts in Turkey via ICMPD's ENHANCER Project)

SERVICE

Graduate Program Coordinator for Economics at Koç University

Committee member for scientific evaluation of ERC Starting Grants

Committee member for scientific evaluation of projects submitted to TUBITAK

Committee member for graduate school admissions to economics department at Koç University

Committee member for curriculum evaluation in economics at Koç University

Participant in the committee of labor economics for the 12th Development Plan of Turkey