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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)*

Gorter Family Professor of Economics, Political Science, and Islamic Studies, Duke University: 2007-present.
Visiting Professor of Law, Yale Law School: Spring 2020.
Professor of Economics and Law, and King Faisal Professor of Islamic Thought and Culture, University of Southern California: 2001-07.
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, Islam and the State: Political Economy of Governance in the Middle East, The Economic and Political Performance of Civilizations

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

Executive education: "Islam and the Global Economy" twice a year for Duke Corporate Education, Advanced Management Program, 2008-2015.

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), Iva Božović (2007), Hania Abou Al-Shamat (2008), Anantdeep Singh (2008), Roman Levkin (2016), Aslı Cansunar (2018), Noa Cnaan-On (2019), Dean Dulay (2020), Ündes Wen (2020), Pawel Charasz (2022), Harunobu Saijo (2023).

SELECTED UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Co-director, M.A. in Analytical Political Economy (MAPE) program (Duke): 2017–present.

Member, Faculty Appointments, Tenure, and Promotions Committee (Duke): 2026–present.

Member, Global Priorities Committee (Duke): 2011–14, 2024–present

Member, University Priorities Committee (Duke): 2022–2025.

Member, Distinguished Professors Committee (Duke): 2022–2025.

Member, China Faculty Council (Duke): 2011–14.

Associate Director, Duke Islamic Studies Center: 2007–10; Programming Director, 2010–11.

Chair / Member, Personnel Committee, School of Letters, Arts & Sciences (USC): 2005–06, 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): 1999–2001

Member, University Tenure and Promotions Committee (USC): 1995–98.

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

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

Director, Undergraduate Studies, Economics Department (USC): 1994–96

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

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS *(reverse chronological order)*

19. Institute for Humane Studies, "Fake Narratives": 2024.
18. Religious Freedom Institute, "Islamic Law and Ottoman Development": 2019–21.
17. Templeton Foundation (with Jared Rubin), "Economic Life in Late-Ottoman Istanbul": 2016–18.

16. Bradley Foundation and Berkley Center, Georgetown University, “Economic Freedom and Development in the Muslim World”: 2014-16.
15. Earhart Foundation, “Middle Eastern Credit Markets on the Eve of Legal Modernization”: 2012-13.
14. TEPAV, (Economic Policy Research Foundation of Turkey), “Social and Economic Life in Eighteenth-Century Istanbul”: 2011-12.
13. TEPAV (Economic Policy Research Foundation of Turkey), “Social and Economic Life in Seventeenth-Century Istanbul”: 2010-11.
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”: 2005-08.
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, USC, “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 Comparative Economic Studies, Association for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Culture, World Interdisciplinary Network for Institutional Research.

EDITORIAL DUTIES

1. *Journal of Comparative Economics*: Co-editor, 2017–present.
2. Cambridge University Press: Editor of “Cambridge Studies in Economics, Choice, and Society”: 2009–present (23 books published, 1 in press)
3. University of Michigan Press: Editor of book series “Economics, Cognition, and Society”: 1989–2006 (28 books published); Founding editor, 2006–08.
4. *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*: Acting editor, Feb. 1993–May 1993; Associate editor, 1989–2011; Managing editor, 1988–1989; Managing associate editor, 1984–87; Managing assistant editor, 1983–1984.
5. *Pakistan Journal of Applied Economics*: Associate editor, 1989–present.
6. *American Journal of Sociology*: Consulting editor, 1994–1996.
7. *Rationality and Society*: Member of Editorial Board, 1995–present.

8. *Independent Review*: *A Journal of Political Economy*: Contributing Editor, 1995–present.
9. *Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics*: Member of Advisory Board, 1998–2012.
10. *International Journal of Middle East Studies*: Associate Editor, 1999–2005.
11. *International Journal of Business, Management and Economics*, Member of Advisory Board, 2005–present.
12. *Middle East Quarterly*, Board of Editors: 2010–present.
13. *Ekonomi*, Scientific Board: 2011–present.
14. *Review of Behavioral Economics*: 2012–present.

OTHER ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Brown University, President's Advisory Council for the PPE Center: 2025-present.
Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression (FIRE), Advisory Council, 2022-present.
Academic Freedom Alliance, founding member, 2021-present.
Associate Scholar, Religious Freedom Institute, 2019-2023.
Research Associate, Koç University, 2016-2017.
Associate Scholar, Religious Freedom Project, Berkley Center for Religion, Peace and World Affairs, Georgetown University, 2014-2017.
Member, Turkish Academy of Science (Türkiye Bilim Akademisi): 2013-2018; honorary member, 2018-present.
Honorary President, World Interdisciplinary Network for Institutional Research, 2013-present.
Affiliated Professor, Stockholm University Institute for Turkish Studies, 2013-present.
Member, Advisory Council, Religion, Politics, and Globalization Program, University of California, Berkeley: 2012-present.
Member, World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council on the Arab World, 2011-12.
Director, Association for Analytic Learning on Islam and Muslim Societies (AALIMS), 2010-present.
Member, Executive Committee, Turkish Studies Association: 2009-12.
Member, Advisory Board, Centre for Islamic Studies, University of Melbourne: 2009-present.
Member, Executive Committee, International Economic Association, 2008-2014.
Director, Institute for Economic Research on Civilizations, USC: 2005-2008.
Member, American Economic Association Committee on Nominations: 2005-06.
Member, Advisory Board, Association for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Culture (ASREC): 2004-9.
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

6A. *Freedoms Delayed: Political Legacies of Islamic Law in the Middle East* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2023), xviii+430 pp.

6B. Turkish translation (by Mustafa Batman): *Ertelenen Özgürlükler: İslam Hukuku'nun Ortadoğu'daki Politik Mirası* (Istanbul: YKY, 2025), 559 pp.

6C. Persian translation (by Mohamad Amin Ameri): میراث سیاسی قوانین اسلامی در خاورمیانه: آزادی‌های به تعویق افتاده (Azadi-hā-ye be ta'vigh oftāde: Mirās-e sīyāsī-ye ghavānīn-e eslāmī dar Khāvarmiyāneh). (Tehran: Ketāb-e Pārseh, 2026).

5. (with Mehmet Akan) *Türkiye'de Postanın Mikrotarihi, 1920-2015 / Microhistory of the Turkish Posts, 1920-2015*, vol. 1: 1920-50 (Istanbul: İş Bankası Kültür Yayınları, 2019), xxi+791 pp.

4A. *The Long Divergence: How Islamic Law Held Back the Middle East* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2011), xvi+405 pp.

4B. Turkish translation (by Nurettin Elhüseyni): *Yollar Ayrılırken: Orta Doğu'nun Geri Kalma Sürecinde İslam Hukuku'nun Rolü* (Istanbul: YKY, 2012), 447 pp.

4C. Spanish translation (by M. Olalla Luque Colmenero and Ignacio Garrido Manrique): *La Larga Divergencia: La Influencia de la ley Isl<mica en el Atraso de Oriento Medio* (Granada: Editorial Universidad de Granada, 2017), 447 pp.

4D. Persian translation (by Seyedmehdi Mirhoseini): *Shekāfe Amiq dar Khāvare Miyāneh* (London: Mehri Publishers, 2019).

4E. Arabic translation (by Ahmet Reda) الانفصال المديد، كيف أخرت الشريعة الإسلامية الشرق الأوسط (New York: Ideas Beyond Borders, 2022).

3. (Ed.) *Mahkeme Kayıtları Işığında 17. Yüzyıl İstanbul'unda Sosyo-Ekonomik Yaşam / Social and Economic Life in Seventeenth-Century Istanbul: Glimpses from Court Records*, 10 vols. (Istanbul: İş Bankası Kültür Yayınları, 2010-13).

Vol. 1 (2010): *Esnaf ve Loncalar; Hıristiyan ve Yahudi Cemaat İşleri; Yabancılar / Guilds and Guildsmen; Communal Affairs of Christians and Jews; Foreigners*, 932 pp.
Vol. 2 (2010): *Ticari Ortaklıklar* / *Commercial Partnerships*, 659 pp.
Vols. 3 and 4 (2011): *Devlet-Toplum İlişkileri / State-Subject Relations,* 544 and 708 pp.
Vols. 5, 6, 7, 8 (2011-12): *Vakıflar / Waqfs*, 584, 650, 677, and 651 pp.
Vols. 9-10 (2013): *Kredi Piyasaları ve Faiz Uygulamaları / Credit Markets and Uses of Interest*, 529 and 497 pp.

2A. *Islam and Mammon: The Economic Predicaments of Islamism* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2004), xviii + 194 pp.

2B. Turkish translation: *İslâm'ın Ekonomik Yüzleri* (by Yasemin Tezgiden), with an original introduction (Istanbul: İletişim Yayınları, 2002), 303 pp.

2C. South Asian trade edition (New Delhi: Tulika Press, 2006), xviii+194 pp.

2D. Arabic translation: *Al Islam Wal Thara'al-Fahish: Ma'zaq Al Iqtisad al-Islami* (Amman: al-Ahliyya, 2012), 303 pp.

1A. *Private Truths, Public Lies: The Social Consequences of Preference Falsification* (Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 1995), xv + 423 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.

1C. Swedish translation (by Margareta Eklöf): *Privat Sanning, Offentlig Lögn* (Stockholm: City University Press, 1999), 424 pp.

1D. Turkish translation (by Alp Tümertekin), with an additional preface: *Yalanla Yaşamak: Tercih Çarpıtmasının Toplumsal Sonuçları* (Istanbul: YKY, 2001), 498 pp.

1E. Chinese translation, with several segments censored (by Ding Zhen Huan and Ou Yang Wu): *Pian Hao Wei Zhuang De She Hui Hou Guo* (Changchun: Changchun Publishing House, 2005), 287 pp.

1F. Persian translation (by Arash Beheshti): *Haqāyeqe Nahān, Dorugh-hāye Ayān: Payāmad-hāye Ejtemā'ye Tahrif-e Tarjih* (Tehran: Rowzaneh Publication, 2020).

1G. Russian translation (by Irina Soboleva), in press, 2025.

1H. Arabic translation (New York: Ideas Beyond Borders, in progress).

1I. French translation (Paris: Éditions Carmin, in progress).

B. Articles and Essays

79. (with Serkant Adıgüzel) “Keeping while Giving: The Perpetuation of Inequalities through the Private Islamic Waqfs.” *Journal of Economic History*, 86 (December 2026): in press.

78. (with Fasih Zulfiqar): “Uneven Modernization in the Muslim World.” *Annual Review of Economics*, 18 (2026): 505–533.

77. “Zakat: Islam’s Missed Opportunity to Limit Predatory Taxation.” *Public Choice*, 182 (March 2020): 395-416.

76. (with Diego Romero) “The Logic of Revolutions: Rational Choice Perspectives.” *Oxford Handbook of Public Choice*, vol. 2, ed. Roger D. Congleton, Bernard Grofman, and Stefan Voigt (New York: Oxford University Press 2019), pp. 345–62.

75A. “Islam and Economic Performance: Historical and Contemporary Links.” *Journal of Economic Literature*, 56 (December 2018): 1292–1359.

75B. Turkish translation (by Cemal Balcı): *İslam ve Ekonomik Azgelişmişlik: Tarihsel ve Çağdaş Bağlantılar* (Istanbul: Efil Yayınevi, 2019), 111 pp.

74. (with Jared Rubin) “The Financial Power of the Powerless: Socio-Economic Status and Interest Rates under Partial Rule of Law.” *Economic Journal*, 128 (March 2018): 758–96.

73. “Another Road to Serfdom: Cascading Intolerance,” in *Can It Happen Here? Authoritarianism in America*, ed. Cass R. Sunstein (New York: Dey Street Books, 2018), pp. 233–76.

72. “What Kills Inequality: Redistribution’s Violent History.” *Foreign Affairs*, 96 (September-October 2017): 151–58.

71. “Legal Roots of Authoritarian Rule in the Middle East: Civic Legacies of the Islamic Waqf.” *American Journal of Comparative Law*, 64 (Summer 2016): 419–54.

70. (with Murat Çokgezen) “Between Markets and Islamic Law: The Evolution of Islamic Credit Cards in Turkey.” *Journal of Comparative Economics*, 43 (2015): 862–83.

69. (with Anantdeep Singh) “Economic Modernization Late British India: Hindu-Muslim Differences.” *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, 61 (April 2013): 503–38.

68. “The Political Consequences of Islam’s Economic Legacy.” *Philosophy and Social Criticism*, 39 (2013): 345–405.

67. “Religious Obstacles to Democratization in the Middle East: Past and Present.” *The Wealth and Well-Being of Nations*, 5 (2013): 17–39.

66. (with Scott Lustig) “Judicial Biases in Ottoman Istanbul: Islamic Justice and Its Compatibility with Modern Economic Life.” *Journal of Law and Economics*, 55 (October 2012): 631–66.

65A. “The Economic Roots of Political Underdevelopment in the Middle East: A Historical Perspective.” *Southern Economic Journal*, 78 (2012): 1086–95.
65B: Turkish translation, *Journal of Economics and Political Economy*, 1 (2014): 68–76.

64. “Political Consequences of the Middle East’s Economic Legacy.” In *Institutions and Patterns of Economic Development: Proceedings of the Sixteenth World Congress of the International Economic Association*, vol. 1, ed. Masahoki Aoki, Timur Kuran, and Gérard Roland (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2012), pp. 99-115.

63. “West is Best? Why Civilizations Rise and Fall.” *Foreign Affairs*, 90 (January-February 2011): 159-63.

62. “Economic Development in the Middle East: The Historical Roles of Culture, Institutions, and Religion,” in *Culture and Development*, ed. Jean-Philippe Platteau (New York: Routledge, 2010), pp. 87-102.

61. “The Rule of Law in Islamic Thought and Practice: A Historical Perspective,” in *Global Perspectives on the Rule of Law*, ed. James J. Heckman, Robert L. Nelson, and Lee Cabatingan (New York: Routledge, 2010), pp. 71-89.

60. “The Scale of Entrepreneurship in Middle Eastern History: Inhibitive Roles of Islamic Institutions,” in *Entrepreneurs and Entrepreneurship in Economic History*, ed. William J. Baumol, David S. Landes, and Joel Mokyr (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2010), pp. 62-87.

59. “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, 2010), pp. 473-94.

58A. “Explaining the Economic Trajectories of Civilizations: The Systemic Approach.” *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, 71 (2009): 593-605.
58B. Chinese translation, *Comparative Institutional Analysis* (2012): 82-106.

57. (with William H. Sandholm) “Cultural Integration and Its Discontents.” *Review of Economic Studies*, 75 (2008): 201-228.

56. “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, 2008), pp. 64-76.

55. (with Edward McCaffery) “Sex Differences in the Acceptability of Discrimination.” *Political Research Quarterly*, 61 (2008): 228-238.

54. "Alle radici del deficit di imprenditorialità in Medio Oriente." *Biblioteca della libertà,* 42 (March 2007): 11-36.

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.

49A. "Why the Middle East Is Economically Underdeveloped: Historical Mechanisms of Institutional Stagnation." *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 18 (Summer 2004): 71-90.

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.

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.

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.

49E. Reprint in *The Development Economics Reader*, ed. Giorgio Secondi (London: Routledge, 2008):107-25.

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.

47A. "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.

47B. Chinese translation:"Jing Ji Fa Zhan De Wen hua Zhang Ai: Jing Chang Bei Kua Da, Tong Chang Shi Duan Zan De." *Kai Fang Shi Dai* (*Open Times*), 184 (April 2007): 72-88.

46A. "The Islamic Commercial Crisis: Institutional Roots of Economic Underdevelopment in the Middle East." *Journal of Economic History*, 63 (June 2003): 414-46.

46B. Reprint in *Historical Methods in the Social Sciences*, vol. 4, ed. John Hall and Joseph Bryant (New York: Sage, 2005), pp. 45-82.

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 online: 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.

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.

42B. Turkish translation: "Osmanlı Lonca Teşkilâtı Üzerinde İslâmî Etkiler," in Güler Eren (ed.), *Osmanlı,* vol. 3 (Ankara: Yeni Türkiye Yayınları, 2000), pp. 97-112.

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.

40A. (With Cass R. Sunstein), "Availability Cascades and Risk Regulation," *Stanford Law Review*, 51 (April 1999): 683-768.

40B. Abridged version in Cass R. Sunstein, *Risk and Reason: Safety, Law, and the Environment* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2002), pp. 78-98.

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.

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.

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.

33B. Italian translation (by Anna Caffarena): "La dottrina economica dell'Islam: Una visione alternativa," *Biblioteca della Libertà*, 139 (March-April 1997): 35-67.

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.

33D. Updated version: in Sohrab Behdad and Farhad Nomani (eds.), *Islam and the Everyday World: Public Policy Dilemmas* (New York: Routledge, 2008): 38-65.

32A. "The genesis of Islamic economics: A chapter in the politics of Muslim identity," *Social Research*, 64 (Summer 1997): 301-338.

32B. Turkish translation (by Yasemin Tezgiden): "İslâm ekonomisinin doğuşu: Yaralı Müslüman kimliğini tedavi girişimi," in T. Kuran, *İslâm=ın Ekonomik Yüzleri* (Istanbul: İletişim, 2002): 147-79.

32C. Reprint in *Islam and Globalization,* vol. 4, ed. Shahram Akbarzadeh (New York: Routledge, 2006): 116-142.

31A. "Islam and Underdevelopment: An Old Puzzle Revisited," *Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics*, 153 (March 1997): 41-71.
31B. Persian translation (by Yadullah Dadgar): *Naqd va Nazar*, 3 (Winter 1997): 310-353.
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.
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.

30. "Islamic economics and the clash of civilizations," *Middle Eastern Lectures*, 2 (1997): 25-38.

29A. "The discontents of Islamic economic morality," *American Economic Review*, 86 (May 1996): 438-442.

28A. "Islamic economics and the Islamic subeconomy," *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 9 (Fall 1995): 155-73.
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.
28C. Turkish translation (by Yasemin Tezgiden): "İslâm ekonomisi ve İslâmî alt-ekonomi," in Timur Kuran, *İslâm=ın Ekonomik Yüzleri* (Istanbul: İletişim, 2002): 73-100.
28D. Reprint in *Economics and Religion*, vol. 2, ed. Paul Oslington (Cheltenham, U.K.: Edward J. Elgar, 2003): 277-95.
28E. Reprint in *Islam and Globalization,* vol. 4, ed. Shahram Akbarzadeh (New York: Routledge, 2006): 11-31.
28F. Reprint in *Islamic Finance,* ed. M. Kabir Hassan and Mervyn K. Lewis (Cheltenham, U.K.: Edward J. Elgar, 2007): 141-159 .
28G: Russian translation (by Alina Raskov): "Islamskaia ekonomicheskaia mysl' i Islamskaia ekonomika," in *Hristianstvo i Islam ob Ekonomike*, ed. Danila Raskov (St. Petersburg: NPK Rost, 2008): 279-304.

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.

24A. "Seeds of racial explosion,'' *Society*, 30 (September/October 1993): 55-67.
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119. "The Islamic Waqf: Economic and Political Legacies in the Middle East." Pavel Malyi Lecture, University of Chicago Law School, 8 April 2025.
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117. "Keeping while Giving: The Perpetuation of Inequalities through Private Islamic Waqfs": ASREC Annual Conference, Anaheim: 1 March 2024.
116. "Freedoms Delayed: Political Legacies of Islamic Law in the Middle East." American Economic Association, San Antonio, 5 January 2025.
115. "The Absence of a Liberal Branch of Islam: Causes and Prospects": Menard Family Initiative lecture, University of Wisconsin, La Crosse, 20 April 2023.
114. "The Islamic Waqf: Instrument of Personal Security, Temporal and Posthumous": Demir Demirgil Seminar, Boğaziçi University, 23 May 2022.
113. "Institutions: Definitions, Origins, Measurement." Princeton University conference on "Inside the Black Box: Institutional Failure and Resilience across Borders," 5-7 May 2022.
112. (with Serkant Adıgüzel) "The Islamic Waqf: Instrument of Personal Security, Worldly and Otherworldly": AALIMS-Princeton Conference, 8-9 April 2022.
111. (with Serkant Adıgüzel) "The Islamic Waqf: Instrument of Personal Security, Worldly and Otherworldly": American Economic Association Annual Conference, online, 3-5 January 2021.

110. (with Jared Rubin): "The Transition to Impersonal Exchange: Distance and Institutions in Ottoman Istanbul." American Political Association Annual Conference, online, 9-12 September 2020.
109. "Uncovering Links between Islam and Economic Performance: Uses of Court Records." Keynote lecture, Center for Economic Policy Workshop on the Economics of Religion, Venice, Italy, June 10-11, 2019.
108. "The Unintended Economic Consequences of Religion." Janus Forum Lecture, Brown University, March 14, 2019.
107. (with Aslı Cansunar) "Economic Harbingers of Political Modernization: Evolving Anatomy of Power in Ottoman Istanbul, 1600-1839." ASREC 18th Annual Conference, Boston, March 1-2, 2019.
106. (with Aslı Cansunar) "Economic Harbingers of Political Modernization: Evolving Anatomy of Power in Ottoman Istanbul, 1600-1839." AALIMS-NYUAD Conference on the Political Economy of the Muslim World, February 16-17, 2019.
105. (with Aslı Cansunar) "Economic Harbingers of Political Modernization: Evolving Anatomy of Power in Ottoman Istanbul, 1600-1839." World Justice Project workshop on "The Rule of Law: Subnational, Supranational, and Empirical." Duke University, October 26-27, 2018.
104. (with Aslı Cansunar) "Economic Harbingers of Political Modernization: Evolving Anatomy of Power in Ottoman Istanbul, 1600-1839." American Political Science Association annual conference. Boston, August 30-September 2, 2018.
103. (with Aslı Cansunar) "Economic Harbingers of Political Modernization: Evolving Anatomy of Power in Ottoman Istanbul, 1600-1839." XVIII World Economic History Congress. Boston, August 30-September 2, 2018.
102. "Clashes with and within Islam: Roles of Intolerant Communities". Yan P. Lin Centre Annual Lecture, McGill University, 29 March 2018. Video.
101. "Intolerant Communities and Democratic Erosion." Keynote speech, 2nd International Conference on the Political Economy of Democracy and Dictatorship, University of Münster, March 15-17, 2018.
100. "Clashes with and within Islam: Roles of Intolerant Communities". Mont Pelerin Society conference on "Populist Threats to the Free Society and the Reconstruction of the Liberal Project." Stockholm, 2-4 November 2017. Video.
99. "State Religion, Religious Freedom, Institutions and Economic Growth: A Global Perspective"." Panel discussion member, International Economic Association Roundtable on the Economics of Religion, St. Catherine's College, Cambridge University, Cambridge, July 10-11, 2017.
98. "Financial Underdevelopment and Inequalities in the Middle East: Historical Legacies." Keynote address, at IBEI Conference on "Development in the Face of Global Inequalities," Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona, May 11-13, 2017.
97. Debate on "What Killed Middle East Liberalism?" Dartmouth University, January 11, 2017. Video.
96. "Trust, Cooperation, and Development: Historical Roots." 27th International Academic Conference on Economic and Social Development, National Research University Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Keynote lecture, April 19-22, 2016.
95. "Low Interpersonal Trust in the Middle East: Historical Causes." Baylor Forum on Middle Eastern Trade and Development, Baylor University, March 16, 2016.
94. "The Financial Power of the Powerless: Interest Rates and Socio-Economic Status under Partial Rule of Law." AALIMS Conference at University of Oxford, Department of International Development, May 15-16, 2015.
93. "The Financial Power of the Powerless: Interest Rates and Socio-Economic Status under Partial Rule of Law." Rule of Law Research Consortium, University of Chicago Law School: October 31-November 1, 2014.
92. "Institutional Roots of Authoritarian Rule in the Middle East: Effects of the Islamic Waqf." World Interdisciplinary Network for Institutional Research (WINIR) Conference, Greenwich, U.K.: September 11-13, 2014.
91. "Measuring the Rule of Law: Lessons from Credit Markets, Past and Present." International Society for the New Institutional Economics Annual Conference, Duke University, June 19-21, 2014.
90. "The Rule of Law in the Middle East: Legacies of Islamic Institutions." Keynote address, International Law and Economics Conference, Bilkent University, Ankara, April 25-26, 2014.
89. "Institutional Roots of Authoritarianism in the Middle East: Civic Legacies of the Waqf." Conference on "Sharia, Government, and Development," Brown University, April 4-5, 2014.
88. "Institutional Roots of Authoritarianism in the Middle East." Annual Merih Celasun Memorial Lecture, TOBB University, Ankara, May 27, 2013.

87. “Institutional Roots of Authoritarianism in the Middle East: Political Legacies of the Waqf.” Conference on “New Perspectives in Ottoman Economic History, Yale University, November 9, 2012.
86. “Religious Obstacles to Democratization in the Middle East.” June and Edgar Martin Memorial Lecture, Beloit College, October 26, 2012.
85. “Religious Obstacles to Democratization in the Middle East.” Conference on “The Promises of Democracy in Troubled Times,” Istanbul Seminars at Bilgi University, May 19, 2012.
84. “Religious Obstacles to Democratization in the Middle East: Past and Present.” Keynote address, 2012 Cline Symposium, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, April 9, 2012.
83. “The Economic Roots of Political Underdevelopment in the Middle East: A Historical Perspective.” Southern Economic Association keynote lecture, Washington, D.C., November 20, 2011.
82. “Economic Interventionism in the Middle East.” Mont Pelerin Society Conference, Istanbul, October 1, 2011.
81. “Political Consequences of the Middle East’s Economic Legacy.” International Economic Association World Congress, Beijing: July 6, 2011.
80. “The Transition to Corporate Life in Late British India: Hindu-Muslim Differences”. Conference titled “Before and Beyond Europe: Economic Change in Historical Perspective,” Yale University: April 25-26, 2011.
79. “Institutional Roots of Economic Underdevelopment in the Middle East.” Keynote address, Middle East Economic Association meetings, June 24, 2010.
78. “Islam and Underdevelopment: Legal Roots of Organizational Stagnation in the Middle East.” Richard Fink Lecture, James Madison University: April 8, 2010.
77. “Islam and the Rule of Law.” Workshop on the Rule of Law, Yale University: April 24-25, 2009.
76. “The Rule of Law in Islamic Thought and Practice.” Keynote address, International Society for Social Justice Research, Adelaide, Australia: August 14, 2008.
75. “The Rule of Law in Islamic Thought and Practice: A Historical Perspective.” World Justice Forum, Vienna: July 3, 2008.
74. “Economic Underdevelopment in the Middle East: Historical Roles of Culture, Institutions, and Religion.” 5th annual conference of the French Development Agency and the European Development Research Network (AFD-EUDN), Paris: December 5, 2007.
73. “Economic Underdevelopment in the Middle East: The Historical Role of Islamic Law.” Moorhouse Fund Lecture, Wake Forest University: November 27, 2007.
72. “The Scale of Entrepreneurship in Middle Eastern History: Inhibitive Roles of Islamic Institutions.” GEHN conference on Law and Economic Development, Utrecht, the Netherlands: September 20-22, 2007.
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, 14th World Congress of the International Economic Association, Marrakech, Morocco: August 30, 2005.