

## TOLGA KOKER

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### ADDRESS

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### EDUCATION

Harvard University, Post-Doctoral Fellow at CMES, 2005-2006  
University of Southern California, Ph. D. in Economics (Political Economy), 2004  
University of Southern California, M.A. in Economics (Political Economy), 1995  
University of Pittsburgh, M.A. in International Political Economy, 1992  
METU (Turkey), B. A. (with Honors) in International Relations, 1989

### EMPLOYMENT (reverse chronological order)

Senior Lecturer of Economics, Yale University, July 2009 on  
Lecturer of Economics, Yale University, 2006-2009  
Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics, Hamilton College, 2004-2006  
Visiting Instructor of Economics, Hamilton College, 2001-2004  
Visiting Instructor of Economics, Binghamton University-SUNY, 2000-2001  
Instructor of Economics, University of Southern California, Summer 1997

### TEACHING

#### Yale University:

*Quantitative Foundations of Microeconomics* (SET: **Perfect** 5/5)  
(Intermediate Microeconomics for special students)  
*Introduction to Economic Analysis II: Macroeconomics* (SET: 4.60/5)  
(Intermediate Macroeconomics)  
*Introduction to Economic Analysis I: Microeconomics* (SET: 4.72/5)  
(Intermediate Microeconomics)  
*Seminar on Teaching Economics*  
(Training Program for New Teaching Assistants)

#### Hamilton College:

*Principles of Macroeconomics* (SET: 5.92/6)  
*Microeconomic Theory* (SET: 5.66/6)  
*International Trade* (SET: **Perfect** 6/6)  
*Theories of Political Economy* (SET: 5.31/6)

#### Binghamton University:

*Intermediate Microeconomics* (SET: 3.92/4)  
*International Trade* (SET: 3.75/4)

#### University of Southern California:

*Economic Theories, Ideologies and Policies* (SET: **Perfect** 5/5)  
TA and Head TA for *Principles of Microeconomics* (SET: **Multiple Perfect** 5/5)

## **WORKING PAPERS**

“Choice Under Pressure: A Dual Preference Model and Its Application”  
(with Carlos Yordan) “Microfoundations of Terrorism” (Under review)  
“The Establishment of Kemalist Secularism in Turkey: Exit, Sincere Voice and Self-Subversion” (Under Review)  
(with Carlos Yordan) “Democracy or Civil War?  
Understanding Iraq’s Future Using Arrow’s Impossibility Theorem”  
“The Triumph of the Secular Public Sphere in Turkey”  
“The Economics of Bilingualism in Canada”  
“Everybody Is Above Average: Grade Inflation and Its Unintended Consequences”

## **BOOK MANUSCRIPT:**

“The Political Economy of Islamism and Secularism in Turkey” (Working Title)

## **PUBLICATIONS (Reverse Chronological Order)**

### **ARTICLES:**

“Microfinancing Terrorism,” (with Carlos Yordan) in Michaelene Cox (ed.) *State of Corruption, State of Chaos: The Terror of Political Malfeasance* (New York: Lexington Books, 2008)

Lessons in Refugeehood: The Experience of Forced Migrants in Turkey"  
(with the collaboration of Leyla Keskiner) in Renee Hirschon (ed.)  
*Crossing the Aegean: Assessing the Consequences of the 1923 Exchange of Populations  
Between Greece and Turkey* (Oxford, UK: Berghahn Press, 2003), pp. 193-208.

Turkish Translation (Istanbul: Bilgi University Press, 2005)

“Turkish Involvement in Iraq: A Harbinger of Peace or More Conflict,”  
*Boston Globe*, 11 October 2004 (Online Edition)  
Also at [CollegeNews.Org](http://CollegeNews.Org) (10 October 2004)

### **BOOK REVIEWS:**

Sumru Altug and Alpay Filiztekin (eds.), *The Turkish Economy:  
The Real Economy, Corporate Governance and Reform* (London: Routledge, 2006). Pp 308.  
*International Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*, 40:4 (November 2008)

Olivier Roy, *Globalized Islam: The Search for a New Ummah*  
(New York: Columbia University Press, 2004). Pp 320.  
*Harvard Middle Eastern and Islamic Review* 7 (2006)

Feroz Ahmad, *Turkey: the Quest for Identity* (Oxford, UK: Oneworld, 2003). Pp 222.  
*CESR Review* (Fall 2006)

Yale Navaro-Yashin, *Faces of the State: Secularism and Public Life in Turkey*  
(Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2002). Pp 247.  
*New Perspectives on Turkey* 27:1 (Fall 2002)

Nicole and Hugh Pope, *Turkey Unveiled: A History of Modern Turkey*  
(Woodstock, New York: Overlook Press, 1998). Pp. 373.  
*The Turkish Studies Association Bulletin*, 23:2 (Fall 1999)

#### TEXTBOOK REVIEWS:

William J. Baumol and Alan S. Blinder, *Microeconomics: Principles and Policy*, 10<sup>th</sup> ed. (New York: Thomson and South-Western Publishers, 2005).

Reviewed at the request of the Publisher

William J. Baumol and Alan S. Blinder, *Macroeconomics: Principles and Policy*, 10<sup>th</sup> ed. (New York: Thomson and South-Western Publishers, 2005).

Reviewed at the request of the Publisher

David C. Colander, *Economics*, 6<sup>th</sup> ed.

(New York: McGraw Hill/Irwin, 2006).

Reviewed at the request of the Publisher

Beth V. Yarbrough and Robert M. Yarbrough, *World Economy: International Trade*, 7<sup>th</sup> ed.

(New York: Harcourt College Publishers, 2006).

Reviewed at the request of the Publisher

Beth V. Yarbrough and Robert M. Yarbrough, *World Economy: Open-Economy Macroeconomics and Finance*, 7<sup>th</sup> ed. (New York: Harcourt College Publishers, 2006).

Reviewed at the request of the Publisher

#### STUDY GUIDES:

*Xtra! Online Study Guide*. Written for William J. Baumol and Alan S. Blinder, *Microeconomics: Principles and Policy*, 10<sup>th</sup> ed. at the request of the Publisher in 2005

*Xtra! Online Study Guide*. Written for William J. Baumol and Alan S. Blinder, *Macroeconomics: Principles and Policy*, 10<sup>th</sup> ed. at the request of the Publisher in 2005

#### **SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (Reverse Chronological Order)**

“The Polarization of Turkish Public Opinion: Islamists vs. Secularists”

Cornell University, forthcoming in 2009

“Caught In-between: Islamists, Secularists and Turkish Public Opinion”

MESA Annual Meetings, 2008

“The Establishment of Turkish Secularism: Exit, Sincere Voice and Self Subversion”

Princeton University, 2008

“The Economic of Language in Canada: From Bilingualism to Dual-Lingualism”

CEA Annual Meeting, 2007

“Choice Under Pressure”

CMES, Yale University, 2006

“The Triumph of the Secular Public Sphere in Turkey”

CMES, Harvard University, 2006

(with Carlos Yordan) “Microfinancing Terrorism”

ISA Convention, 2006

(with Carlos Yordan) “Microfoundations of Terrorism”

ISA Convention, 2005

(with Carlos Yordan) "The Reconstruction of Iraq"  
ISA Convention, 2005

(with Carlos Yordan) "US Foreign Policy Dilemma in Iraq:  
Establishing Democracy vs. Looking for a "Friendly" Dictator"  
Hamilton College, 2004

"The JDP, Secularism and the Turkish Public Opinion"  
MESAC, University of Utah, 2004

"The Sabbataens in Turkey"  
ASN, Columbia University, 2004

"Hegemonic Culture Wars: Islamist and Secularist Attempts to Control the Public Sphere in the Middle East"  
ISA Convention, 2004

"Creating a Secular Public Sphere in the Early Turkish Republic, 1922-1937"  
CESS Convention, Harvard University, 2003

"Divided Public Discourse on Islamism, Secularism and Democracy in Turkey"  
ASN, Columbia University, 2003

"A Secular Response to Islamism: Pro-secular Preference Falsification"  
APSA Convention, 2000

"The Establishment of Kemalist Secularism"  
MESA Convention, 1999

"The Uneasy Co-Existence of Islam and Modernity in Turkey"  
University of Southern California, 1999

"Responses to the Collusion of Islam and Modernity in Turkey: Exit, Voice, Loyalty and Preference Falsification"  
MESA Convention, 1998

(with Leyla Keskiner) "Lessons of Being Refugees: The Tale of Muhacirs in Turkey"  
Oxford University, United Kingdom, 1998

(with Leyla Keskiner) "Creating the Other for Nation-Building" (with Leyla Keskiner)  
Oxford University, United Kingdom, 1998

"An Economic Approach to Islam and Modernity in Turkey"  
MEHTC, University of Chicago, 1998

"The Political Economy of Islam and Secularism in Turkey"  
University of Southern California, 1998

"Reconstructing the Public Sphere in the Making of Modern Turkey: 1876-1938"  
Panel organized for CESS Convention, Harvard University, 2003

"Reconstruction in Turkey, 1920-1940"  
Panel organized for MESA Convention, 1999

## **WORKSHOPS**

“Middle East Politics”  
Cornell University, forthcoming in 2009

“Politics of Contemporary Middle East”  
Princeton University, 2008

“Development and Governance in MENA Countries”  
World Bank-Yale Workshop, 2008

“Politics of Contemporary Middle East”  
Yale University, 2007

## **PROFESSIONAL TALKS**

Commentator on Refugee Problems in the Balkans  
BBC World Service and BBC Turkish Service, 1999

“The Islamist Terror in the World”  
Hamilton College, 2001

“On Economic Implications of a War with Iraq”  
Utica Public Library, 2002

“The US Economy and the Iraqi War”  
Hamilton College, 2003

Guest Speaker on “The G-8 Summit of 2004” to Hello Washington  
Voice of America (Turkish Broadcasting), 2004

“The Turkish Economy and Society”  
Seminars for High Schools Teachers  
CMES, Yale University, 2007

## **REFEREE & REVIEWER**

Yale University Press  
Routledge Academic Press  
*Advances in the Economic Analysis of Participatory and Labor Managed Firms*

## **AWARDS & HONORS**

Member, Council on Middle Eastern Studies, Yale University, 2006 on  
Special Award for Outstanding Teaching, University of Southern California, 2000  
Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, University of Southern California, 1997-1998  
Teaching Assistantship, University of Southern California, Fall 1996  
Research Assistantship, University of Southern California, Spring 1996  
Distinction - Qualifying Exam, University of Southern California, 1995  
M. A. Honors, University of Pittsburgh, 1992  
Second in Full Scholarship Exam, Ministry of Education, Turkey, 1989  
First in Full Graduate Scholarship Exam, Bilkent University, Turkey, 1989

First in Research Assistantship Exam, Social Science Institute, Turkey, 1989  
B. A. Honors, Middle East Technical University, 1989  
Among the First 250 out of 500.000 (0.05%) Students in General University Entrance Exam  
(Equivalent to SAT), Turkey, 1984

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Economic Association  
American Political Science Association  
Middle East Studies Association of North America

### **REFERENCES (Available Upon Request)**

Morton O. Shapiro, President, Williams College, E-mail: Morton.Owen.Shapiro@williams.edu  
Benjamin Polak, Economics Department, Yale University, E-mail: benjamin.polak@yale.edu  
Erol Balkan, Economics Department, Hamilton College, E-mail: ebalkan@hamilton.edu  
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