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**PERSONAL**

DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH: July 26, 1980 / Istanbul  
NATIONALITY: Turkish  
MARITAL STATUS: Married

**EDUCATION**

**1998 September – 2002 June**, B.Sc. in Economics, [Department of Economics](#) (C.GPA: 3.71/4.00, First-Class Honours Degree at Faculty), [Yıldız Technical University](#), Istanbul, Turkey

**2002 September – 2003 June**, School of Foreign Languages, [Department of Basic English](#), [Middle East Technical University \(METU\)](#), Ankara, Turkey

**2003 September – 2012 September 14th**, Ph.D. on B.S in Economics, [Department of Economics](#), [Middle East Technical University \(METU\)](#), Ankara, Turkey

**Title of Doctoral Thesis:**

*Technology Spillovers and Transfer through MNCs: A Case Study on Turkish Automotive Industry*  
(Received the 2012 METU Thesis of the Year Award by METU Prof. Dr. Mustafa N. Parlar Education and Research Foundation)

**Thesis Committee Members & References:**

Assoc. Prof. Dr. M. Teoman Pamukçu (supervisor) (METU), Prof. Dr. Erol Taymaz (METU), Prof. Dr. Ahmet Haşim Köse (Ankara Un.), Prof. Dr. Erkan Erdil (METU), Assist. Prof. Dr. İ. Semih Akçomak (METU)

**FIELDS OF INTEREST**

Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Econometrics, Game Theory, Knowledge and Technology Transfer, Economies of Technology and Innovation, R&D, FDI, Technology (productivity) Spillovers, Production Networks, Global Value Chains, MNCs, Globalization, Global Automotive Industry

## AWARDS AND GRANTS

**2013**, Granted a 3rd award and a prize of TL 5,000 by the Central Bank of the Republic of Turkey (CBRT), *The Fourth Contest for Academic Studies organized by the CBRT* – (first award was not granted by CBRT in 2013) (committee members; Doç. Dr. Mehmet Yörükoğlu, Prof. Dr. Alpay Filiztekin, Doç. Dr. Ahmet Faruk Aysan, Doç. Dr. Abdurrahman Aydemir, Dr. Mustafa Kılınc, Dr. Yusuf Soner Başkaya)

**2012**, *METU Thesis of the Year Award*, PhD-Thesis, [METU Prof. Dr. Mustafa N. Parlar Education and Research Foundation](#), Ankara

**2011**, Faculty Development Program-METU, *Long-Term Abroad Fellowship (12 months) for Doctorate Research*, Cornell University, New York, USA (Jan 2011 – Jan 2012)

**2002**, State Planning Organization of Turkey (DPT), Faculty Development Programme-FDP (ÖYP), Department of Economics at METU, *Joined the program conducted with the cooperation of State Planning Organization (DPT) and METU*, (2002 August – 2013 February)

**2002**, Graduated with the First-Class Honours Degree (GAP 3,71/4) in [the Faculty of Economic and Administrative Sciences, Yıldız Technical University](#), Istanbul, Turkey (top 4<sup>th</sup> degree at Yıldız Technical University in 2002)

**2002**, Graduated with the First-Class Honours Degree (GPA 3,71/4) in [the Department of Economics at Yıldız Technical University](#), Istanbul, Turkey

## PROFESSIONAL WORKING AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**2013 February– Present**: *Ph.D.*, Lecturer, [Department of Economics, Selçuk University](#), Konya, Turkey

**2002 August – 2013 February**: *Teaching & Research Assistant*, [Department of Economics, Middle East Technical University \(METU\)](#), Ankara, Turkey

**2002 – 2012**: *Student Academic Advisor*, [Department of Economics, Middle East Technical University \(METU\)](#), Ankara, Turkey

**2011 January – 2012 January**: *Visiting Fellow*, [Applied Economics and Management \(AEM\), Non-Faculty Academic Position, Cornell University](#), New York, USA

**2007 Spring** – *Instructor*: Principles of Economics (ECON 210), [Department of Economics, METU](#), Ankara, Turkey

**2002 August – 2013 February**: Faculty Development Programme-FDP (ÖYP), Department of Economics at METU, *Joined the program conducted with the cooperation of State Planning Organization (DPT) and METU*

## PUBLICATIONS

### International Books

*Multinational Companies, Knowledge and Technology Transfer: Turkey's Automotive Industry in Focus*, (2013), *Contributions to Management Science Series*, DOI: [10.1007/978-3-319-02033-4](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-02033-4), ISBN 978-3-319-02032-7, Springer, New York, USA, pp. 371

### Contributions in International Books

#### Book Chapters

“**Technology Transfer in the Global Automotive Value Chain: Lessons from the Turkish Automotive Industry**” (2012), in: D. B. Audretsch, E. E. Lehmann, A. N. Link and A. Starnecker (Eds.), *Technology Transfer in a Global Economy*, International Studies in Entrepreneurship, Vol.28, ISBN 978-1-4614-6101-2, Springer US, New York (with M. Teoman Pamukçu), pp. 303-334

“**Foreign Direct Investment and Technology Spillovers in the Turkish Manufacturing Industry**”, (2012), in: I. H. Yetkiner, E. Erdil and M. T. Pamukçu (Eds.), *Industrial Dynamics, Innovation Policy, and Economic Growth through Technological Advancements*, ISBN13:9781466619784, USA: IGI Global, (with M. Teoman Pamukçu), pp. 30-51

#### Articles in the International Referee Journals

“*Firm Entry, Survival, and Exit*”, *Academic Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies*, Special Issue, E-ISSN 2281-4612, ISSN 2281-3993, Doi:10.5901/ajis.2013.v2n9p160, Vol. 2, No. 9, October 2013, MCSER publishing, Rome, ITALY, pp.160-167, (2013)

#### International Conference Presentations and Proceedings

Full paper presented at and published in the proceedings of a refereed conference regularly held by an international organization

“*Firm Entry, Survival, and Exit*”, 3<sup>o</sup> International Conference on Human and Social Sciences, ICHSS 2013, Book of Proceedings, Vol. 1, ISBN 978-88-34681-67-1, MCSER Publishing, September 20–22, Rome, ITALY, (2013)

“*Technology Transfer in the Global Automotive Value Chain. The Case of Turkish Automotive Industry*”, paper presented to the [Technology Transfer in a Global Economy, Technology Transfer Society \(T2S\) Meetings](#), September 21-23, University of Augsburg, Bavaria, GERMANY, (2011), (with M. Teoman Pamukçu).

“*Foreign Direct Investment and Productivity Spillovers in the Turkish Manufacturing Industry: An Econometric Analysis with Enterprise-Level Data for the Period 2003-2006*”, [4th International Conference on Industrial Dynamics, Innovation Policy and Growth](#), May 21-22, Izmir, TURKEY, (2010), (with M. Teoman Pamukçu)

Abstract of a paper presented at and published in the proceedings of a refereed conference regularly held by an international organization

*“Channels of Technology Transfer at Intra-Firm Level in Turkish Automotive Industry”*, Conference of the International Journal of Arts & Sciences, Volume 6, Number 1, ISSN: 1943-6114, 29 October – 1 November 2012, Rome, ITALY

*“Horizontal Spillovers from FDI: The Case of Turkish Manufacturing Industry”*, Conference of the International Journal of Arts & Sciences, Volume 2, Number 4, ISSN 1943-6114, June 8-11, 2010, Aix-En-Provence, FRANCE

*“Foreign Direct Investment and Productivity Spillovers in the Turkish Manufacturing Industry: An Econometric Analysis with Enterprise-Level Data for the Period 2003-2006”*, 4th International Conference on Industrial Dynamics, Innovation Policy and Growth, May 21-22, 2010, Izmir, TURKEY (with M. Teoman Pamukçu)

## **Professional and other Research Activities**

### **Research Project Reports**

2011, *“Analysis of Knowledge and Technology Transfer by Multinational Companies to Local Suppliers in the Turkish Automotive Industry”*, [project \(109K587\)](#) funded by TÜBİTAK (The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey), (in Turkish), (with M. Teoman Pamukçu), pp. 141

### **Working Papers**

“Technology Transfer in the Global Automotive Value Chain: Lessons from Turkish Automotive Industry”, **Science and Technology Policies Research Center (TEKPOL)**, [Working Paper Series, WP 11/09, 2011](#) (with M. Teoman Pamukçu), pp. 53

“Foreign Direct Investment and Technology Spillovers in the Turkish Manufacturing Industry”, **Science and Technology Policies Research Center (TEKPOL)** [Working Paper Series, WP 11/03, 2011](#) (with M. Teoman Pamukçu), pp.33

### **Lectures, Seminars and Participation to Workshops**

Seminar on the theme *“Impact of Foreign Direct Investment on the Technological Change Process in the Turkish Manufacturing Industry; A Panel Data Analysis for the Period 2003-2006”*, Econometric Research Association, May 27, 2010, Ankara, TURKEY (with M. Teoman Pamukçu)

(Presentation and Participation to Workshops), *“FDI-Related Knowledge Spillovers and Enterprise Productivity in Emerging Countries; Testing the Impact of Intra- versus Inter-Industry Spillovers in the Turkish Manufacturing Industry”*, paper presented to the Competition and Innovation Summer School (CISS) at the International Academy Marmaris (IAM), organized jointly by COST (European Cooperation in Science and Technology), KUL (Catholic University of Leuven), STRIKE (Science and Technology Research in a Knowledge-based Economy), ZEW (Centre for European Economic Research), May 17-21, 2010, Turunç/Marmaris, TURKEY

## **Research Experience**

**January 2010 - December 2010:** “Analysis of Knowledge and Technology Transfer by Multinational Companies to Local Suppliers in the Turkish Automotive Industry”, [project \(109K587\)](#) funded by TÜBİTAK (The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey), Researcher

## **Courses Assisted in the Department of Economics, METU\***

ECON 101 (Introduction to Economics I)  
ECON 102 (Introduction to Economics II)  
ECON 105 (Introduction to Research Methods I)  
ECON 106 (Introduction to Research Methods I)  
ECON 210 (Principles of Economics)  
ECON 211 (Principles of Economics I)  
ECON 212 (Principles of Economics II)  
ECON 401 (Practical Training in Economics I)  
ECON 402 (Practical Training in Economics II)

\* Shows the courses assisted more than one semester in METU over the period of 2003-2012

## **Academic Student Advisor in Economics, METU\***

2004-Spring (#39), 2004-Fall (#36); 3<sup>rd</sup> class (juniors)  
2005-Spring (#35), 2005-Fall (#33); 4<sup>rd</sup> class (seniors)  
2007-Spring (#28); 4<sup>th</sup> class (seniors)  
2008-Spring (#57), 2008-Fall (#56); 1<sup>st</sup> class (freshman)  
2009-Spring (#40), 2009-Fall (#45); 2<sup>nd</sup> class (sophomores)  
2010-Spring (#37); 3<sup>rd</sup> class (juniors)  
2011-Fall (#35); 3<sup>rd</sup> class (juniors)

\* The numbers in the brackets are the total student numbers

## **Courses Given as a Lecturer at Selcuk University**

| <u>Academic Year</u> | <u>Course Name</u>  |
|----------------------|---|
| 2013-2014 Fall       | Introduction to Economics-I (English)   |
| 2013-2014 Fall       | Genel Ekonomi (General Economics / Turkish)   |
| 2013-2014 Fall       | İktisada Giriş (Introduction to Economics/Turkish)                                    |
| 2013-2014 Fall       | İktisada Giriş I (Introduction to Economics-1 / Turkish)                              |
| 2013-2014 Fall       | Mikro İktisat (Microeconomics / Turkish)  |
| 2013-2014 Fall       | Lisans Bitirme Projesi-I (Project or Thesis Supervisor for 20 undergraduate students) |

**Computer Skills:** Stata, EViews, SPSS, LaTeX, MS Office Applications

### **Linguistic Skills**

Turkish: Native

English: Advanced (KPDS: 92, ÜDS: 87,5)

**References:** Available upon request