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### Executive Summary:

Dr. Soytaş' research covers topics in labor economics, family economics, income inequality, intergenerational mobility, firm sustainability and strategic behavior and political economy of energy markets. His work has been published in the Quantitative Economics, Energy Economics, International Journal of Production Economics and Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis Review, among others. He worked as a consultant for the World Bank and Energy Exchange Istanbul and worked at the King Abdullah Petroleum Studies and Research Center (KAPSARC). Taught courses on microeconomics, econometrics, statistics, and labor economics; supervised Ph.D. dissertations and presented at major economic conferences. He has also been a visiting scholar at Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, Washington University in St. Louis, Central Bank of the Republic of Turkey, University of Pittsburgh and Australian National University.

### Education:

- Ph.D. Economics [University of Pittsburgh, USA, 2011]
- M.A. Economics [Marmara University, Turkey, 2005]
- B.S. Civil Engineering [Bogazici University, Turkey, 2001]

## Distinguished Projects

- *Project title* "The role of dynamic strategies in firms' sustainability decisions: Estimation and Identification of Corporate Sustainability Interactions" funding by IRC-FDE, Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, Role: *PI*.
- *Project title* "Mobility in the Saudi Labor Market" funding by IRC-FDE, Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, Role: *PI*.
- *Project title* "Income Taxation and Intergenerational Mobility" funding by *DSR KFUPM*, Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, Role: *PI*.
- *Project title* "Time investment to the children: A possible explanation for the gender gap in the labor market, policy recommendations" funding by *The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey*, Istanbul, Turkey, Role: *PI*.
- *Project title* "A new estimation technique for sovereign default risk" *The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey*, Istanbul, Turkey, Role: *Co-PI*.
- *Project title* "Sustainability in business: Constructing a merged dataset and economic theory-based approach for modelling" *The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey*, Istanbul, Turkey, Role: *Co-PI*.

## Research Summary

- Number of Published Papers: 24
- Citations : 280
- H-Index : 8
- Number of Patents : -
- Book Chapters: 3
- Article Reviewed (Elsevier, Springer, MDPI): >30

## Award and Recognitions

- Research Fellow, Economic Research Forum (ERF), Aug 2020 -
- Research Fellow, Global Labor Organization (GLO), Oct 2017 –
- Research Associate, Center for Economics and Econometrics (CEE), Feb 2019 –
- Independent External Expert EU COST Open Call
- Full tuition scholarship and stipend from University of Pittsburgh

## Skills and Expertise

- Labor Economics, Applied Econometrics;
- Discrete Choice Modelling, Dynamic Optimization, Mathematical Economics;
- Microeconomics, Industrial Organization;
- Firm Sustainability, Strategic Behavior, Corporate Sustainability, Sustainable Development;
- Political Economy of Energy Markets.