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### Conference Notes

**E**conanadolu 2015 was held in Eskişehir, Turkey on 10-12 June 2015. This 4th Anadolu International Conference of Economics was organized by Anadolu University Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences and the Department of Economics. The aim of the conference was to facilitate cooperation and exchange of ideas among the scholars all over the world. All empirical and theoretical studies were welcomed in the field of economics. Therefore, a wide range of topics such as growth & development, monetary policy, income distribution, international trade, technology and selected topics in economics were covered during the conference. Papers written in English and Turkish were presented. The conference was sponsored both financially and academically from some important institutions.

After the opening ceremony on Wednesday morning, key note speakers made their presentations before the panel sessions of the first day. Beside parallel sessions, there were the best paper session and invited lectures. Şevket Pamuk (Boğaziçi University), one of the invited speakers, presented his work about the comparative analysis of economic growth and human development in Turkey for 200 years. He explained the performance of Turkey both in GDP percapita and the components of human development. So, the trend of the country based on the so indicators was successfully shown. Another invited lecture was given by three journalists (Erkan Şahinöz from "Dünya", Erdal Sağlam from "Hürriyet", and Ali Ağaoğlu from "Vatan") in order to analyze the economic outlook of Turkey and the World in the light of interest rate hike of the Federal Reserve. This lecture gave the opportunity to discuss the current and possible future economic conditions comparatively.

Under the session of selected topics in Economics, our paper was presented on the last day of the conference. I was one of the co-authors of the paper written by Bülent Doğru and Özlem Sekmen. The paper entitled "The share of wealth on consumption: The case of Turkey" was presented by Özlem Sekmen. Another invited lecture was given by Hakan Kara from the Central Bank of the Republic of Turkey (CBRT). Mr. Kara gave a presentation titled "Monetary Policy in Turkey: Inside the Black Box". After giving essential information about the evolution of Turkish Monetary Policy in brief, the emphasis was given to the unconventional policy tools and mainly to the transmission mechanism.

The conference also gives all the presenters (after refereeing process) to submit their work after completing the revision of their papers. The journals listed on the

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conference web site for the publication opportunity are: İktisat, İşletme ve Finans; International Economic Review; Anadolu University Journal of Social Sciences, and World Journal of Applied Sciences. These journals are all indexed journals.

It was a good opportunity for young scholars in order to meet with the distinguished professors and specialists from the sector, the Treasury and the Central Bank. A special thanks should also be given to the stream convenors. Most of them criticized the papers positively and shed light on the missing points. Their contributions can be accepted as informative and instructive. The feed backs from the convenors and audiences were all valuable and helpful fort here searchers.

As a result, the conference brought interested scholars from national and international society all together. It was a good opportunity for all researchers in order to present their work and get some important feedback from the participants. In this manner, the conference was evaluated as achieving its stated goals.



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