

Curriculum Vitae
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EDUCATION

Ph.D in Economics, New York University, NY. January 2003.

Thesis Title: Essays on Asset Poverty and Savings of Entrepreneurs.

Master of Arts in Economics, New York University, NY. September 2000.

Master of Arts in Economics (Minor in Statistics), North Carolina State University (NCSU). Summer 1996.

Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering, Middle East Technical University (METU), Ankara, Turkey. June 1992.

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Applied Microeconomics (Development, Health, and Labor Economics), Applied Microeconometrics.

RESEARCH

Refereed Publications

Ünay Tamgaç Tezcan, Asena Caner, “Do Relative Concerns Matter? Testing Consumption Categories”, Journal of Economic Issues, in press.

Alpaslan Akay, Asena Caner, “Relative Income Concerns and Smoking Behaviour: The Role of Unobserved Heterogeneity”, PLOS One.
<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0295333>

Merve Derebasoglu, Çağla Ökten, Asena Caner, “Attainment and Gender Equality in Higher Education: Evidence from a Large-Scale Expansion”, Journal of Human Capital, DOI: 10.1086/729097, in press.

Asena Caner, Belgi Turan, Mehmet Y. Gürdal, Sibel Güven, “Perceptions of plain packaging and health warnings among university students in Turkey: A survey-based experiment”, *BMC Public Health* (2023), volume 23, article number: 779.
<https://bmcpublihealth.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s12889-023-15637-4>

Asena Caner, Hilal Özcebe. “Water pipe smoking among public versus private university students in Ankara, Turkey: an online survey”, *BMC Public Health* (2022) 22 (1), 1-9
<https://bmcpublihealth.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s12889-022-13616-9>

Asena Caner, Peder J. Pedersen. “Does income distribution among immigrants adapt to host country? Immigrants from Turkey in Germany and Denmark”, *Journal of Income Distribution* (2020), Volume 29, Numbers 1-2: March-June 2020.
<https://jid.journals.yorku.ca/index.php/jid/article/view/40415>

Asena Caner, Yenal Can Yiğit. “Relative Deprivation and its Association with Health Indicators: Lower Inequality May Not Improve Health”, *Social Science & Medicine - Population Health*, Volume 7, April 2019, 100381.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssmph.2019.100381>

Ozan Ekşi, Asena Caner, Ünay Tamgaç. “Relative Deprivation and Life Satisfaction among Europeans: Keeping Up with Others”, *Boğaziçi Journal: Review of Social, Economic and Administrative Studies*, Vol. 32, no. 2 (2018), pp. 19-46
DOI: 10.21773/boun.32.2.2 http://www.bujournal.boun.edu.tr/_uploads/32_2_2.pdf

Asena Caner, Seyit M. Cilasan. “Healthcare Services and the Elderly: Utilization and Satisfaction in the Aftermath of the Turkish Health Transformation Program”, *Gerontology and Geriatric Medicine*, <https://doi.org/10.1177/2333721418822868>.

Caner Asena, Karaoğlan Deniz, Yaşar Gülbiye. Utilization of health-care services by young children: The aftermath of the Turkish Health Transformation Program. *The International Journal of Health Planning and Management*. 2018; 33: 596–613.
DOI: 10.1002/hpm.2504

Caner, Asena and Peder J. Pedersen, “Does Poverty among Immigrants Adapt to Country of Residence?” *International Migration*, <http://dx.doi.org/10.1111/imig.12522>.

Asena Caner, Deniz Karaoğlan, Gülbiye Yaşar. “Utilization of health-care services by young children: The aftermath of the Turkish Health Transformation Program”, *International Journal of Health Planning and Management*, 33 (3), July/September, 596-613, 2018.

Asena Caner, Cahit Güven, Çağla Ökten, and Seyhun Orcan Sakallı “Gender Roles and the Education Gender Gap in Turkey”, *Social Indicators Research*, 129 (3), 1231-1254, 2016.

Asena Caner, "Happiness and Life Satisfaction in Turkey in Recent Years", *Social Indicators Research*, 127 (1), 361-399, 2016.

Asena Caner “Happiness, Comparison Effects, and Expectations in Turkey”, *Journal of Happiness Studies*, 16 (5), 1323-1345, 2015.

Asena Caner and Çağla Ökten, “Higher education in Turkey: Subsidizing the rich or the poor?” *Economics of Education Review*, 35, 75–92, August 2013.

S. Arslanhan, Asena Caner, K. Helvacıoğlu, I. Sağlam and T. Teksoz, "An Economic Analysis of Tobacco Control Policies", *Health Policy*, 106 (2), 149-160, July 2012.

Seher Nur Sülkü and Asena Caner, "Health Care Expenditures and Gross Domestic Product: the Turkish Case", *European Journal of Health Economics*, 12, 29-38, 2011.

Asena Caner and Çağla Ökten “Risk and Career Choice: Evidence from Turkey”, *Economics of Education Review*, vol 29, number 6, 1060-1075, 2010.

Philip Arestis ve Asena Caner, "Capital Account Liberalization and Poverty: How Close is the Link?", *Cambridge Journal of Economics*, vol 34, number 2, March 2010, 295-323.

Philip Arestis ve Asena Caner, “Financial Liberalization and the Geography of Poverty”, *Cambridge Journal of Regions, Economy and Society*, vol 2, number 2, 229-44, July 2009.

Asena Caner, “Finansal Serbestleşme ve Yoksulluk İlişkisi Üzerine”, *İktisat, İşletme ve Finans*, Yıl: 22, Sayı: 254, ss. 5-17, Mayıs 2007.

Eric Parrado, Asena Caner and Edward N. Wolff, “Occupational and Industrial Mobility in the United States, 1969-1993,” *Labour Economics*, Vol.14, issue: 3, pp. 435-455, June 2007.

Edward N. Wolff, Ajit Zacharias and Asena Caner, “Household Wealth, Public Consumption and Economic Well-Being in the United States,” *Cambridge Journal of Economics*, Special Issue on Economics for the Future: Vol. 29, No. 6, pp. 1073-1090, November 2005.

Asena Caner and Edward N. Wolff “Asset Poverty in the United States: 1984-1999, Evidence from the PSID”, *The Review of Income and Wealth*, Vol. 50, No. 4, pp. 493-518, December 2004.

Ongoing work

Berna Tarı Kasnakoğlu and Asena Caner “Symbolic Self Completion as a Mediator between Nicotine Dependence and Quit Intention: Evidence from a Nationally Representative Survey”, submitted manuscript.

Yenal Can Yigit, Belgi Turan, Asena Caner, "Risk Perceptions, COVID-19 and Smoking", submitted manuscript.

Other Publications

- **Policy Papers/Notes/Briefs**

Tepav-HE Policy Newsletters: TEPAV Monitoring Newsletters on Tobacco Control Policies, September 2022.

<https://www.tepav-he.org/en/article/tepav-monitoring-newsletter-on-tobacco-control-policies-september-2022-17>

Tepav-HE Policy Notes: “Why study Turkey’s tobacco control policies?”,

“Who Smokes? A Worldwide Perspective”,

“How is The Tobacco Industry Changing?”,

“Demand dynamics: tobacco use patterns and behavior”,

“How effective are plain packaging and health warnings in reducing smoking intentions of Turkish university students?”,

“Tobacco Taxation Policies and Affordability in Turkey”,

“What a name suggests: tobacco products”

<https://www.tepav-he.org/en/publications/policy-notes/>

“The Economics of Curbing Smoking in Turkey: A Scoping Review - Supply, Demand, Health, and Public Policy Aspects” September 2020. TEPAV Tobacco Control Policy Research Team. <https://www.tepav-he.org/en/publications/reports/>

“Tobacco Taxation Policies and Affordability in Turkey” Evaluation Note. July 2020.

TEPAV Tobacco Control Policy Research Team.

<https://www.tepav.org.tr/upload/files/1596687223->

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Asena Caner. “21. Yüzyılda İnsani Gelişmede Eşitsizlikler: İnsani Gelişme Raporu’nun Düşündürdükleri”. *İktisat ve Toplum*, Ocak 2020, Sayı 111, 129-40.

<https://iktisatvetoplum.com/21-yuzyilda-insani-gelismede-esitsizlikler-insani-gelisme-raporunun-dusundurdukleri-asena-caner/>

- **Book Chapters**

Caner, Asena, "Yoksulluk ve Gelir Dağılımı", *Türkiye Ekonomisi Yeni Yapı (2000-2008)*, editör: Nazende Özkaramete Coşkun, Bölüm 12, 289-314, İmaj Yayınevi, Ankara, 2009. ISBN: 978-975-8752-77-5.

“The Persistence of Asset Poverty in the United States, 1984-2001”, with Edward N. Wolff, Chapter 3 (pp.51-80) in Marie V. Lane ed. *Trends in Poverty and Welfare Alleviation Issues*, Nova Science, 2006.

“Financial Liberalization and Poverty: Channels of Influence,” with Philip Arestis, Chapter 3 in Philip Arestis and Malcolm Sawyer eds. *International Papers in Political Economy, Volume No.1: Financial Liberalization: Beyond Orthodox Concerns*, Autumn 2005, Palgrave MacMillan.

- **Journals**

“Introduction to the Special Issue on Assets and Poverty,” *Journal of Income Distribution*, Vol. 13, Issue 3-4: Fall 2004-Winter 2005.

“Asset Poverty in the United States: 1984-1999, Evidence from the PSID”, with Edward N. Wolff, *Challenge*, Vol.47, No.1, January-February 2004. (Cited by the *Scientific American*, in its April 2003 issue.)

WORK EXPERIENCE

Dean of the School of Economics and Administrative Sciences, TOBB-University of Economics and Technology (TOBB-ETU), February 2020-April 2024.

Visiting researcher at Aarhus University, Denmark. 2017-2018 Academic year.

Full Professor, TOBB-University of Economics and Technology (TOBB-ETU), Ankara, September 2015-. Teaching Development Economics, Microeconometrics, Intermediate Microeconomics.

Associate Professor, TOBB-University of Economics and Technology (TOBB-ETU), Ankara, September 2009-. Teaching Microeconomic Theory, Statistics, Development Economics, Graduate level Statistics.

Administrative duties at TOBB-ETU: Vice Dean of the School of Economic and Administrative Sciences, September 2012-September 2016. Chair of the Dept. of Economics, September 2009-2012. Vice-Chair, August 2008-September 2009. Chair, September 2007-August 2008. Vice-Chair, September 2006-September 2007. University Senate Member, September 2010- September 2016. Member of the Governing Council of the Faculty, September 2009- September 2016.

Assistant Professor, TOBB-University of Economics and Technology, Ankara, August 2005- September 2009. Teaching Principles of Economics I and II, Statistics, Labor Economics.

Consultant to the World Bank, 2006. Higher Education and the Labor Market in Turkey.

Research Scholar at Levy Economics Institute of Bard College, September 2002-October 2004: Contributing to an ongoing research project on the measurement of well-being. Performing statistical matching to merge large datasets. Collaborating with others to produce research on wealth, poverty, labor markets, mobility and financial liberalization.

Research Assistant to Prof. Edward Wolff, September 2001-May 2002: Investigating asset poverty in the United States using household survey data.

Summer Intern, International Monetary Fund, Washington D.C., Summer 2001: Application of microsimulation on poverty and income distribution analysis in Uganda.

Departmental Tutor, NYU, September.2000-May 2001.

Instructor (Principles of Microeconomics), NYU, Summer 2000.

Teaching Assistant, NYU, September 1999-May 2000.

Computer Lab Teaching Assistant, NCSU, August 1995-May 1996.

Physics Lab Teaching Assistant, NCSU, August 1994-May 1995. Recipient of “Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant” Award.

Junior Expert, State Planning Organization of Turkey, January 1993-July 1994.

PROJECT RELATED EXPERIENCE

Analysis of Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS) Users: A Discrete Choice Experiment in Türkiye (Aim: Gaining insight into the attitudes and preferences of adult smokers in Turkey using an online discrete choice experiment (“DCE”) to better understand the factors that drive quitting and switching. September 2023-November 2024, supported by the Global Action to End Smoking.)

Economics of Curbing Smoking in Turkey: A New Agenda, Team Leader, January 2021-December 2022. TEPAV. (Supported by the Foundation for a Smoke-Free World.)

The Economics of Curbing Smoking in Turkey: A Scoping Review - Supply, Demand, Health, and Public Policy Aspects, Team Leader, January-September 2020. TEPAV. (Supported by the Foundation for a Smoke-Free World.)

Investigating the Causality between Education and Happiness in Turkey, Principal Investigator, September 2014-September 2015 (funded by the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBİTAK-1001), 41.880 TL)

An Analysis of the Effects of Comparison Groups and Relative Deprivation on Happiness and Economic Growth, Principal Investigator, March 2012-September 2013 (funded by the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBİTAK-1001), 79.920 TL)

Development of Models to Analyze and Evaluate Fiscal Policies, Researcher, Feb 2008-Feb 2010 (funded by the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBİTAK-1107), 1 million TL).

Financial Liberalization and Poverty, Principal Investigator, Oct 2007- Aug 2008 (funded by the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBİTAK-1002))

Higher Education and the Labor Market in Turkey, Dünya Bankası (The World Bank) - TEPAV, 2006, (Researcher-Consultant)

HONORS AND AWARDS

MacCracken Fellowship, New York University: Covered full tuition for three years plus two years of teaching assistantship

Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant at NCSU

Honor Student at METU

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

30th Annual Conference of the Economic Research Forum, 21-23 April 2024, in Rabat, Morocco. Moderator and Chair of Plenary Session 4, AI & Future of Work. Keynote speaker: Daron Acemoglu, Lead commentators: Ragui Assaad, Najjat El Mekkaoui, Djavad Salehi-Isfahani.

Economic Research Forum (ERF) Advisory Committee Member, 2019-2024.

Economic Research Forum (ERF) Research Fellow, 2019-.

25th Annual Conference of the Economic Research Forum, 10-12 March 2019, in Kuwait City, Kuwait. Presentation: “Determinants of Antidepressant Use in Turkey” (paper joint with Murat Çokgezen and Hakan Yetkiner)

24th Annual Conference of the Economic Research Forum, 8-10 July 2018, in Cairo, Egypt. Presentation: “Utilization of health-care services by young children: The aftermath of the Turkish Health Transformation” (paper joint with Deniz Karaođlan and Gülbiye Yaşar)

ERF Conference on Education, Health and Worker Productivity, October 16-17, 2015, Koc University-ERF-TUSIAD, İstanbul. Presentation: “Can Education Change Attitudes on Gender Roles?” (paper joint with C. Okten)

The 29th Annual Conference of the European Society for Population Economics (ESPE), June 17-20, 2015, İzmir University of Economics, Turkey. Presentation: “Is Education Good for Happiness? Evidence from a Natural Experiment in Turkey”

National Workshop on Economics of Education, Center for Economics and Econometrics, June 27, 2014, Bogazici University, İstanbul. Presentation: “The Causal Effects of Education on Happiness in Turkey”.

Bilkent University Annual Summer Workshop in Economics Theme: Empirical Applications in Labor and Public Economics, June 16-17, 2014. Presentation: “The Causal

Effects of Education on Happiness in Turkey”. Discussant on the presentation titled “Domestic Road Infrastructure and International Trade: Evidence from Turkey” by Banu Demir.

“Poverty Workshop” organized by TurkStat, panelist in the “Measurement of Monetary Poverty” panel, November 4-5, 2013, Antalya.

The 27th Annual Conference of the European Society for Population Economics (ESPE), June 12-15, 2013, Aarhus University, Denmark. Presentation: “Girls, Gender Views and the Gender Gap in Education” (joint with C. Okten, C.Guven, S.O. Sakalli)

TÜBİTAK panel, 29/11/2012, '2012-2-İŞGÜCÜ PANELİ'

The 32nd IARIW (International Association for Research in Income and Wealth) General Conference in Boston, August 5-12, 2012. Presentation: “At Home and Abroad – Does Income Distribution among Immigrants Adapt to Country of Residence?” (joint with Peder Pedersen)

TÜBİTAK panel, 18/06/2012, '2012-1-İKTİSAT 2' paneli

TÜBİTAK panel, 09/12/2011, '2011-2-İKTİSAT 2 PANELİ'

MEEA 10th Annual International Meeting, Barcelona, Spain, June 23-24, 2011, Ciutadella Campus of the Universitat Pompeu Fabra. Presentation: “Income Distribution Dynamics in Turkey: 1994-2008”.

EconAnadolu2011 (Anadolu International Conference in Economics), Anadolu University, Eskisehir, Turkey, 15-17 June, 2011. Presentation: “Income Distribution Dynamics in Turkey: 1994-2008”.

International Association for Income and Wealth, 31st Conference, St.Gallen, Switzerland, 23-27 August 2010. Poster Presentation: “Income Inequality in Turkey: Sources and Changes”.

Çalışma ve Sosyal Güvenlik Bakanlığı Ulusal İstihdam Çalıştayı,(Workshop on Employment Polices, organized by the Turkish Ministry of Labor and Social Security) İlk Toplantı 19-21 Aralık 2009. İkinci Toplantı 20-21 Şubat 2010

Allied Social Science Associations (ASSA) Meetings, San Francisco, Jan. 2-5, 2009, Presentation: “Risk and Career Choice: Evidence from Turkey” (paper joint with C.Okten). Discussant: “Labor Market Regulations and Unemployment Duration in Palestine” by Edward Sayre and Yousef Daoud. Both sessions organized by the Middle East Economic Association.

15th World Congress of the International Economic Association, Istanbul, June 25-29, 2008. Presentation: “Risk and Career Choice: Evidence from Turkey” (paper joint with C.Okten)

International Conference on Emerging Economic Issues in a Globalizing World, Izmir, May 1-2, 2008. Presentation: “Capital Account Liberalization and Poverty” (paper joint with P.Arestis).

Allied Social Science Associations (ASSA) Meetings, New Orleans, Jan. 4-6, 2008, Presentation: “Capital Account Liberalization and Poverty” (paper joint with P.Arestis). Session organized by the Association for Evolutionary Economics.

Allied Social Science Associations (ASSA) Meetings, Chicago, Jan. 5-7, 2007, Presentation: “The Channels through which Financial Liberalization Influences Poverty” (paper joint with P.Arestis). Session organized by the Association for Evolutionary Economics.

Guest Editor of the Special Issue “Assets and Poverty”, *Journal of Income Distribution*.

Eastern Economic Association Conference, Philadelphia, Feb.24-26, 2006, Presentation: “Financial Liberalization and Poverty: Channels of Influence” (paper joint with P.Arestis)

Eastern Economic Association Conference, Washington D.C., Feb.20-22, 2004, Organizer and Chair in two sessions. Session 181: “Poverty and Wealth: Measurement and Gender Issues” and Session 196: “Savings of Low-Income Households”

Allied Social Science Associations (ASSA) Meetings, San Diego, January 2004, Presentation: “Economic Well-Being in Late Industrial Capitalism,” with Edward N. Wolff and Ajit Zacharias. Session organized by the Union of Radical Political Economy.

Levy Institute Conference on International Perspectives on Wealth, October 17-18, 2003. Presentation: “Asset Poverty in the United States: 1984-1999, Evidence from the PSID”, with Edward N. Wolff.

Eastern Economic Association Conference, Feb.21-23, 2003, Two presentations: “Asset Poverty in the United States: 1984-1999, Evidence from the PSID” and “Savings of Entrepreneurs”.

Eastern Economic Association Conference, Feb.23-25, 2001, Discussant.

Referee for:

Nicotine & Tobacco Research, Scottish Journal of Political Economy, Health Education Research, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Happiness Studies, Social Indicators Research, The Review of Income and Wealth, Cambridge Journal of Economics, Health Policy, International Review of Applied Economics, Journal of Income Distribution, Feminist Economics, Social Science Quarterly, Bulletin of Indonesian Economic Studies, Uluslararası Ekonomi ve Dış Ticaret Politikaları; İşletme, İktisat ve Finans, Anadolu Üniversitesi Sosyal Bilimler Dergisi, Çalışma İlişkileri Dergisi, Uludağ İİBF Dergisi, Journal of Economic Inequality, African Development Review, METU Studies

in Development, Cambridge Journal of Regions Economy and Society, Work and Occupations, Bulletin of Economic Research.
Numerous grant/project application reviews for TUBITAK.

THESES ADVISED

‘Türkiye’de Tütün Mamulleri Kullanımı Üzerine Üç Makale (Three Essays on the Consumption of Tobacco Products in Turkey)’, Yenal Can Yiğit, Ankara University, Ph.D. dissertation, defense in May 2023. (Co-Advisor)

‘Causal Effects of Education on the Behaviour of Parents Toward Their Children’, Esra Düzgün, TOBB-ETÜ, MA Thesis, defense in August 2022. (Thesis advisor)

‘Essays on Child Labor’, Mustafa Utku Özmen, TOBB ETÜ, Ph.D. dissertation, defense in June 2023. (Thesis committee member)

‘Essays on the Effects of Extended Compulsory Schooling: Educational Attainment, Labor Market Outcomes, and Time Use’, Betül Akar Çalışkan, Bilkent, Ph.D. dissertation, defense in July 2021. (Thesis committee member)

‘Female Education as a Path to Family Health –Is It a Panacea? Evidence From Turkish Health Surveys’, Ayşenur Ahsen, METU, MA Thesis, defense in February 2021. (Thesis committee member)

‘Essays on Quasi-Experimental Studies in Labor Economics’, Ahmet Öztürk, METU, Ph.D. dissertation, defense in August 2017. (Thesis committee member)

‘The Effects of Relative Deprivation on Smoking Status’, Yenal Can Yiğit, TOBB-ETÜ, MA Thesis, defense in August 2016. (Thesis advisor)

‘Regional Inequalities and Economic Convergence in Turkey’, Ahmet Kındap, TOBB-ETÜ, MA Thesis, defense in March 2016. (Thesis advisor)

‘Essays on the Education Gradient of Health in Turkey’ Hanife Deniz Karaoğlan, METU, Ph.D. dissertation, defense in July 2015. (Thesis committee member)

‘Persistence of formal Employment in Turkey’ Zeynep Başak, METU, Ph.D. dissertation, defense in August 2013. (Thesis committee member)

‘Effect of Fertility on Female Labor Supply in Turkey’ Orhun Sevinc, METU, MA Thesis, defense on August 23, 2011. (Thesis committee member)

‘The Dynamics of Poverty in Turkey’ Sırma Demir Şeker, The Middle East Technical University (METU), Ph.D. Thesis, defense on July 1, 2011. (Dissertation committee member)

“Türkiye’de Lüks Tüketim,” Fatma Müge Celasun, TOBB-ETU, MBA program, graduation project, July 2010. (Project advisor)

‘Cohort Analysis of Informal Sector in Turkey’, Sezer Yaşar, METU, MA Thesis, defense on July 14, 2010. (Thesis committee member)

‘Consumption and Saving Behavior of Turkish Households’, Seyit Mümin Cilasun, The Middle East Technical University, Ph.D. Thesis, accepted in September 2009, defense on Sept 18, 2009. (Dissertation committee member)

‘Türkiye’de İç Borcun Sürdürülebilirliği (Sustainability of Internal Public Debt in Turkey)’, Zeynep Yırtar, Gazi University, Institute of Social Sciences, Master’s Thesis, accepted in December 2008. (Thesis committee member)

‘Joint Venture Concept in Public Procurement Law’, Erkan Ozdemir, Turkish Public Procurement Agency thesis submitted to partially fulfill the requirement for promotion to Expert. Thesis completed in September 2006.

REFERENCES

Available upon request.