Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Good morning!

Thank you for being here with us this morning!

On behalf of 'Yaşar University all Izmir organizing committee'. It is our pleasure to welcome you to the Fifth Annual All-İzmir Economics Workshop. This year unfortunately we couldn't host you in our campus but instead we are organizing this event as a Zoom Online Platform.

This workshop is intended for faculty and doctoral students who are at their thesis stage and it aims to offer a stimulating environment for advanced economics research and receive feedback and useful comments from the participants. Moreover, it is intended serve as a platform where the faculty can present their ongoing work before sending to journals.

The workshop will feature faculty and graduate student presentations from Yaşar University, İzmir University of Economics, Ege University, Dokuz Eylül University, Izmir Democracy University, Izmir Bakırçay University, Izmir Institute of Technology and University of Health Sciences. All presented papers will be considered for the Yaşar University departmental working papers which are indexed in REPEC. Please let us know if you would like publish your pre-research as a Discussion paper.

Let me remind you a few points:

1. Each paper in the parallel sessions has 30 minutes;

20 minutes for presentation.

10 minutes for discussion.

(For the full papers, we included the contact e-mails of all authors at the end of the program and I am sure if you write to the authors they will make their paper available for you.)

- 2. For your Power-Point presentation, you will be using the 'share screen' in zoom.
- 3. We will be recording all sessions if you would not prefer to be recorded please let the session admin to know before your presentation.
- 4. FOR CHAIRS: The Chair, not the speaker, conducts the discussion. During discussions, ask participants to identify themselves and speak audibly so the audience can hear the questions as well as the replies.
- As an expert, you may share your views, reflections, observations and comments on the presentation as per the time available.
- To maintain the schedule, it may be necessary to suggest that the discussion be continued in private, once the session has ended.

• Close the session with a summary or closing remarks. It may be a courtesy to allow the speakers to have a final optional minute each

We wish you an excellent and memorable day as well as a fruitful discussion. Thank you again for joining us at this informative and exciting workshop.

Today, we have a very special guest! I am very pleased to welcome Professor Erinç Yeldan from Kadir Has University.

I don't need to introduce him I am sure you all know about Erinç Hoca.

I also thank him for accepting our invitation.

Erinç Hoca the floor is yours.

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