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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Middlebury College, Department of Economics, Assistant Professor, 2019–Present

California Institute of Technology, Division of Humanities and Social Sciences, Visiting Associate, 2017  
March–May

University of Arizona, Department of Economics, Assistant Professor, 2014–2019

## EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics, Yale University, 2014

Dissertation Title: *Barrators, Berats, and Bandits: Economic Implications of Legal Rules in the Ottoman Empire and the Middle East, 1600-1921*

Committee: Timothy Guinnane, Naomi Lamoreaux, Larry Samuelson

M.Phil. Economics, Yale University, 2011

M.A. Economics, Yale University, 2010

B.A. Economics, Boğaziçi University, 2008

B.S. Mathematics, Boğaziçi University, 2008

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Economic History, Law and Economics, Corporate Governance

## PUBLICATIONS

Artunç, Cihan and Timothy W. Guinnane (2019). "Partnership as Experimentation". *Journal of Law, Economics, & Organization* 35(3), 455-458. [Lead article]

Ağır, Seven and Cihan Artunç (2019). "The Wealth Tax of 1942 and the Disappearance of Non-Muslim Enterprises in Turkey". *Journal of Economic History* 79(1), 201-243.

Artunç, Cihan (2019). "Religious Minorities and Firm Ownership in Early Twentieth-Century Egypt". *Economic History Review* 72(3), 979-1007.

Artunç, Cihan (2015). "The Price of Legal Institutions: The Beratlı Merchants in the Eighteenth-Century Ottoman Empire". *Journal of Economic History* 75(3): 720-748.

Artunç, Cihan (2015). "Barrators, Berats, and Bandits: Economic Implications of Legal Rules in the Ottoman Empire and the Middle East, 1600-1921" (dissertation summary). *Journal of Economic History* 75(2): 551-554.

## WORKING PAPERS

Artunç, Cihan (December 2019). The Impact of Business Cycle Fluctuations on Firm Dynamics and Composition

Artunç, Cihan (August 2019). Legal Pluralism, Contracts, and Trade in the Ottoman Empire [under review]

Ağır, Seven and Cihan Artunç (June 2019). Legal Change and Business Organization in the Ottoman Empire and Turkey since 1850

Artunç, Cihan (July 2018). Legal Origins of Corporate Governance: Choice of Law in Egypt, 1887-1913

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

Incorporation, governance structures, and interlocking directorates in Egypt, 1904-50

Firm financing and signaling wealth under unlimited liability (with Timothy W. Guinnane and Jacob S. Schneebacher)

Non-Muslim Minorities and Protégé Status in Nineteenth-Century Egypt (with Mohamed Saleh)

Political connections, corporate governance, and firm performance in Interwar Egypt (with Mohamed Saleh)

Ownership, control, and limited liability: a historical perspective (with Amanda G. Gregg)

Organization of multi-owned firms in nineteenth-century Paris (with Jean-Laurent Rosenthal)

## RESEARCH GRANTS

“Legal Forms of Firm Organization, Corporate Governance, and Business Expansion in the Middle East between 1887 and 1950.” National Science Foundation, SES 1559273, \$290,716, March 1, 2016 through February 28, 2019 (Role: PI).

“Transplantation of Law and Legal Choice in the Ottoman Empire, 1800–1912” Arthur H. Cole Grant in Aid, Economic History Association, \$5,000. March 2016.

Eller College Small Research Grant, \$2,000. November 2015

## HONORS & AWARDS

Finalist for the Alexander Gerschenkron Prize, awarded for the best dissertation in the economic history of an area outside of the United States or Canada, 2014.

Economic History Association Dissertation Fellowship, 2013

Yale University MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies Dissertation Fellowship, 2012

Yale University Graduate Student Fellowship, 2008-2014

Yale University Cowles Foundation Fellowship, 2008-2012

## BOOK REVIEWS

Artunç, Cihan (2019). Review of *State and Entrepreneurs in Egypt, Economic Development since 1805* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2015), by Omailma M. Hatem and Naiem A. Sherbiny. *Journal of Economic History* 79(1), 282-283.

Artunç, Cihan (2015). Review of *Reforming Ottoman Governance* (Georgias Press, 2014), by Fuat Andic and Suphan Andic. *Journal of Economic History* 75(2): 619-620.

Artunç, Cihan (2015). Review of *Technology, Skills and the Pre-Modern Economy in the East and the West*, Vol. 10 (Brill, 2013), by Maarten Prak and Jan Luiten Van Zanden. *Journal of Economic History* 75(1): 268-270.

Artunç, Cihan (2013). Review of *Artisan Entrepreneurs in Cairo and Early Modern Capitalism (1600-1800)* (Syracuse University Press, 2011), by Nelly Hanna. *Journal of Economic History* 73(1): 306-308.

## INVITED TALKS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2019 Middlebury College

2018 World Economic History Congress 2018 (session organizer and presenter), EHA Annual Meeting 2018

2017 UC Davis, Caltech Social Science History Seminar, University of Oxford, Middlebury College, AALIMS Conference 2017, Caltech Early Modern Group Meeting

2016 AALIMS Conference 2016, The History of Business Organization and Law: Turkey in Comparative Perspective (co-organizer and presentation), Economic History Association Meeting (discussant)

2015 UC Irvine, Doing Business with Strangers: Finance and Enterprise in the Preindustrial World (Yale University Economic History Conference), World Economic History Congress (three presentations)

2014 Sciences Po, University of Leicester, Boğaziçi University, Sabancı University, Koç University, Bilkent University, Middle Eastern Technical University, University of Arizona, AALIMS Conference 2014, EBHA Annual Congress 2014, EHA Annual Meeting 2014 (Dissertation Session), Asian Economic History Conference, The History of Law and Business Organization Conference (Harvard Business School)

2013 University of Michigan, Fourth Berg International Conference: In-Between: Trade and Legal Pluralism in the Era of the Geniza, ASREC Conference (discussant and presenter), AALIMS Conference 2013, Caltech Early Modern Group

2012 Middle Eastern Technical University, Yale University Conference on New Perspectives in Ottoman Economic History, EHA Annual Meeting (poster)

## REFEREE SERVICE

*Journal of Comparative Economics*, *Economic History Review*, *Explorations in Economic History*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Journal of Economic History*, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, *Games and Economic Behavior*, National Science Foundation

## ADVISING

*Ph.D. Students, as Committee Member (Initial Placement in Parentheses)*

Laura D. Taylor (ongoing)

Keith A. Meyers (2018, NBER post-doc, then University of Southern Denmark)

Cong Liu (2016, School of Economics at Shanghai University of Finance and Economics)

## TEACHING

### *Middlebury College*

Introduction to Macroeconomics: Fall 2019  
Historical Development of the World Economy: Fall 2019

### *University of Arizona*

World Economic History (Ph.D.): Spring 2015, Spring 2017  
World Economic History: Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Fall 2016, Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2018  
European Economic History: Spring 2016, Fall 2017, Fall 2018  
Economics of Strategy: Fall 2014

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

University Service: Arizona Center for Turkish Studies Faculty Affiliate (2014–Present), Center for Middle Eastern Studies Non-Affiliate Faculty Expert (2014–Present), Guest lecture at Humanities Seminars “Culture, Power, and History in Modern Turkey” (2015)

Member, American Economic Association, 2014–Present

Member, Economic History Association, 2012–Present

Member, Cliometric Society, 2016–Present

Member, AALIMS, 2013–Present

## LANGUAGES

Turkish (native), English (fluent), French (reading), Ottoman (intermediate)