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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2023 – Bentley University, Associate Professor of Economics (with tenure).
Parental leaves in 2023 and 2025.
2024 – 2025 On leave visiting Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies.
2017 – 2023 Bentley University, Assistant Professor of Economics.
2016 – 2017 Harvard University, David E. Bell Postdoctoral Fellow.
2012 – 2016 National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER), Research Assistant.

EDUCATION

2010 – 2016 City University of New York, Ph.D. in Economics.
2007 – 2008 University Paris 1 Panthéon - Sorbonne, M.A. in Economics.
2001 – 2007 Galatasaray University, B.A. in Economics.

AFFILIATIONS

2025 – IZA Institute of Labor Economics, Research Fellow.
2024 – Bahçeşehir University, Adjunct Professor.
2024 – JPAL/IPA Humanitarian Protection Initiative, Invited Researcher.
2023 – JPAL/IPA Displaced Livelihoods Initiative, Invited Researcher.
2023 – Hopkins Economics of Alzheimer's Disease & Services Center, Research Affiliate.
2021 – 2024 IZA Institute of Labor Economics, Research Affiliate.
2020 – Households in Conflict Network (HiCN), Research Affiliate.
2019 – ERF Economic Research Forum, Research Fellow.
2017 – 2020 Visiting Scholar, Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies.

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Population Health, Public Policy, Social Protection.

ONGOING PROJECTS

Geographic Targeting in Social Protection Programs: Evidence from a Nationwide Policy Experiment.
with Stephen O'Connell.
(Under review, RCT funded by UNHCR Lebanon.)

Family Spillovers of Dementia.
with Jane Greve, and Yulya Truskinovsky.
(In preparation for submission, project funded by HEADS Center and Independent Research Fund Denmark.)

Business Networking and Social Cohesion: Experimental Evidence from Türkiye.
with Lydia Assouad, Ceren Baysan, Carlos Molina, and Miray Omurtak.
(In the endline data-collection stage, RCT funded by JPAL DLI and SSHRC.)

ONGOING PROJECTS (cont'd)

Encouraging Formal Work: Experimental Evidence from Administrative Data in Jordan.

with Jade Siu, Diloá Athias, Aya Haidar, Monica Moughabghab, Silvia Nastasi, and Olivier Sterck.

(Two RCTs in endline data-collection stage, funded by ILO Jordan, in collaboration with Social Security Corporation Jordan.)

RESEARCH PAPERS

Economics

Public Health Policy At Scale: Impact of a Government-sponsored Information Campaign on Infant Mortality in Denmark.

Altindag, O., Greve, J., Tekin, E. (2024)

Review of Economics and Statistics, 106(3), 882-893.

The Short-lived Effects of Unconditional Cash Transfers to Refugees.

Altindag, O., O'Connell, S.D. (2023)

Journal of Development Economics, 160, 102942.

Mental Health Costs of Lockdowns: Evidence from Age-specific Curfews in Turkey.

Altindag, O., Erten, B., Keskin, P. (2022)

American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, 14(2), 320-343.

Another Day, Another Visit: Impact of Arkansas' Mandatory Waiting Period for Women Seeking an Abortion by Demographic Groups.

Altindag, O., Joyce, T. (2022)

Journal of Public Economics, 213, 104715.

Targeting Humanitarian Aid Using Administrative Data: Model Design and Validation.

Altindag, O., O'Connell, S.D., Sasmaz, A., Balcioglu, Z., Jerneck, M., Foong, A.K. (2021)

Journal of Development Economics, 148, 102564.

Blessing or Burden? The Impact of Refugees on Businesses and the Informal Economy.

Altindag, O., Bakis, O., Roza, S. (2020)

Journal of Development Economics, 146, 102490.

Does Classroom Time Matter?

Joyce, T., Crockett, S., Jaeger, D.A., Altindag, O., O'Connell, S.D. (2015)

Economics of Education Review, 46, 64-77.

RESEARCH PAPERS (cont'd)

Other Disciplines

Impact of Measles, Mumps, and Rubella Vaccination on Hospitalizations and Human Capital: Evidence from Copenhagen School Health Records.

Altindag O, Greve J, Tekin E. (2025)

Vaccines, 13(3):302.

Information on Measles, Mumps, and Rubella Vaccine in the Copenhagen School Health Records Register.

Altindag, O., Andersen, M., Baker, J., Greve, J., Tekin, E. (2024)

Scandinavian Journal of Public Health.

Do Refugees Impact Voting Behavior in the Host Country? Evidence from Syrian Refugee Inflows in Turkey.

Altindag, O., Kaushal, N. (2021)

Public Choice, 186, 149-178.

Can Nonexperimental Methods Provide Unbiased Estimates of a Breastfeeding Intervention?: A Within-Study Comparison of Peer Counseling in Oregon.

Altindag, O., Joyce, T., and Reeder, J. A. (2019)

Evaluation Review, 43(3-4), 152-188.

Effects of the Affordable Care Act Medicaid Expansion on Subjective Well-Being in the US Adult Population, 2010–2016.

Kobayashi, L., Altindag, O., Truskinovsky, Y., Berkman, L. (2019)

American Journal of Public Health, 109(9), 1236-1242.

On Measuring and Reducing Selection Bias With a Quasi-Doubly Randomized Preference Trial.

Joyce, T., Remler, D.K., Jaeger, D.A., Altindag, O., O'Connell, S.D., Crockett, S. (2017)

Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, 36(2), 438-459.

Judicial Bypass for Minors Seeking Abortions in Arkansas Versus Other States.

Altindag, O., Joyce, T. (2017)

American Journal of Public Health, 107(8), 1266-1271.

Son Preference, Fertility Decline, and the Nonmissing Girls of Turkey.

Altindag, O. (2016)

Demography, 53, 541-566.

Telephone Peer Counseling of Breastfeeding Among WIC Participants: A Randomized Controlled Trial.

Reeder, J.A., Joyce, T., Sibley, K., Arnold, D., Altindag, O. (2014)

Pediatrics, 134, e700-e709.

Non-peer-reviewed Manuscripts

The Great Recession, Older Workers with Disabilities, and Implications for Retirement Security.
Altindag, O., Schmidt, L., Sevak, P. (2012)
Michigan Retirement Research Center Research Paper, No. 2012-277.

GRANTS AND COMPETITIVE CONTRACTS

Total funding as PI or Co-PI between 2018 – 2027: \$3,088,712

2025 – 2027	Independent Research Fund Denmark. Award amount: \$417,631. Role: Co-PI.
2024 – 2027	Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), Insight Grants. Award amount: \$195,503. Role: Co-PI.
2023 – 2025	Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (JPAL), Displaced Livelihoods Initiative. Award amount: \$153,505. Role: Co-PI.
2019 – 2024	Innovation for Poverty Action (IPA), Peace and Recovery Program. Award amount: \$29,766. Role: Co-PI.
2018 – 2023	UNHCR & WFP. Design and Evaluation of Targeted Humanitarian Assistance. Competitive contract \$693,655. Role: Co-PI.
2022 – 2023	Bentley University, Health Thought Leadership Network. Award amount: \$5,000. Role: PI.
2022 – 2023	Hopkins' Economics of Alzheimer's Disease & Services (HEADS) Center. Award amount: \$24,152. Role: PI.
2021 – 2022	Bentley University, Research Council. Award amount: \$7,000. Role: PI.
2020 – 2021	Northeastern University, The College of Social Sciences and Humanities Research Development Initiative. Award amount: \$8,000. Role: Co-PI.
2019 – 2020	Bentley University, Research Council. Award amount: \$7,000. Role: PI.
2018 – 2024	Novo Nordisk Foundation. Award amount: \$1,543,500. Role: Co-PI.
2018 – 2019	Bentley University, Faculty Affairs Committee. Award amount: \$2,500. Role: PI.
2018 – 2019	Bentley University, Health Thought Leadership Network. Award amount: \$1,500. Role: PI.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2025	Graduate of the Last Decade Award. City University of New York, The Graduate Center.
2016 – 2017	David E. Bell Postdoctoral Fellowship. Harvard University, T.H. Chan School of Public Health.
2014 – 2016	Zicklin’s Online Learning and Evaluation Initiative Fellowship. City University of New York, Baruch College.
2010 – 2014	Enhanced Chancellor’s Fellowship. City University of New York, The Graduate Center.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2017 –	Bentley University Introduction to Econometrics Intermediate Price Theory Mathematical Statistics Principles of Microeconomics
2011 – 2014	Baruch College, City University of New York Statistical Analysis for Economics and Finance

CONSULTING EXPERIENCE

2024 –	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Jordan.
2023 –	International Labour Organization (ILO), Jordan.
2018 – 2024	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Lebanon.
2018 – 2024	UN World Food Programme (WFP), Lebanon.

LANGUAGES

Human	Turkish (native), English, French.
Computer	R, Stata

NON-ACADEMIC INTERESTS

CMAS Divemaster (★★★), NAUI Nitrox Diver
Marathoner, proud member of the Somerville Road Runners

PRESENTATIONS AND SEMINARS

- 2025
Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies, Cambridge.
Northeastern University, Boston.
Tufts University, Medford.
Wellesley College, Wellesley.
Brandeis University, Waltham.
Forced Displacement Working Group, Washington D.C.
- 2024
VIVE Workshop on Health Innovations, Copenhagen.
Brown University, Providence.
Graduate Center, CUNY, New York.
London School of Economics, London.
World Bank, Washington D.C.
UVA Batten, Charlottesville VA.
- 2023
WFP Impact Evaluation Forum, Rome.
The Value of Vaccination Research Network (VoVRN), Massachusetts.
Hopkins' Economics of Alzheimer's Disease & Services (HEADS) Center, Baltimore MD.
ASHEcon Annual Meeting, St. Louis MO.
Economics Department, Tufts University, Medford, MA.
Economics Department, Northeastern University, Boston, MA.
World Food Programme, Rome.
Economics Department Seminar, Deakin University, online.
John Glenn College of Public Affairs Seminar, The Ohio State University, online.
- 2022
Southern Economic Association 2022 Annual Meeting, Fort Lauderdale.
APPAM 2022 Fall Conference, Washington DC.
United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Lebanon, Beirut.
Economics Department Seminar, Galatasaray University, online.
Health Economics Seminar, UMass Amherst, Massachusetts.
The 2nd Research Conference on Forced Displacement, online.
- 2021
Georgia Tech School of Economics, online.
American University Department of Public Administration and Policy, online.
Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality Planning Agency, online.
European Economic Association Annual Congress, online.
Erasmus School of Economics, Rotterdam, online.
ERF 27th Annual Conference, online.
41st BREAD Virtual Conference on Development Economics, online.
Economics Department, Bentley University, online.
Economics Department, TOBB University, online.
- 2020
Fifth Annual Population Health Science Research Workshop (PHS 2020), online.
NBER Health Economics Program 2020 Fall Meeting, online.
Economics Department, Bentley University, online.
Humanities Joint Seminar, Bentley University, online.
Middle East Economic Association Annual Meeting (MEAA 2020), online.

PRESENTATIONS AND SEMINARS (cont'd)

- 2020
School of Business, University of Connecticut, online.
United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, online.
Economics Department Joint Seminar, Boğaziçi, TOBB, and Hacettepe Universities, Istanbul, online.
Population Association of America Annual Meeting (PAA 2020), online.
Emory University Economics Department Seminar, Atlanta, Georgia.
Conference on Forced Displacement, Joint Data Center on Forced Displacement, Copenhagen.
- 2019
Research Initiative on the Economics of the Middle East (RIEME 2019), Edinburgh.
Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies, Massachusetts.
Population Association of America (PAA 2019), Texas.
International Health Economics Association (iHEA 2019), Basel.
IZA Annual Migration Meeting, UCD Geary Institute for Public Policy, Dublin.
- 2018
Research Initiative on the Economics of the Middle East (RIEME 2018), Paris.
Conference on the Impacts of Refugees in Hosting Economies, USC Marshall, California.
Social Policy and Development Seminars, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul.
The Rockwool Foundation Seminar, Copenhagen.
VIVE - The Danish Center for Social Science Research Seminar, Copenhagen.
Midwest Economics Association, SOLE special session, Chicago.
- 2017
Research Initiative on the Economics of the Middle East (RIEME 2017), Oxford.
Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies, Massachusetts.
Economics Department, Bentley University, Massachusetts.
Eastern Economic Association (EEA 2017), New York.
Population Association of America (PAA 2017), Chicago.
Economics Department, Koç University, Istanbul.
International Health Economics Association (iHEA 2017), Massachusetts.
- 2016
Conference on Human Capital, Galatasaray University, Istanbul.
Economics Department, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul.
Economics Department, Sabancı University, Istanbul.
Economics Department, Koç University, Istanbul.
Economics Department, Bilgi University, Istanbul.
Economics Department, TOBB University, Ankara.
Economics Department, Auckland University of Technology, Auckland, online.
Economics Department, Bentley University, Massachusetts.