

Rector's Biography

Murat Yülek is the Founding Rector of Ostim Technical University, working to place Ostimtech among the world's premier higher education institutions.

An engineer and a development economist he has taught at various universities including Georgetown University, Technische Hochschule Ingolstadt (Germany), Bilkent University, Istanbul Commerce University and Obuda University (Hungary). Murat has been a visiting Scholar at Columbia University and worked as a teaching assistant at Yale and Bilkent Universities back when he was conducting his PhD studies. He was also as a research assistant in the Macromarkets book study published by Oxford University Press by Nobel laureate Prof. Robert Shiller of Yale University. He served as an intern in the European Commission in Brussels in 1989.

Murat has worked as an economist at the International Monetary Fund (Washington DC) and as a banker at Islamic Development Bank (Jeddah). He has also served as general manager, board member and chairman of various financial and industrial companies. He has been an international consultant at various institutions and MDBs such as the World Bank, UNCTAD, Islamic Development Bank and EBRD. He has taken responsibilities in more than 15 countries worldwide as a specialist or manager in the preparation of many feasibility studies, impact analysis, macroeconomic and sectoral reports and project documents. He has participated in international meetings and institutions as an invited speaker, moderator or guest researcher (Global Economic Symposium, COMCEC, Yale University, Duke University, Economic Cooperation Organization, Dubai Economic Council, CFO Forum-Vienna, Khazanah Megatrends Forum, China Institute for International Relations, Korea Institute for International Economic Policy, Ewha Women's University, APU Ritsumeikan University, The Economist Round Tables, Wirtshaftsrat, G8 Deauville Partnership Investment Forum).

Murat has published widely, both domestically and internationally, on macroeconomics, finance, and financial and economic development. He has been concentrating most recently on industrial policies, the effects of public procurement policies on technological development, and policies in science, industry and innovation. He has published six books on these topics with various publishers, including Springer (New York), one of the world's leading scientific publishers. He has also been asked to contribute to the policy texts prepared by UNCTAD, UNOPS, the State of Qatar and the United Nations Organization.

Murat completed his primary and secondary education at TED Ankara College, and received a Mechanical Engineering undergraduate degree from Boğaziçi University in 1988. He holds master's degrees in business from Yale and Boston Universities and a master's and doctorate in economics from Bilkent University.