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Serdar Sayan obtained his undergraduate degree from the Department of Economics at the *Middle East Technical University* in Ankara, Turkey in 1985. He received both his master's (1988) and Ph.D. (1992) degrees from the *Ohio State University*, Columbus, USA. He returned to Turkey in 1992 to join Economics Department at *Bilkent University* in Ankara where he worked until 2006, except when he went back to Ohio State to teach graduate courses as a Visiting Professor in 2003-2004, and during his tenure as a Visiting Scholar at the *International Monetary Fund* (IMF) in Winter 2005.

In 2006, he moved to TOBB University of Economics and Technology, also in Ankara, where he currently teaches and serves as the Dean of the Graduate School of Social Sciences and as the Director of the Center for Social Policy Research. He concurrently directs the Entrepreneurship Institute at the Economic Policy Research Foundation of Turkey (*TEPAV*).

Prof. Sayan's main areas of research are international economics, development economics, computational economics and demography. He has contributed many refereed articles to several journals and edited books, written monographs and edited books including ***Economic Performance in the Middle East and North Africa: Institutions, Corruption and Reform***, simultaneously published in London and New York by Routledge first in 2009 and again in 2011 as a paperback. He also wrote op-ed columns that appeared in daily papers published in different countries across the world, and frequently gave interviews to print and broadcast media in Turkey and abroad.

A recipient of various teaching, research and service awards, Sayan is a Lifetime Fellow of *Economic Research Forum*, the Cairo-based regional research network making up a part of the *Global Development Network* (GDN).

He has served the profession in various capacities as an editor, associate editor, guest editor, referee, or editorial board/program committee member for different journals and conferences nationally and internationally.

Prof. Sayan served the *Middle East Economic Association* as President (2010-2012), as Executive Secretary (2007-2009) and as a member of the board of directors (2004-2006). He also sat in the board of directors of the *Turkish Economic Association* (2001-2003).