



## Call for papers

### **Fourth ECB/CBRT Conference: “Economic Growth and Income Convergence”**

***2-3 September 2016, İzmir-Turkey***

Whether the cross-country income gap will be narrowed or not has been a longstanding matter of interest for both policymakers and academics writing on economic growth. The issue of convergence has increased in importance as a result of differing responses among economies to the post-crisis conditions. Developing a better understanding of the main mechanisms driving convergence (or non-convergence) will shed light on the potential policy directions to be followed in improving the global economy’s performance.

#### **The Conference**

The annual conference, the fourth in a series jointly organised by the Central Bank of the Republic of Turkey (CBRT) and the European Central Bank (ECB), aims to take stock of the advancement in the theoretical literature and to review empirical applications that are relevant to the work of policymakers.

#### **Organising Committee**

Yusuf Soner Başkaya and Semih Tümen (both CBRT), Filippo di Mauro and Livio Stracca (both ECB).

#### **Topics**

We welcome contributions linking economic convergence to:

- balanced and sustainable growth in the global economy, including global imbalances
- sectoral reallocation (and unconditional convergence)
- total factor productivity
- the quality of institutions
- income distribution and the middle-income trap
- the ageing and demographic window
- dynamics of cross-country external imbalances.

## **Keynote Speakers**

Mr Ayhan Köse, Director of the Development Prospects Group at the World Bank, will give a keynote speech at the conference.

## **Submissions**

Please submit full papers or extended abstracts to [cbt.conference@tcmb.gov.tr](mailto:cbt.conference@tcmb.gov.tr) by 15 June 2016. Authors will be notified whether their papers have been accepted by 30 June 2016.

## **Contact**

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