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Conference Highlights

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Istanbul Gelisim University --- Our Conference Host



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Conference Co-Organizer:

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Conference Host:

Istanbul Gelisim University, Avcilar – Istanbul, **Turkey**.

Conference Venue:

Campus of Istanbul Gelisim University, Avcilar – Istanbul, **Turkey**.

Conference Hotel:

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Istanbul – Avcilar (Turkey) is our **4 star** conference hotel located walking distance from our host university.

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Conference Hotel --- DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Istanbul – Avcilar (Turkey)



Manuscript Preparation

We welcome manuscripts that address the conference theme as well as all functional areas of Business Administration (e.g., Accounting, Commerce, Economics, Operations, Finance, Information System, Management, Marketing, Public Administration, Entrepreneurship, International Business, Hospitality and Tourism Management, Business Law, Corporate Social Responsibility, Ethics, Islamic Business, Agricultural Economics, Leisure Management, and Recreation Resource Management). If you are uncertain whether your paper fits the conference theme or not, please contact our Conference Director/Program Chair (Dr. Christopher J. Marquette) via his email address: (cmarquette@millikin.edu).

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- AGBA does NOT acquire the copy rights of your paper.
- Proposals for special sessions on topics of significant research interests are welcomed.
- Proposals for panels should include the purpose of the panel, the names and affiliations of participants, a summary of contributions, and the justification for the proposal.
- AGBA also invites participation from global entrepreneurs, global exporters, global importers, global investors, government officials, business professionals, consultants, and heads of major government-owned and private enterprises from across the world to attend "**AGBA's 2021 Global Business Forum**" for business interactions, networking and negotiations.
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- Manuscripts must be submitted in **English** language only.
- **Absolute Deadline for the submission of all manuscripts is: June 15, 2021.**
- Please submit your manuscript to our following Conference Director/Program Chair:

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A Sample Abstract for Your Benchmarking

Structural Exclusiveness and Poverty: An e-Entrepreneurship Based Approach to Rural Development Across China

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Abstract

The growing level of inequality in the 21st century is a social, political and economic issue concerned by conscious citizens, scholars and policy makers around the world. Some on the right argue that inequality motivates progress and punishes laziness. In reality, under harsh conditions without any social safety net, the poor often have to work extremely hard just to survive. There is no real moral argument for concentration of outside wealth vs. widespread poverty in today's world. To this end, this research study asks the question – "How disruptive forces brought by technology and innovation can be better understood and employed from the perspectives of individuals and communities in rural and less developed regions?" To answer this question, this paper develops a conceptual framework that connects enablers and structural obstacles facing rural e-entrepreneurs; and then applies the framework to explore existing circumstances and to offer explanations leading toward theory building. In this context, this paper uses a case study approach that involving "what", "why" and "how" questions to connect ideas of global importance from local Chinese practice.

Keywords: Structural Exclusiveness, Poverty, e-Entrepreneurship, Rural Development, and China.

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Journal Publication Opportunities

Best papers presented at our conference will be eligible for publication in the ***Special Issues*** of the following ***Western Journals*** after substantial revisions.

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(Published by Inderscience of Switzerland and Indexed in Scopus as Q4 and also Indexed in Elsevier Thomson Reuters Emerging Index --- Web of Science)
- [Thunderbird International Business Review](#)
(Published by John Wiley and Indexed in Thomson Reuters ISI Index)
(Proposal for a Special Issue Under Review)
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(Published by Emerald and Indexed in Scopus and Thomson Reuters ISI Index)
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- A Monograph Book to be published by **Routledge (Taylor and Francis) UK.**

Blue Mosque (Istanbul)



Mentoring Doctoral Students

AGBA's 2021 Doctoral Consortium will focus on mentoring doctoral students hailing from emerging countries. The faculty panel of the 2021 Doctoral Student Consortium will consist of accomplished and globally acclaimed scholars; who have a distinguished scholarly publication record, have served as editors of leading global journals, and/or have experience in supervising doctoral students across western countries such as US, UK, EU, Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

AGBA's 2021 Doctoral Consortium is a workshop for Ph.D. students from all over the world to further develop their research ideas, to learn about the challenges of conducting business research, building a successful academic career in their fields, and to broaden their professional networks on the global stage.

Consistent with the developmental mission of AGBA, the consortium is open for Ph.D. students from all over the world, who would be attending its global conference in Turkey. One-to-one mentoring to Ph.D., students would be provided on the third day of the conference on August 4, 2021.

Ideally, doctoral students should have a strong research idea or be close to completing a doctoral dissertation proposal, and be far enough away from finishing their dissertations so that they could make good use of feedback received from their doctoral mentors during the consortium.

Kindly contact AGBA's President and CEO to schedule your mentoring session at least one month before our Turkish conference:

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- **Areej Al-Houli**, Potential Doctoral Candidate at a Top European University, **UK**.

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Why Turkey???

Our Host Institution (Istanbul Gelisim University, Avcilar – Istanbul, Turkey)

Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) was established by "Gelisim Education Culture Health and Social Service Foundation" of Turkey as a Not-for-Profit "WORLD UNIVERSITY" with 3 faculties, 3 institutes, 4 Schools and 1 vocational school in the 2015-2016 academic year as per Turkish Law # 6114 dated 17 February 2011.

Growing every year by making solid steps forward with the goal of becoming a **World-Class University**, IGU today is one of Turkey's most preferred first three universities.

With the European accreditation breakthrough made in the academic year 2017 - 2019, IGU's 40 Departments and 54 Programs have been accredited by the **Agency for Quality Assurance through Accreditation of Accreditation Programs (AQAS) of Germany.**

IGU has the title of being the most accredited university across Turkey. It today boasts to have over 30,000 national and international students. There are 3 faculties, 3 vocational schools, 2 vocational schools, 78 licenses, 63 preliminary daytime programs, 37 associate degree night programs, 22 thesis / 19 non-thesis postgraduate programs, and 6 Ph.D. programs offered by IGU.

Located in the Avcilar District of Istanbul - **Turkey's financial hub and trade center-** IGU's campus area, offering huge research complex consists of over 100 laboratories to serve its students and faculty. There are also 17 research centers and 78 student clubs that allow its students to participate in social, cultural, scientific and sporting activities outside the classroom.

Our Host City (Istanbul):

Istanbul formerly known as **Byzantium** and **Constantinople**, is the most populous city of Turkey and is country's business, economic, cultural and historic capital. Istanbul is a transcontinental city in Eurasia, straddling the Bosporus Strait (which separates Europe and Asia) between the Sea of Marmara and the Black Sea. Its commercial and historical center lies on the European side and about a third of its population lives in suburbs on the Asian side of the Bosphorus. With a total population of over 30 million residents (including immigrants and tourists), Istanbul is **world's most populous and largest city.** Istanbul is a bridge between the East and West.

Founded under the name of Byzantion (Βυζάντιον) on the Sarayburnu promontory around 660 BCE, the city grew in size and influence, becoming one of the most important cities in global history. After its re-establishment as Constantinople in 330 CE, it served as an imperial capital for almost 16 centuries, during the Roman/Byzantine (330–1204), Latin (1204–1261), Palaiologos Byzantine (1261–1453) and Ottoman (1453–1922) empires. It was instrumental in the advancement of Christianity during Roman and Byzantine times, before the Ottomans conquered the city in 1453 CE and transformed it into an **Islamic Stronghold and the Seat of the Ottoman Caliphate.** Under the name Constantinople, it was the Ottoman capital until 1923. The capital was then moved to Ankara and the city is now called Istanbul.

The city held the strategic position between the Black Sea and the Mediterranean. It was also on the historic Silk Road. It controlled rail networks to Europe and the Middle East, and was the only sea-route between the Black Sea and the Mediterranean. In 1923 Ankara was chosen instead as the new Turkish capital after the Turkish War of Independence, and the city's name was changed to Istanbul. Nevertheless, the city maintained its prominence in geopolitical and cultural affairs. The population of the city has increased tenfold since the 1950s, as migrants from across Anatolia have moved in and city limits have expanded to accommodate them. Arts, music, film, and cultural festivals were established towards the end of the 20th century and continue to be hosted by the city today. Infrastructure improvements have produced a complex transportation network in the city with a new **world-class airport (IST)** added to its infrastructure.

Istanbul is the **European Capital of Culture**, making the city world's fifth most popular tourist destination. The city's biggest attraction is its historic center, partially listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and its cultural and entertainment hub is across city's natural harbor, the Golden Horn, in the Beyoğlu district. Considered as a **global city**, Istanbul has one of the fastest-growing metropolitan economies in the world. It hosts the headquarters of thousands of Turkish companies and media outlets and accounts for more than a quarter of the country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP). Hoping to capitalize on its revitalization and rapid expansion, Istanbul has bid to host Summer Olympics five times during the last twenty years.

If the world had been one country, most likely Istanbul would have been chosen as its "Global Capital" considering richness of its history and its strategic location between Asia and Europe.

AGBA's 2021 Global Business Forum

An strategic alliance between AGBA (USA), Millikin University (USA), Istanbul Gelisim University (Turkey), and EPIC Technology Group (Pvt) Ltd. (Sri Lanka) invites participation from global entrepreneurs, investors, importers, exporters, traders, professionals, consultants, heads of major government-owned enterprises, owners of private business firms, and government officials from across the world to attend "**AGBA's 2021 Global Business Forum**" for global business interactions, networking and negotiations.

AGBA's 2021 Global Business Forum would be chaired by the following distinguished global entrepreneur. Please drop him a line expressing your desire to attend **AGBA's 2021 Global Business Forum**:



Nayana Dehigama

Owner, Executive Chairman & Managing Director
EPIC Technology Group

Colombo

Sri Lanka

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The third day (**August 4, 2021**) of the conference will be exclusively devoted to **AGBA's 2021 Global Business Forum** to be organized in collaboration with the local Turkish business community. Speakers will include government officials, global entrepreneurs, global corporate leaders, and global consultants covering topics such as digitalization of global business operations; innovation and global entrepreneurship; global manufacturing to promote trade, sharing success stories, opportunities, and challenges in global business; "**Make in Turkey**" initiative of the Government of Turkey; and Investment opportunities of "**Turkish Inbound and Outbound FDI**".

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Professional Development Program on "Turkey's Economic Miracle" August 1 --- 10, 2021

Professional Development Program (PDP) on Turkey's Economic Miracle is conceived and developed by AGBA to help Policy Makers, Politicians, Thought Leaders, Bureaucrats, Intellectuals, Philosophers, Professors, Scholars, Entrepreneurs, Consultants and Professionals across emerging countries learn how Turkey has succeeded in establishing a vibrant, resilient and successful economy (a Role Model for Emerging Countries) such as Pakistan, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Afghanistan.

Turkey is defined by global economists and political scientists as one of the world's newly industrialized economies. Turkey has the world's 17th largest nominal GDP, and 13th largest GDP by Purchasing Power Parity (PPP) Theory. The country is among the world's leading producers of agricultural products; textiles; motor vehicles, pharmaceutical products, transportation equipment; construction materials; consumer electronics and home appliances. For example, Turkey hosted over 58 million global tourists and received over USD \$40 billion in revenue from its global tourism industry in 2019 (making it an outstanding Role Model for emerging countries).

By the conclusion of this PDP on Turkey's Economic Miracle, you will be able to:

- Gain fundamental knowledge about Turkish philosophy, ideology, values, history, culture, heritage, and traditions;
- Appreciate the dynamics of Turkish democratic system;
- Think critically how Turkey's unique socio-economic environment has shaped its business mindset;
- Review the intricacies of "Turkish Economy";
- Learn the dynamics of "Turkish Business System";
- Understand the power of "Turkish Bureaucracy";
- Recognize influence and power of large family owned "Turkish Business Houses";
- Analyze the uniqueness of the "Turkish Entrepreneurship Model";
- Examine dynamics of "Turkish Leadership Style";
- Grasp the power of the Web of Overseas Turkish Capitalism (Turkish Diaspora) and
- Examine how Turkey is building its Multi-National Corporations (MNCs) on the global stage.

Venue:

Campus of Istanbul Gelisim University, Avclar, Istanbul, Turkey.

Fee:

USD \$4,990 is the program fee covering the following (Per Delegate):

- Your stay in a Four-Star Hotel for 10 nights.
- 27 meals (3 meals per day) for 10 days.
- Attendance of AGBA's 17th global conference for 3 days.
- All seminars and workshops.
- All teaching material.
- All visits to industrial sites.
- Sightseeing across Istanbul.
- Certificate.
- Gala Dinner.
- Award Ceremony.
- Cultural Program.
- Photography.

Program Schedule:

August 1, 2021 --- Arrival in Istanbul and check-in into your 4 Star Hotel after 12 Noon.

August 2, 2021 --- Attend AGBA's Turkish Conference.

August 3, 2021 --- Attend AGBA's Turkish Conference, Award Ceremony, and Gala Dinner.

August 4, 2021 --- Attend AGBA's Global Business Forum

August 5, 2021 --- Inauguration of PDP on Turkey's Economic Miracle.

August 6, 2021 --- Industrial Visits to Global MNCs across Istanbul.

August 7, 2021 --- Industrial Visits to Turkish Global Firms across Istanbul.

August 8, 2021 --- Presentations by Turkish Policy Makers, Politicians and Thought Leaders

August 9, 2021 --- Sightseeing Across Istanbul

August 10, 2021 --Checkout from your 4 Star Hotel at 12 Noon. End of Turkish PDP.

AGBA's Leadership Development Program



The COVETed Leader

Let Every Action of yours Define you

A Strategic Alliance Between
AGBA (USA), Cupiditas Leadership Academy (USA) and Corona Consulting (USA)
Presents

Leadership Development Program on August 5 --- 6, 2021

The COVETed Leader® – Program is for mid to senior-level executives aspiring to get to the next level of leadership excellence. It will help them optimize their innate leadership potential, enhance leadership presence and exercise leader demeanor and achieve outstanding results for themselves and their organizations.

The program prepares them for leadership that gets guaranteed results and helps them increase their level of effectiveness and circle of influence both professionally and personally. It aims at helping current and potential leaders develop **Courage; Optimism; Vision; Excellence; and Trust**

By embracing the **5 pillars of transformative leadership** and the underlying tenets and behavioral traits leaders will find:

- **A burning desire and *Courage* to lead**
- **The *Optimism* and motivation to succeed**
- **The *Vision* to define and take responsibility of your dreams**
- **The *Excellence* to become a sought-after world-class performer**
- **The authenticity and integrity to build and inspire *Trust***
- **And more...**

Methodology



Assessment

The program starts with the participants taking DISC assessment and getting a comprehensive profile through our partners NOVA profile followed by 360° assessment by self and at least six other feedback providers to assess the current stage of leader presence.

Workshop

The three-day workshop is an extremely interactive and intensive program that helps participants address various leadership challenges through use of case studies and simulations aimed at helping participants learn the key leadership responsibilities such as *building teams and managing conflict; change management; decision making; motivation and human drives; driving performance and networking.*

Your Coach

An American national of Indian Origin --- your leadership coach --- (Fazl Siddiqui) is founder of US based Cupiditas Leadership Academy. Fazl is a certified executive coach, consultant, trainer, and innovation facilitator known for developing executives and leaders across the world. He has three Masters' degrees and several efficiency improvement and talent development certificates from renowned establishments like Harvard, Palladium (Kaplan-Norta) Balanced Scorecard Institute, Center for Executive Coaching and many more. He has well over 30 years' experience in leadership development, talent management, organization development, executive team alignment, and integrating business strategy with strategic human capital initiatives. He has held senior positions in a variety of industries including manufacturing, retail, oil & gas, and the financial sector across US; India and the Middle East including Human Resource Development Manager at the Gulf Bank of Kuwait.

2021 AGBA Conference Registration Form



Prof. Dr. Mr. Ms.

Name:

University/College/School:

Business Corporation or Governmental Organization:

City:

Country:

Zip/Postal Code:

Email Address:

Meal preference: Vegetarian ----- Non-Vegetarian

Conference Logistics

Conference Program:

Arrival Day, August 1, 2021

First Day, August 2, 2021

- Conference Registration
- Conference Reception
- Conference Inauguration
- **Faculty Development Workshops**
- Professional Networking
- Business Networking

Second Day, August 3, 2021

- **Academic Sessions**
- **Paper Presentations**
- Professional Networking
- Business Networking
- **Gala Dinner/Award Ceremony**

Third Day, August 4, 2021

- **Global Business Forum**
- **Academic Sessions**
- **Paper Presentations**
- **One-to-One Mentoring of Selected Doctoral Students**
- Global Business Networking

Registration Fee:

USD \$500 for Everybody Includes:

- Luncheons, and Coffee/Tea
- Conference Documents
- Recognition Award(s)
- Banquet (Gala Dinner)

**Full Time Ph.D., Students Pay Only
USD \$250**

**Special Registration Fee for Turkish
Professorial Delegates Only:
USD\$ 150 or equivalent in Turkish Lira**

**Full Time Turkish Ph.D., Students Pay Only:
USD\$100 or equivalent in Turkish Lira**

Special Note:

- One registration is per person and allows for the presentation of ONE paper ONLY.
- However, delegates are welcome to present additional papers by paying an extra USD \$100 per additional paper irrespective of their status (professor or student or professional).
- Conference registration fee does NOT include your accommodation, transportation, and sightseeing.
- AGBA does NOT provide any **Financial Assistance** to help delegates attend its global conferences.