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*** * * BREAKFAST ROUNDTABLE * * ***
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 9:30-11 AM

IS TURKEY THE NEXT ARGENTINA?

**Behind Turkey's Lopsided Recovery, the Impact of its IMF Program,
and the Fight Against Petroleum Privatization**

As Turkey awaits possible admittance to the European Union, the country now confronts debt, the public sector's inability to provide social services, and an unbalanced recovery that involves a fast rate of growth and falling inflation amid rising unemployment, mass poverty, and declining wages. What happened, and was the Muslim country's economy in any way strangled by the International Monetary Fund? Turkish economist Erinc Yeldan will present a study on the impact of the current IMF reform program in Turkey and describe the recent victory against privatization of the Turkish petroleum industry.

The Economic Policy Institute invites you to explore these important issues at a breakfast roundtable discussion at the National Press Club on Wednesday, September 15, from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. The event is being organized on behalf of the Global Policy Network (GPN), a worldwide consortium of organizations engaged in research and analysis of labor market conditions and trends.

- What:** **Turkey's Precarious Economy: A press breakfast roundtable**
- When:** **Wednesday, September 15, 9:30-11:00 a.m. (ET)**
- Where:** **Zenger Room, The National Press Club (529 14th Street NW, Washington, DC)**
- Who:** **Erinc Yelden, Professor of Economics at Bilkent University in Ankara, Turkey and founder of the Independent Social Scientists**
- RSVP:** **To reserve a space, email EPI at news@epinet.org, or call Stephaan Harris at 202-775-8810 by 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 14.**