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(January 7th, 2013)
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The Turkish Economy: Case Studies
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**Session TWO Title:**

The Algerian Economy: Special Topics

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Environmental and Institutional Economics: MENA Applications

**Chair** Jeffrey B. Nugent, University of Southern California, [nugent@usc.edu](mailto:nugent@usc.edu)

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### Session EIGHT Title:

**Oil, Financial Markets, and the Banking Sector in MENA Countries**

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