

Dr. Kemal Derviř



Dr. Kemal Derviř currently holds the position of Vice President and Director of Global Economy and Development at the Brookings Institute and is a member of the International Board of Overseers of Sabancı University. Dr. Derviř also takes part in the works of Istanbul Policy Center at the Sabancı University by conducting research on global economy, growth, international governance, international trade, reserve currency issues and enlargement process of the European Union.

As the Economy Minister of State between 2001-2002 Kemal Derviř received his Bachelor's Degree from the London School of Economics and his PhD from the Princeton University. He started his academic career in 1973 at the Hacettepe and Middle Eastern Universities and continued to teach at the Princeton University in 1976. After receiving his associate professorship title in 1977, Dr. Derviř joined the World Bank to pursue various positions including Director of Bosnia Herzegovina Special Support Program becoming the Vice-President of the same institution in 1996. Kemal Derviř returned back to Turkey in February 2001 where after his cabinet post as the economy minister, he got elected to the Turkish Parliament from the Republican People's Party (CHP) at the November 2002 elections. During his MP position between 2002-2005 Dr. Derviř also acted as the member of the European Convention and EU-Turkey Joint Parliamentary Committee working closely with various research institutions and NGOs specifically on Turkey-EU relations. In the meantime, Kemal Derviř took part in the workings of Socialist International- a worldwide organization of democratic socialist political parties- on global economic governance and held the chair of 'International Institutions' working group for two years. In August 2005, with the proposal of the former Secretary General of the United Nations Kofi Annan and approval of the General Assembly, Dr. Derviř became the Administrator of the United Nations Development Program to provide support to developing countries. Holding the position of administrator until February 2009, Kemal Derviř was also the Chair of the UN Development Group which unites various UN funds, programs, agencies, departments, and offices that play a role in development. Dr. Derviř has published various articles and books in Turkish, French, German and English on macro economy, international trade, planning and growth models, global governance, income distribution, development economy and the European Union.