



SIUE's Kutun recognized as Distinguished Research Professor

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EDWARDSVILLE - Southern Illinois University Edwardsville's Ali Kutan, PhD, professor of economics and finance in the School of Business, has received the rank Distinguished Research Professor for his significant scholarly contributions to international financial markets.

The accolade is an academic rank awarded to tenured faculty members in recognition of outstanding and sustained contributions to research and creative activities.

"I am honored to have received such a special award," Kutan said. "Receiving such awards is not possible without the support of others. I would like to thank the SIUE Graduate School for promoting faculty research even during these difficult budgetary times, as well as the School of Business."

Kutan's scholarship includes international finance and trade, macroeconomics and monetary economics, financial markets and institutions and applied econometrics and time series analysis. His impressive publication output comprises 125 peer-refereed journal articles, five contributed papers to various venues and eight book reviews. Additionally, Kutan has given 32 invited conference presentations and workshops.

"The Distinguished Research Professor rank is the highest a faculty member at SIUE can achieve," said Jerry Weinberg, PhD, associate provost for research and dean of the Graduate School. "It has previously been conferred on only 16 SIUE faculty members. Dr. Kutan has received international recognition for his work on the emerging economies of Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union.

"The outstanding work of Dr. Kutan raises the reputation of SIUE as a premier teacher-scholar institution where students can receive an education that encompasses cutting edge scholarship," Weinberg added.

"My research output would not be possible without the close collaboration of several co-authors at SIUE," Kutan said. "My former students have also been critical in motivating me to work on several joint research projects with them."

The accomplished scholar exhibits a strong commitment to incorporating his research findings into the classroom. He emphasizes the limitless cases in which certain principles of economic decision-making can be applied in the classroom.

"Economics as a field teaches us how to make critical decisions in a most satisfactory way," he explained. "My research has recently focused on the impact of institutions on macroeconomic activity and financial markets. Decision-making at the central bank level and by many international financial institutions such as the International Monetary Fund (IMF), especially during periods of financial crises have important implications

for job creation, cost of living changes and wealth creation through financial market investment and economic growth.”

“Dr. Kutan has played a central role in providing an academic context conducive to the research of others,” an SIUE colleague noted. “His editorial work with various journals has gained the respect and admiration of a wide variety of students and scholars around the world. In turn, these visiting scholars have enriched the academic environment at SIUE, particularly in the field of international economics.”

Recipients of the Distinguished Research Professor honor are provided one semester of time devoted to research, along with a \$1,000 increase in their academic year base salary. They also receive a medallion to be worn with their academic regalia and their name is placed on a plaque displayed in Rendleman Hall.

By preparing the next generation of leaders in a knowledge-based economy, [SIUE's Graduate School](#) fulfills the region's demand for highly trained professionals. Graduate school offerings include arts and sciences, business, education, engineering, nursing and interdisciplinary opportunities. SIUE professors provide students with a unique integration of theoretical education and hands-on research experiences. Students can obtain graduate certificates or pursue master's degrees, and be part of a supportive learning and rich intellectual environment that is tailored to the needs of adult learners. The Graduate School raises the visibility of research at SIUE, which ranks highest among its Illinois Board of Higher Education peers in total research and development expenditures according to the National Science Foundation. Doctoral programs are available in the Schools of Education (Ed.D.) and Nursing (DNP). The School of Engineering and the Department of Historical Studies feature cooperative doctoral programs (Ph.D.).