

Volkan Ertit
Winner
Ibn Khaldun Essay Contest 2008

Volkan Ertit was born in 1983 in Adana, Turkey. After working with several musical and school magazines during high school, he studied in the International Relations Department of the Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey. Ertit was active during his years as a university student, serving as the vice-president of the European Youth Forum Association (AEGEE-Ankara) and a member of the university debate team, where he represented his university in several tournaments.



After two and a half years in the International Relations department, Ertit transferred to the Philosophy department and graduated with honors. In his senior year, he founded *Gazete ODTULU* (Virtual Newspaper of METU students and alumni) and published his book *ODTU'den Geliyorum*. In addition, he was, and continues to be, a member of the Liberal Youth Association.

As a student, Ertit completed numerous internships: at *Taraf* (Turkish Daily), *Hurriyet Daily News* and at the Association for Liberal Thinking (under the guidance of Professor Atilla Yayla). In the summer of 2008, Ertit interned at the International Policy Network in London.

Ertit recently presented Hayek's *The Road to Serfdom* in the European Parliament at a Mises Circle Meeting as guest speaker. Ertit continues to be a member of the Board of the Ludwig von Mises Institute-Europe Youth Club Directors and vice president of the METU Young Writers Club. Presently, he is a Masters student in European Studies at Katholieke Universiteit Leuven.

Volkan competed for the Atlas Ibn Khaldun Essay Contest, and was selected by the judges as one of the two winners.