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Education

PhD in Economics, New York University, New York, 2004.

Dissertation: Essays on Inequality and Growth

Committee: William Easterly (chair), Jess Benhabib, Pierpaolo Benigno.

BA in Economics, Bogazici University, Istanbul, May 1996. *Summa Cum Laude*,

Abitur, Deutsche Schule, Istanbul, May 1991

Employment

Assistant Professor at Bogazici University, July 2005 - present.

Current and Past Affiliations

Director of Graduate Program at Bogazici University, May 2008 - July 2010.

Editorial Board, Review of Middle Eastern Economics and Finance, July 2007 - present

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, North Carolina State University, September 2007 - January 2008.

Center for Economics and Econometrics, Research Fellow, September 2006 - present.

Research

Fields of Interest

Applied Macroeconomics, Political Economy of Growth and Development, Inequality and Technological Progress, State Space Models in Monetary Policy and Finance.

Publications and Research

"The Relationship between Inequality and Innovative Activity: A Schumpeterian Theory and Evidence from Cross-Country Data" forthcoming in *Scottish Journal of Political Economy*.

"On the Political Economy of the Informal Sector and Income Redistribution" forthcoming in *European Journal of Law and Economics* (with G. Ozbek)

"Structural Change and Economic Growth: a Calibration Exercise for Turkey" (2010), *Economics Bulletin*, Vol. 30 no.2 pp. 983-995. (with C. E. Alper and O. P. Ardic)

"The Conduct of Monetary Policy in Turkey in the Pre- and Post-crisis Period of 2001 in Comparative Perspective: a Case for Central Bank Independence" (2009) in *Turkey and the Global Economy: Neoliberal Restructuring and Integration in the Post-Crisis Era*, ed. Fikret Senses and Ziya Onis, Routledge, Oxon, England, 50-72 . (with C.E. Alper)

"Estimating Central Bank Behavior in Small Open Economies" (2008) in *Central Banking in Middle East and North Africa*, ed. David Cobham and Ghassan Dibeh , Routledge, New York, USA, 210-226. (with C.E. Alper) (Winner of Middle Eastern Economic Association's Ibn Khaldun Prize 2008 for the best paper on any subject in any North African or Middle Eastern country or countries)

"Inequality and Growth: A Demand Perspective" *ISS Working Paper* , ISS-EC, 2007-07.

"Inequality and Growth: Where Are We Headed?" *ISS Working Paper* , ISS-EC, 2007-06.

"Complementary Shifts of Technology and Economic Development" *ISS Working Paper*, ISS-EC, 2007-09.

"Optimal Taxation in a Finite Horizon Model: Are Lump-Sum Taxes a Better Solution?" *mimeo*, New York University , 1999.

Honors, Fellowships and Research Grants

Ibn Khaldun Prize for the best paper on any subject in any North African or Middle Eastern country or countries, 2008

DPT (State Planning Institute) Research Grant, "Effects of Kyoto Agreement on Sectoral Composition and Growth", 2009-2010 (joint with C. E. Alper, O. P. Ardic and R. Erzan)

TUBITAK (Scientific and Technical Research Council of Turkey) Research Grant, "Estimating the Effects of Performance Based Payment Systems on Efficiency of Healthcare services", Grant Nr. 108K455, 2008-2010 (joint with B. Erus)

TUBITAK Research Grant, "Estimating Central Bank Behavior in Small Open Economies", Grant Nr. 107K091, 2008-2010 (joint with C. E. Alper)

BAP (Bogazici University Scientific Research Project) Research Grant, "Migration and Growth", Grant Nr. 06C103, 2005-2008.

POAS (Petrol Ofisi) Research Grant, "Forecasting Interest Rates, Exchange Rates and Economic Crisis", 2005-2007 (joint with C. E. Alper, O. P. Ardic, B. Erus and R. Erzan)

New York University Teaching Fellowship, 1997-2004

Conference and Seminar Presentations

Bogazici University, Conference on the Transformation of the Turkish Economy, December 2010 (Istanbul, Turkey)

University of Muenster, Shadow 2009: The Shadow Economy, Tax Evasion and Social Norms, July 2009 (Muenster, Germany)

European University Institute, Workshop on Monetary Policy and Financial Markets in MENA Countries, Medmeeting, March 2009 (Florence, Italy)

Invited Speaker, University of Ioannina, December 2008 (Ioannina, Greece)

Money, Macro and Finance Annual Conference, September 2008 (London, England)

Allied Social Sciences (ASSA) and Middle Eastern Economic Association (MEEA), January 2008 (New Orleans, USA)

SMYE Meeting, May 2007 (Hamburg, Germany)

Public Choice Society, World Meeting, March 2007 (Amsterdam, Netherlands)

European University Institute, Workshop on Central Banking in MENA countries, Medmeeting, March 2007 (Florence, Italy)

Allied Social Sciences (ASSA), January 2007 (Chicago, USA)

Association of Southern European Economic Theorists (ASSET), November 2006, Universidade Catholica Portuguesa (Lisbon, Portugal)

New Developments in Macroeconomics and Growth Dynamics (DMMG), September 2006, University of Algarve (Faro, Portugal)

Turkish Economic Association, Annual Conference, September 2006 (Ankara, Turkey)

International Conference on Human and Economic Resources, Izmir Ekonomi Universitesi, May 2006 (Izmir, Turkey)

International Conference on Economics, Yasar University, July 2005 (Izmir , Turkey)

Invited Speaker, Koc University, September 2004 (Istanbul, Turkey)

Interuniversity Conference, Yale University April 2002 (New Haven, USA)

Refereeing

Bulletin of Economics and Statistics

Public Finance Review

Macroeconomic Dynamics

Emerging Markets, Trade and Finance

Iktisat, Isletme ve Finans

Review of Middle Eastern Economics

Economics Bulletin

Finans ve Ekonomik Yorumlar

Bogazici Journal

Journal of Economic and Social Research

Teaching

Bogazici University

Graduate Courses

Special Topics in Political Economy (2009-2010)

Macroeconomics and Growth (2007 - 2010)

Advanced Macroeconomics, Bogazici University (2006, 2010)

Mathematical Methods for Economics, Bogazici University (2005 - 2009)

Applied Econometrics, Bogazici University (2006)

Financial Econometrics, Bogazici University (2007 - 2010)

Undergraduate Courses

Mathematical Statistics, Bogazici University (2004 - 2009)

Advanced Macroeconomics, Bogazici University (2008)

Mathematics for Economists, Bogazici University (2005)

Open Economy Macroeconomics, Bogazici University (2005, 2008, 2010, 2011)

New York University

Graduate Courses

Money and Banking, New York University (2001)

New York University

Undergraduate Courses

Topics in Economics Research, New York University (2003)

Advising

MA. Students, Advisor: Erdal Karahan, 2011 (expected), Alp Eren Akyuz, 2011 (expected), Onur Uyar, 2010, Serhan Sadikoglu, 2009

MA. Students, Committee Member: Cagri Savci, 2010, M. Emre Tokgoz, 2010, Ahmet Mithat Tuncez, 2010, Sebnem Ileri, 2010, Gul Bahar Senol, 2009, Ilknur Zer, 2005

Computer Skills

Matlab, Stata, Gauss, Maple, Eviews

Languages

English, German, Turkish

Other Honors and Memberships

American Economic Association Member

Econometric Society Member

European Economic Association Member

Middle East Economic Association Member

Turkish Economic Association Member

Miscellaneous

Turkish Military Service, 2000. Transportation Unit.

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