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EDUCATION

- **PhD in Economics – University of Utah** 2005 – Present

Fields: Development Economics, Labor Economics, Econometrics
Dissertation Advisor: Professor Cihan Bilginsoy
- **MA in Economics – Istanbul Technical University** 2005

Thesis Title: Labor Market Flexibility in Turkey: The Case of Formal Manufacturing Industry
MA Thesis Advisor: Associate Professor Özlem Onaran
- **BS in Management Engineering – Istanbul Technical University** 2002

Graduation Thesis Title: Education and Economic Development
Graduation Thesis Advisor: Associate Professor Özlem Onaran

WORKSHOPS & SUMMER SCHOOLS

- Eighth International Post-Keynesian Summer School, Center for Full Employment and Price Stability, University of Missouri – Kansas City, June 2004.
- International Development Economics Associates (IDEAs) Workshop on “Revisiting Macroeconomics in the Age of Finance”, Bilkent University – Ankara, September 2003.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research related

- **Project titled “Integrating Macroeconomic Policies with Human Rights: The Case Study of the United States and Mexico”** (May 2007 – Present)
 - *Research Assistant* for Professor Radhika Balakrishnan and Professor Diane Elson
 - *Co-authoring* Professor Radhika Balakrishnan and Professor Diane Elson in the United States Public Expenditure and United States Trade Policy papers of the project.
- **University of Utah, Department of Economics** (2005 – 2006 academic year)
 - *Research Assistant* for Associate Professor Gunseli Berik
- **Istanbul Technical University, Department of Management Engineering, Division of Economics** (September 2002 – July 2005)
 - *Research Assistant* for all Economics Faculty

- **TUSIAD & Sabanci University, Competitiveness Forum – Project titled “Innovations in Manufacturing Industries in Turkey”** (August 2004 –December 2004)
 - *Field Research Assistant*

Teaching related

- **University of Utah, Department of Economics** (August 2006 – Present)
 - *Instructor* – Intermediate Microeconomics (Fall 2006, Spring 2007), Intermediate Macroeconomics (Fall 2007, Spring 2008), Principles of Microeconomics (Summer 2007), Current Economic Problems (Summer 2008, Fall 2008)
- **Istanbul Technical University, Department of Management Engineering, Division of Economics** (September 2002 – July 2005)
 - *Teaching Assistant* – Introduction to Economics, Intermediate Microeconomics, Intermediate Macroeconomics, International Economics, Turkish Economy.

Other Academic

- **Istanbul Technical University, Department of Management Engineering**
 - Co-Chair of the Department Research and Teaching Assistants Committee (2004 – 2005 academic year)
 - Co-Chair of the Department Internship Committee (2003 – 2004 academic year)
 - Member of the Department ABET Commission (September 2002 – July 2005)
 - Co-prepared the Departmental Academic Evaluation Report (2003 – 2004 academic year)
- **International Trade and Finance Association (ITFA)**
 - Member of the Local Organization Committee, ITFA 15th. International Conference, Istanbul – 2005.
- **TUSIAD & Koc University, Economic Research Forum** (April 2007 – June 2007)
 - Translation of the Report titled “The Transformation of Turkey's Foreign Trade Structure: Global Trends and Reflections”
- **Western Governors University**
 - Member of the Economics Committee at Social Science Competency Workshop, Standard Setting Workshop (Test Materials Development), and Committee Review Workshop (September-November 2006)
- **University of Utah, Department of Economics**
 - Member of the Executive Committee, Heterodox Economics Student Association (August 2006 – May 2008)

Non-Academic

- **Bati Insurance Company**
 - Research Intern, Department of Research and Analysis (Summer 2001)
- **Beko Electronics Company**
 - Marketing Intern, Department of Marketing and Sales Support (Summer 2000)

PUBLICATIONS, CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & WORK IN PROGRESS

- **The Determinants of Employment: A Sectoral Analysis for Turkey**, (with Özlem Onaran), submitted to *The Developing Economies*.
- **Public Expenditure: The United States**, (with Radhika Balakrishnan and Diane Elson) in “**Integrating Macroeconomic Policies with Human Rights: The Case Study of the United States and Mexico**” (to be published as a book chapter)
- **Trade Policy: The United States**, (with Diane Elson) in “**Integrating Macroeconomic Policies with Human Rights: The Case Study of the United States and Mexico**” (to be published as a book chapter)
- **The Controversy over Employment Policy: Low Labor Costs and Openness, or Demand Policy?** (with Özlem Onaran), *Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration, Department of Economics Working Paper Series No: 97*, August 2006.
- **Is Labor Market Flexibility Good for Employment? The Case of Turkey**, (with Özlem Onaran), Conference Paper presented at:
 - Annual Conference of the Association for Heterodox Economics, Leeds – UK, July 2004.
 - Eighth International Post-Keynesian Conference, University of Missouri – Kansas City & Center for Full Employment and Price Stability (CFEPS), Kansas City – USA, June 2004.
- **Educational Inequality in the Turkish Urban Labor Force: Gender-based Notes** (with Bengi Yanik Ilhan), Conference Paper presented at:
 - First International Conference on Women Studies, East Mediterranean University – Center for Women Studies, Magusa – Cyprus, April 2004.

AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS and ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

- Full Scholarship for PhD in Economics, University of Utah (2005 – Present)
- Turkish Petrol Foundation, PhD Scholarship for Travel and Settlement expenses in the US
- Financial Award, University of Utah, Department of Economics, (2008 – 2009 academic year)
- PhD Coursework GPA: 4.00 / 4.00
- Nationwide Graduate Education Exam in Turkey: Ranking 69th (among 80,000 entrants) in 2001.
- Two-step Nationwide University Entrance Exam in Turkey: Ranking 424th in the first step; and 660th in the second step (among more than one million entrants) in 1998.
- Yasar Education Foundation Scholarship (1998 – 2002)
- Istanbul Technical University Foundation Scholarship (1998 – 2002)
- Center for Full Employment and Price Stability Grant for participation in the 8th Post-Keynesian Summer School, June 2004.

SOFTWARE SKILLS

- Statistical Programs: Stata, E-Views, SPSS, Limdep
- Microsoft Office Programs

LANGUAGES

- Turkish (native), English (fluent)

REFERENCES

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