

# HALİT AKTÜRK

## Curriculum Vitae

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### Economist & Data Analytics Expert (Freelance)

July 2016 – Present

- Conducted economic research and content development, including designing KPI metrics, building predictive models, and analyzing economic data.
- Provided strategic consultation on economic policy, business analytics, and financial forecasting to businesses and institutions in the US and internationally.
- Developed economic reports, white papers, and models that supported decision-making processes for clients in diverse sectors.

### Assistant Professor of Economics (Full-time)

Melikşah University, Department of Economics and Finance, Kayseri, TURKEY

September 2011 – July 2016

### Project Manager and Principal Researcher (Part-time, Concurrent Position)

Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK)

October 2014 – April 2016

### Sole Instructor (Full-time, Summer Term)

Vanderbilt University, Department of Economics, Nashville, USA

- *Summer 2007*: ECON150 - Economic Statistics
- *Summer 2009*: ECON 232 - Intermediate Macroeconomics
- Independently designed and delivered full courses for undergraduate students.
- Developed course materials, prepared exams, and provided one-on-one guidance to students, receiving high student evaluations for teaching effectiveness.

### Graduate Research Assistant (Part-time, 20 hours/week)

Vanderbilt University, Owen Graduate School of Management, Nashville, USA

June 2010 – August 2011

- Assisted E. Bronson Ingram Professor David C. Parsley with research on macroeconomics and financial markets.
- Collected, cleaned, and analyzed data that contributed to the publication of peer-reviewed journal articles.

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**Graduate Teaching Assistant** (Part-time, 20 hours/week)

Vanderbilt University, Department of Economics, Nashville, USA

August 2005 – June 2010

- Assisted in teaching undergraduate economics courses, including grading, tutoring, and conducting office hours and review sessions.
- Supported faculty in classroom management and student assessments.

**EDUCATION**

Vanderbilt University, Department of Economics, Nashville, USA

Ph.D. in Economics — December 17, 2011

- Dissertation: *Quantitative Assessment of Inflation Pressure during a Transition to Inflation Targeting: The Turkish Experience, 1996-2005*
- Available at: [Vanderbilt University Electronic Theses & Dissertations](#)

M.A. in Economics — May 12, 2006

London School of Economics, Department of Economics, London, UK

B.Sc. in Economics (First Class Honors) — August 1, 2004

Diploma in Economics (Mark of Distinction) — August 1, 2002

Istanbul Bilgi University, Department of Economics, Istanbul, TURKEY

B.Sc. in Economics (Honors Program) — July 7, 2004

**RESEARCH & TEACHING FIELDS**

Monetary Economics, Macroeconomics, International Economics and Finance.

**RESEARCH GRANTS**

SOBAG Project Title: “An analytical approach to measure exchange market pressure and assess the impact of Reserve Option Mechanism”

Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK)

October 2014 – April 2016

SOBAG Grant No. 114K540

Budget: 83,159 Turkish Lira (~ 40,000 USD),

**AWARDS, HONORS & FELLOWSHIPS**

- Teaching Excellence Award, Melikşah University, 2016
- Academic Encouragement Award, “The 4<sup>th</sup> Contest for Academic Studies”, Central Bank of the Republic of Turkey, 2013
- IBDP Category 1 Workshop, Certificate of Attendance, 2012
- Graduate Assistant Fellowship, Vanderbilt University, 2005-2010
- University Graduate Fellowship, Vanderbilt University, 2004-2005
- University Full Scholarship, London School of Economics, 2001-2004
- University Full Scholarship, Istanbul Bilgi University, 1999-2004

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Aktürk, H. (2016). “Do Stock Returns Provide a Good Hedge Against Inflation? An Empirical Assessment Using Turkish Data During Periods of Structural Change.” *International Review of Economics and Finance*, 45, 230-246.  
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.iref.2016.06.002>

Aktürk, H. (2015). “Black Swan Sticking Out in the Turkish Banking Sector” (with Hasan Göcen and Mehmet Orhan). *Eurasian Journal of Business and Economics*, 8(15), 1-19.  
<https://www.ejbe.org/index.php/EJBE/article/view/140>

## **WORKING PAPERS & SUBMISSIONS**

“Money Multiplier Under the Reserve Options Mechanism.” (2016). *Emerging Markets Finance and Trade* (requested revision and re-submission).  
<http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.2614431>

“Quantitative Assessment of Inflation Pressure During a Transition to Inflation Targeting.” Currently being edited for submission to *European Economic Review*.

“Exchange Market Pressure Under the Reserve Options Mechanism.” Currently being edited for submission to *International Journal of Central Banking*.

## **WORK IN PROGRESS**

“Investment-Specific Technological Change and U.S. Long-Run Patent Activity.”

“An Early Warning Logit Model Analysis of Bank Failures in Turkey (1988-2005).”

“An Endogenous Growth Model with Two R&D Sectors.”

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Melikşah University, Department of Economics and Finance (Sole *Instructor*)

- Money, Banking, and Financial Institutions (Undergraduate)
- Intermediate Macroeconomics (Undergraduate)
- International Finance (Undergraduate)
- Introduction to Economics (Undergraduate)
- Introduction to Statistics (Undergraduate)
- Intermediate Microeconomics (Undergraduate)
- Advanced Microeconomic Theory (Ph.D.)
- Microeconomic Theory (Masters)
- Global Economics (MBA)
- Fundamentals of Economics (MBA)

Vanderbilt University, Department of Economics (Sole *Instructor*)

- Economic Statistics (Undergraduate)
- Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory (Undergraduate)

Vanderbilt University, Department of Economics (*Teaching Assistant*)

- Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory (Undergraduate)
- Open Economy Macroeconomics (Undergraduate)
- Macroeconomic Models for Policy Analysis (Undergraduate)
- Principles of Macroeconomics (Undergraduate)
- Principles of Microeconomics (Undergraduate)
- Health Economics (Undergraduate)

## **COMPUTER SKILLS**

- Proficient in statistical analysis tools like Stata, EViews, Mathematica, MATLAB, Gauss.
- Experienced in LaTeX and Scientific Workplace for high-quality typesetting of scientific articles and technical documents.
- Proficient in SQL, with hands-on experience working with relational database management systems (RDBMS) including MySQL and SQL Server for efficient data management and querying.
- Proficient in business intelligence tools like Microsoft Power BI for data analysis, visualization, and creation of interactive dashboards, enhancing decision-making processes.
- Proficient in Microsoft Office applications beyond Excel, with advanced capabilities in Pivot Tables and Power Query enhancing data manipulation, analysis, and reporting effectiveness.

## **LANGUAGES**

- English (Fluent)
- Arabic (Advanced)
- French (Reading: Advanced, Writing: Intermediate, Speaking: Basic)
- Turkish (First language)

## **PRESENTATIONS & CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION**

- ASSA Annual Meetings, January 3-5, 2016, San Francisco, CA. (participant)
- “Money multiplier under Reserve Options Mechanism” Economics and Finance Seminar Series, Melikşah University, Kayseri, Turkey, November 12, 2015.
- ASSA Annual Meetings, January 3-5, 2015, Boston, MA. (participant)

- “Exchange market pressure under Reserve Options Mechanism,” Seminar, Istanbul School of Central Banking, Istanbul, Turkey, March 31, 2016.
- “Quantitative assessment of inflation pressure during a transition to inflation targeting,” Ekonomik Yaklaşım (EY) International Congress on Economics I, Ankara, Turkey, October 24-25, 2013.
- “Quantitative assessment of inflation pressure during a transition to inflation targeting: The Turkish experience, 1996-2005”, Seminar, Central Bank of the Republic of Turkey, Ankara, Turkey, June 15, 2013.
- Graduate Student Conference, Washington University at St. Louis, St. Louis, MO, 2006. (participant)