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EDUCATION

University of Bonn

Master of Science in Economics

2022 - 2024

GPA: 1.3

Thesis Title: *Global Real Interest Rate Dynamics and Monetary Policy Announcements*

Koç University

Bachelor of Arts in Economics & Sociology (Double Majors)

2017 - 2022

GPA: 3.7

Specialization: *Macroeconomic Policies and Financial Markets, Finance*

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Monetary Policy, International Macro-Finance, Empirical Banking

RESEARCH POSITIONS

Bank for International Settlements (BIS)

Associate, Monetary and Economic Department

Basel

2025–Present

- Contribute empirical briefs and visualizations for Global Economic Monitoring, the Annual Economic Report, and the Emerging Market Governors' Meeting.
- Build and maintain cross-country asset-market datasets, e.g. market-based high-frequency monetary policy surprises, zero-coupon yield curves, with documented, reproducible pipelines.
- RA on a research project examining contingent convertible bonds (CoCos), including dataset construction, empirical analysis, and robustness checks.

Central Bank of the Republic of Türkiye

Researcher, Structural Economic Research Department

Istanbul

2024–2025

- Conduct empirical econometric research using firm-, household-, and survey microdata, e.g., Business Tendency Survey, on firm expectations, inflation dynamics, and international trade.
- Prepared policy briefs for senior management, delivering data-driven findings that inform MPC decisions.

Institute of Finance and Statistics

Research Assistant, Finance Group

Bonn

2023–2024

- RA on “Heterogeneous Expectations and Stock Market Cycles” and related projects of Dr. Janko Heineken.
- Implemented econometric models to study heterogeneous extrapolation in beliefs using Python.
- Cleaned and merged household survey data, constructed household wealth measures, collected data via ECB Data Portal API.

SnA Consulting

Associate Analytics Consultant

Istanbul

2021–2022

- Contributed to a team that built a credit risk scoring model for an energy-sector subsidiary.
- Engineered features using SQL and MS Excel and communicated results to senior stakeholders.

RESEARCH

Work-in-Progress

Superstar Spillovers: Productivity Gains and Reallocation (with Okan Akarsu and Barbaros Eriş).

Extracting Household Inflation Expectations from Online Text: Evidence from Twitter (with Taha Bilgiç).

Policy Publications

Monetary Tightening and Consumption Expenditures by Income Level (with Altan Aldan and Barbaros Eriş), CBRT Blog, February 2025.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Vehbi Koç Honor Award	2019
Peacemakers Project (Erasmus+ Key Action 2 funded project)	2018
Istanbul Erkek High School Foundation Academic Scholarship	2018-2019
Koç University Financial Support Scholarship Program	2017-2022
Cahit Arf Scholarship	2017-2021
Koç University Full Merit Scholarship	2017-2022
60th Place in University Entrance Examination Among 1 Million Student	2017

CERTIFICATIONS

CFA Program — Level I Candidate (Exam: February 2026)

PROGRAMMING SKILLS

Python, R, Stata, MATLAB, SQL, Julia, Git & GitHub, Gephi

LANGUAGES

Turkish (Native), English (Advanced), German (Intermediate)

REFERENCES

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