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EDUCATION

University of Bonn

Master of Science in Economics

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

2022 - 2024

GPA: 1.3

Koç University

Bachelor of Arts in Economics & Sociology (Double Majors)

Specialization: *Macroeconomic Policies and Financial Markets, Finance*

2017 - 2022

GPA: 3.7

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

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| 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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