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CITIZENSHIP: Turkish

PRE-DOCTORAL STUDIES:

2012 - 2014: MRes in Economics, London School of Economics
2006 - 2009: MA Economics, Bilkent University, Turkey
2001 - 2006: BSc Economics, Middle East Technical University, Turkey

DOCTORAL STUDIES: London School of Economics

DATES: 2014 - present

THESIS TITLE: "Essays on Macro and International Finance"

EXPECTED COMPLETION DATE: Summer 2019

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DESIRED TEACHING AND RESEARCH:

Primary Fields :Macro Finance, Monetary Economics
Secondary Fields :International Economics, Real Estate Economics

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Graduate/Undergraduate Teaching

2016 - 2018 Microeconomics and Macroeconomics for Public Policy (MPA Course)
2015 Money and Banking (Summer School Course)
2014 - 2016 Macroeconomic Principles (Undergraduate Course)

Executive MPA/MPP Teaching

2016-2017 Microeconomics and Macroeconomics for Public Policy
2016-2017 Mathematics and Statistics

Undergraduate Teaching before Doctoral Studies

2007 - 2009 Introduction to Economics, Time Series Econometrics (Bilkent University)
2005- 2006 Introduction to Econometrics (Middle East Technical University)

RELEVANT POSITIONS HELD:

2014 - 2018 Research Assistant to Dr. Ethan Ilzetzki
2014 Intern, Research Department, Sveriges Riskbank (Summer Internship)
2008 - 2012 Researcher, Research and Monetary Policy Department, Central Bank of the Republic of Turkey

LANGUAGES

Turkish (Native), English (Fluent), German (Intermediate), Greek (Conversational)

HONORS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS:

2016 - 2018 Systemic Risk Centre Scholarship
2012 - 2016 Economic and Social Research Council Scholarship
2016 LSE Student Union Student-Led Teaching Excellence Award Nomination
2012 - 2014 Central Bank of Turkey Study Abroad Scholarship
2007 Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey National Scholarship
2006 - 2009 Bilkent University Full Graduate Scholarship
2005 Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst German Language Education Scholarship

REFEREEING SERVICE:

Economic Inquiry, İktisat İletme Finans, Central Bank Review

COMPLETED PAPERS:

Job Market Paper: "Income Inequality, Mortgage Debt and House Prices"

The last three decades in the US have been characterized by two secular trends: rising income inequality and declining real interest rates. This paper studies macroeconomic and financial stability implications of increasing income inequality and discusses how a low interest rate environment can alter its consequences. I develop a parsimonious model of mortgage and housing markets. The framework departs from standard lending models with exogenous lending constraints by incorporating collateral into a rational default model. The model predicts a decline in house prices and a rise in aggregate default risk in equilibrium following an increase in inequality. I then show that low real rates mitigate the depressing effect of inequality on house prices at the cost of amplifying aggregate default risk in the mortgage market. Using a panel data of US states between the years 1992-2015 for house prices and 2003-2015 for mortgage variables, I verify the model predictions. I find that a rise in income inequality is associated with (i) a decline in house prices, (ii) an increase in mortgage delinquencies and (iii) a decline in mortgage debt.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS:

"Global Banks and International Transmission of Financial Shocks"

This paper analyses the role of global banks in international transmission of shocks when countries have different domestic financial market structures. In particular, capital requirement faced by a global bank and the level of financial development, i.e. share of investments financed by bank lending, vary across countries. A positive productivity shock in one country brings about an increase in its GDP with negative international spillovers, dynamics of which are independent of the financial conditions in the country of the shock. In contrast, it has global implications whether the country that is hit by a financial shock is more financially developed than the other or not. A financial shock in the more financially developed economy leads to a more severe global downturn than a similar shock in the less financially developed economy. Moreover, how fast a country recovers from a financial crisis depends on its degree of financial development and the bank capital regulations: although GDP declines simultaneously in both countries, the recession lasts shorter in the country with lower financial development and lower bank capital requirement.

PRE-DOCTORAL STUDIES RESEARCH:

"Do We Really Need Filters In Estimating Output Gap?: Evidence From Turkey," 2013. Working Papers 1333, Research and Monetary Policy Department, Central Bank of the Republic of Turkey (with Evren Erdogan Cosar and Cagri Sarikaya)

"Heterogeneity in Inflation Persistence and Optimal Monetary Policy," 2010. Working Papers 1004, Research and Monetary Policy Department, Central Bank of the Republic of Turkey.

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“Short Term Inflation Forecasting Models for Turkey and a Forecast Combination Analysis”,
Economic Modeling, 2013. 33: 312-325 (with Kurmas Akdogan, Selen Baser, Meltem Gulenay Chadwick,
Dilara Ertug, Timur Hulagu, Fethi Ogunc, Utku Ozmen and Necati Tekatli)