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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics, State University of New York (SUNY) at Albany, New York, USA **2005**

Research Fields: Applied Econometrics, Forecasting, International Finance.

Dissertation: "Essays on Macroeconomic Forecasting" (recipient of *Distinguished Dissertation Award*)

M.A., Economics, SUNY at Albany, Albany, New York, USA **2001**

M.A., Economics, Hacettepe University, Turkey **1998**

Master Thesis: "Exchange Rate Determination: The case of Turkey" (recipient of *Best Master Thesis Award*)

B.Sc., Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Middle East Technical University, Turkey **1994**

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Sr. Vice President, Economist, Citigroup, Istanbul **7/2010 – present**

Sr. Vice President, Quantitative Analyst, Citigroup, New York , NY, USA **4/2005 – 6/2010**

Economist, Ways & Means Committee, NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY, Albany, NY, USA **1/2003-4/2005**

Senior Analyst, Econometric Research Institute, SUNY, Albany, NY, USA **10/2000-12/2002**

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor/Assistant, Economics Dept., SUNY, Albany, NY, USA **1998 - 2002**

Instructor, Hacettepe University Economics Dept, Turkey **1994 - 1998**

PUBLICATIONS

- Taking the limits of monetary policy seriously, (with Ilker Domac and Magda Kandil) under review
- "Estimating the international transmission of shocks using GDP forecasts: India and its trading partners", (with K. Lahiri), in *Development Macroeconomics Essays in memory of Anita Ghatak*, in S. Ghatak & P.Levine (eds), Routledge, UK, 2009
- "How far ahead can we forecast? Evidence from cross-country surveys", (with K. Lahiri), *International Journal of Forecasting* , 2007, vol. 23(2), pages 161-187. (recipient of "2006 – 2007 Best Paper Award")
- "How Quickly Do Forecasters Incorporate news? Evidence from Cross-country Surveys", (with K. Lahiri and P. Loungani), *Journal of Applied Econometrics*, 2006, vol. 21(6), pages 703-725.
- "A Note on Aggregation Bias in Fixed-event Forecast Efficiency Tests", *Economics Letters*, 2005, 89:312-316.
- "Interdependence in International Stock Markets and structural VAR identification using short-run market inefficiencies", 24th *International Symposium on Forecasting*, Sydney, Australia, July 2004.

AWARDS, AFFILITIATIONS and OTHER

- Best Paper Award in International Journal of Forecasting in 2006 – 2007 (among 150 papers)
- Distinguished Dissertation Award, University at Albany – SUNY, 2005
- Scholarship Support from *International Institute of Forecasters*, 2004
- Best Master Thesis Award by *Turkish Economic Association*, 1998
- Referee: *International Journal of Forecasting.*
- Program Committee: 27th International Symposium on Forecasting, New York, NY, USA, 2007