

Işıl Erol
Curriculum Vitae

Personal

Employment: Professor of Real Estate Finance
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Nationality: Turkish, Australian permanent resident

Research Interests

Real estate finance (residential mortgages, option-based mortgage pricing, commercial real estate), Corporate finance (REITs, ESG investing), Housing economics.

Education

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Real Estate Finance, 2004, University of Cambridge, England.

Master of Philosophy (MPhil) in Land Economy, 2001, University of Cambridge, England.

Master of Science (MSc) in Economics, 2000, Middle East Technical University, Turkey.

Bachelor of Science (BSc) in City and Regional Planning (Major in Urban Economics), 1998, Middle East Technical University, Turkey.

Work Experience

Professor of Real Estate Finance, Ozyegin University, Turkey	Aug 2022 – present
Academic Director, aA Retail Real Estate Centre, Ozyegin University	Aug 2022 – present
Program Director, MBA & Executive MBA at Graduate School of Business	Aug 2022 –Sept 2023
Associate Professor of Real Estate Finance and Investment, University of Reading	Mar. 2021–Aug 2022
Program Director, MSc Real Estate Finance, Henley Business School, University of Reading	2021-2022
Associate Professor of Property Economics, Queensland University of Technology	Sept. 2018– Feb 2021
Discipline Leader, Property Economics, Queensland University of Technology	2018-2021
Professor of Real Estate Finance, Ozyegin University, Turkey	Jun 2017–Aug 2018
Academic Director, aA Retail Real Estate Centre, Ozyegin University	Nov 2013–Aug 2018
Associate Professor of Real Estate Finance, Ozyegin University	Sept 2013–Jun 2017
Vice Chair, Department of Economics, Middle East Technical University, Turkey	Feb 2011–Sept 2013
Associate Professor of Economics, Middle East Technical University	Jun 2010–Sept 2013
Visiting scholar, Business School, University of Adelaide, Australia	July/Sept 2009
Vice Director, Institute of Applied Mathematics, Middle East Technical University	Sept 2006–Aug 2008
Assistant Professor of Economics, Middle East Technical University	Jun 2005–May 2010

Publications

Research Pipeline – Working papers & Submitted manuscripts.

Role of Housing in Driving Regional Wealth Inequalities in Britain, working paper.

The Effect of Immigration on the German Housing Market, with Umut Unal and Bernd Hayo, revise & resubmit at the *Journal of Real Estate Finance and Economics (JREFE)*.

Housing Market Convergence: Evidence from Germany with Umut Unal and Bernd Hayo, revise & resubmit at *Applied Economics Journal*.

Published Articles

Erol, I. and U. Unal (2023). Internal migration and house prices in Australia, *Regional Studies*, 57:7, 1207-1222, DOI: 10.1080/00343404.2022.2106363 SSCI & Q1

Erol I., U. Unal, and Y. Coşkun (2023). ESG Investing and the Financial Performance: A Panel Data Analysis of Developed REIT Markets. *Environmental Science and Pollution Research*, 30, 85154–85169, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11356-023-28376-1> SSCI-E & Q1

Adu-McVie, R., Yigitcanlar, T., Xia, B. and I. Erol (2023). How can innovation districts performance be assessed? Insights from South-East Queensland, Australia. *Journal of Place Management and Development*, 16 (2), 183-247. <https://doi.org/10.1108/JPMD-06-2022-0053> ESCI & Q2

Erol I. and U. Unal (2023). Local House Price Effects of Internal Migration in Queensland: Australia's Interstate Migration Capital. *Australian Economic Review*, 56(3), 308-327. <https://doi.org/10.1111/1467-8462.12512> SSCI Q3

Adu-McVie, R., Yigitcanlar, T., Xia B. and I. Erol (2022). Innovation District Typology Classification via Performance Framework: Insights from Sydney, Melbourne, and Brisbane, *Buildings MDPI*, 12(9), 1398, <https://doi.org/10.3390/buildings12091398>. SSCI-E & Q1

Li, W., T. Yigitcanlar, A. Liu and I. Erol (2022). Mapping Two Decades of Smart Home Research: A Systematic Scientometric Analysis, *Technological Forecasting & Social Change*, 179, 121676. SSCI & Q1

Erol I. and U. Unal (2022). Employment effects of immigration to Germany in the period of migration policy liberalization, 2005–2018. *Eurasian Economic Review*, 12, 531–565. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40822-022-00199-4> ESCI & Q1

Chia, J. and I. Erol (2021). Young Australians living with parents: free and pay board as popular housing tenure choices, *Journal of Housing and Built Environment*, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10901-021-09911-3>

Li, W., T. Yigitcanlar, I. Erol and A. Liu (2021). Motivations, barriers and risks of smart home adoption: From systematic literature review to conceptual framework, *Energy Research & Social Science*, 80, 102211. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.erss.2021.102211>.

Isler, O., T. Flew, I. Erol and U. Dulleck (2021). Market news and credibility cues improve house price predictions: An experiment on bounded rationality in real estate, *Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Finance*, 31, 100550.

Adu-McVie, R., Yigitcanlar, T., Erol, I. and Xia B. (December 2021) Classifying Innovation Districts: Delphi Validation of a Multidimensional Framework, *Land Use Policy*, 111, 105779.

Coskun, Y., I. Erol, and G. Morri. (2021) Why do Turkish REITs Trade at Discount to NAV? A Rational Approach Analysis, *Empirical Economics*, 60, 2227-2259.

Erol, I., D. Tirtiroglu, and E. Tirtiroglu (2020) Pricing of IPOs Under Legally Mandated Concentrated Ownership and Commitment Period: Evidence from a Natural Experiment for REITs in Turkey, *Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Finance*, 25, 100245.

Erol, I. and T. Tyvima (2020) Explaining the Premium to NAV in Publicly Traded Australian REITs, 2008 – 2018, *Journal of Property Investment & Finance*, 38(1), 4-30.

Sokalamis Adu Mcvie, R. Yigitcanlar, T. and I. Erol. (2020) How can contemporary innovation districts be classified? A systematic review of the literature, *Land Use Policy*, 95, 104595.

Erol, I. (2019) New Geographies of Residential Capitalism: Financialization of Turkish Housing Market Since the Early 2000s, *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, 43(4), 724-740.

Ceylan, R., B.A. Ozbakir and I. Erol (2017) A critical assessment of Retail Spaces and Shopping-Malls in Turkey through Legislative Frameworks, *METU Journal of Faculty of Architecture*.

Kutlukaya, M. and I. Erol (September 2016), Analysis of Cross-Country Variations in the Depth of European Mortgage Markets, *Journal of Housing and the Built Environment*, 31(3), 513-543

Cakici, N., Erol, I. & D. Tirtiroglu (March 2014), Tracking the Evolution of Idiosyncratic Risk and Cross-Sectional Expected Returns for US REITs, *Journal of Real Estate Finance and Economics*, 48(3), 415-440.

Erol, I. and B.A. Ozbakir (2012), Globalizing Polycentricity in Istanbul: Mamdani Type Fuzzy Rule-Based Model of Downtown Office Space Rents, *Urban Geography*, 33(8), 1212-1248.

Erol, I. and D. Tirtiroglu (July 2011), Concentrated Ownership, No Dividend Pay-out Requirement and Capital Structure of REITs: Evidence from Turkey, *Journal of Real Estate Finance and Economics*, 43(1-2), 174-204.

Erol, I. and D. Tirtiroglu (2008), The Inflation-Hedging Properties of Turkish REITs, *Applied Economics*, 40(20), 2671-2696.

Erol, I. and K. Patel (2007), Pricing the Default Option of Inflation-Indexed Mortgages Using Explicit Finite Difference Method, *International Real Estate Review*, 10(1), 48-92.

Erol, I. and A. Güzel (2006), The Elasticity of Capital–Land Substitution in the Housing Construction Sector of a Rapidly Urbanized City: Evidence from Turkey, *Review of Urban and Regional Development Studies*, 18(2), 85-101.

Erol, I. and K. Patel (2005), Default Risk of Wage-Indexed Payment Mortgage (WIPM) Contract in Turkey, *Journal of Housing Economics*, 14(3), 271-293.

Erol, I. and K. Patel (2004), Housing Policy and Mortgage Finance in Turkey during the Late 1990s Inflationary Period, *International Real Estate Review*, 7(1), 98-120.

Book Chapters

Erol, I. (2019). Financial Transformation and Housing Finance in Turkey, in *The Political Economy of Financial Transformation in Turkey*, edited by Galip Yalman and Thomas Marois, Routledge Emerging Economies Series.

Bedirhanoglu, P., Comert, H., Eren, I., Erol, I., Demiroz, D., Erdem, N., Gungen, A. R., Marois, T., Topal, A., Turel, O., Voyvoda, E., Yalman, G. and Yeldan, E. (2013) Comparative perspective on financial systems in the EU: Country report on Turkey', FESSUD Studies in Financial Systems, no. 11, available online at: <http://fessud.eu/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/Turkey-Studies.pdf> (accessed 24 July 2017)

Erol, I. (2015). Real Estate and Economic Growth in Turkey in Real Estate, in Construction and Economic Development in Emerging Market Economies, edited by Raymond, T.A., O. Franklin, E. Ochieng and M. Vida, published by Routledge.

Erol, I. (Nisan 2015). Is there a Housing Boom in Turkey? An Analysis of Housing Market Capitalisation Rates, pages 323-344, in The Past, The Present, and The Future of Turkish Economy, edited by Emre Özçelik ve Erol Taymaz, Imge Publications, Ankara, ISBN 978-975-533-, 2015 (In Turkish).

Other Refereed Publications:

Erdem, O. and I. Erol (2013), Homeownership and Unemployment Relationship: Testing the Oswald Hypothesis for the Case of Turkey (In Turkish: Ev Sahipliği-İşsizlik İlişkisi Üzerine: Oswald Hipotezinin Türkiye Örneğinde Test Edilmesi) *İktisat ve Toplum Dergisi* Sayı:27, 17-24.

Altınoy, G., I. Erol and Ş.K. Yıldırak (2010), Time-varying Beta Risk of Turkish Real Estate Investment Trusts. *Metu Studies in Development*, 37 (August), 83-114.

Erol, I. and Ö. Çetinkaya (Aralık 2009), Originating Long-Term Fixed-Rate Mortgages In Developing Economies: New Evidence from Turkey. *Metu Studies in Development*, 36(2), 325-362.

Erol, I. (2009), US Mortgage Crisis and the Secondary Mortgage Market in Turkey (ABD Mortgage Krizi ve Türkiye’de İkincil Mortgage Piyasası), *Education Science Society Journal*, 7(27), 16-34.

Erol, I. (2008), The Inflation-Hedging Characteristics of Real Estate and Financial Assets in Turkey: 2000 to 2006, *Yapı Kredi Economic Review*, 19(1), 39-66.

Erol, I. and K. Patel (2007), Pricing the Default Option of Inflation-Indexed Mortgages Using Explicit Finite Difference Method, *International Real Estate Review*, 10(1), 48-92.

Erol, I. and A. Güzel (2006), The Elasticity of Capital–Land Substitution in the Housing Construction Sector of a Rapidly Urbanized City: Evidence from Turkey. *Review of Urban and Regional Development Studies*, 18(2), 85-101.

Erol, I. and K. Patel (2005), Developing Mortgage Market in Turkey: The Key Issues in the Creation of Secondary Market. *Bogazici Journal: Review of Social, Economic and Administrative Studies*, 19(1-2), 31-54.

Erol, I. and K. Patel (2004), Housing Policy and Mortgage Finance in Turkey during the Late 1990s Inflationary Period. *International Real Estate Review*, 7(1), 98-120.

Non-Academic, Sectoral Publications

Erol, I. (September 23, 2016). Ekonomik Büyüme ve Sürdürülebilir Gayrimenkul Piyasaları, *Gayrimenkul Türkiye Dergisi*

Erol, I. (August 05, 2016). Ev Sahipleri ve Kiracıların Konutta Oturma Sürekliliğini Belirleyen Faktörler, *Gayrimenkul Türkiye Dergisi*

Erol, I. (September 2014). Türkiye Geneli ve İller Bazında Konut Satışları: 1998-2013 Dönemi, *Marketing Anadolu Dergisi*, Sayfa 40-41.

International Conference Proceedings

Erol, I. (2008). Capital Structure Decisions in Turkish REITs. Proceedings of the 13th Asian Real Estate Society (AsRES) Annual Conference, Shanghai-China, ISBN 978-7-5642-0263-7, July 12-15, 2008.

Baer, T., K. Patel, I. Erol, R. Pereira, & Y. Sung-Jin (2006). Pricing of Reverse Mortgage on Forward House Sale. Proceedings of the 5th International Conference on Computational Intelligence in Economics and Finance) October 8-11, 2006, Taiwan ISBN: 978-90-78677-01-7.

Research Projects

Project title: A Regional Analysis of Housing-Wealth Inequality Dynamics in Britain, October 2021 – September 2023, funded by the Reading Real Estate Foundation. Lead researcher.

Project title: Effect of International Migration on Local House Price Dynamics in Germany’, funded by the Department of Economics, University of Marburg, Researcher.

Project title: Operationalising Knowledge-Based Urban Development in Papua New Guinea in the Case of Malahang Industrial Innovation Centre, 2019-2021, funded by Papua New Guinea University of Technology. Working as the Project Co-investigator in a QUT team of three researchers.

World Bank Research Project: Urban Transformation in Turkey and Financing Urban Transformation Projects (UTPs) with Case Studies from Istanbul, November 2017 to June 30, 2018. Worked as a local consultant.

The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey Project: Economic Impacts of Transportation Policies: A Case Study for Turkey at the City Level, October 2017 – October 2019. Worked as the Project Co-Investigator.

The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey Project: Analysis of the Determinants of Declining Home Ownership Rate in Turkey, 2015–2016. Worked as the Project Chief Investigator.

European Union (EU), European Commission Seventh Framework Program Project (FP7/2007-2013): FESSUD: Financialization, Economy, Society and Sustainable Development, December 2011–December 2014. Worked as a Researcher in a team of fifteen participating international universities.

The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey Project: Pricing Turkish REIT Industry under the Corporate Finance Theories: Applications of Arbitrage Pricing Model and Event Study for Tax Arbitrage, November 2011-November 2012. Worked as the Project Chief Investigator.

The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey Project: GIS and Fuzzy Logic Based Spatial Analysis for the Determinants of REIT-Owned Commercial Property Rents in Istanbul, October 2008-2010. Worked as the Project Chief Investigator.

The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey Project: Pricing Fixed Rate Mortgages in Inflationary Economies: A Numerical Analysis of Partial Integro Differential Equation (PIDE) for jump processes, October 2007-2009. Worked as the Project Chief Investigator.

Industry-Led Research Projects

Project Title: House Price Index Construction for Istanbul, June 2016 – June 2017, funded by EmlakJet Company. Worked as the Project Leader and Consultant in a research team of five researchers.

Project title: Primary and Secondary Mortgage Markets and Pricing Mortgage Contracts in Turkey, June-December 2009 & February-June 2010, funded by Is Bank. Worked as the Project Chief Investigator & Consultant. [One-year training program on ‘Pricing mortgage contracts and the development of secondary mortgage market in Turkey’ for over 4,000 Is Bank employees].

Executive Training & Professional Teaching

The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) London Online Academy Trainer for Property Investment and Finance Track, December 2022 – present.

Executive training for the financial/real estate analysts in the Public Investment Fund as RICS Trainer, 10-17 April 2023.

The Association of Turkish Real Estate Investment Companies (GYODER) & Ozyegin University aA Retail and Real Estate Centre, Real Estate Development and Financing Certificate Program for Industry Professionals, Real Estate Markets at the Global Scale and the Role of Real Estate Investments in Institutional Investor Portfolios, 2 November 2016.

Turkcell Real Estate Group, Real Estate Management Certificate Program, Introduction to Real Estate Economics and Finance lecture, August 26-27, 2016.

Turkey Real Estate Appraisers Association (TDUB) Academy – Real Estate Economics and Finance lecture, January 23, 2016.

Turkey Real Estate Appraisers Association (TDUB) Academy – Real Estate Economics and Finance lecture, November 23, 2015.

Finans Bank, one-day teaching on Fundamentals of Real Estate Markets, October 10, 2015.

Is Bank, one-year training program on ‘Pricing mortgage contracts and the development of secondary mortgage market in Turkey’ for over 4,000 Is Bank employees.

Conference Organizations

Program Committee Member – EconWorld 2016 3rd International Conference in Economics, Barcelona-Spain, February 1-3, 2016.

Program Committee Member – EconWorld 2015 2nd International Conference in Economics, Turin Italy, August 18-20, 2015.

Local Scientific Committee Member – European Real Estate Society (ERES), the 22nd International Conference, Istanbul, 24-25 June 2015.

Organizing Committee Chair – Ozyegin University and Turkish Council of Shopping Centers (AYD), Commercial Real Estate Law Symposium, with 150 attendees, Sabanci Center, November 30, 2015.

Organizing Committee Chair – Ozyegin University aARREC International Real Estate Markets Workshop, sponsored by Borsa Istanbul, with 350 conference attendees, 19-20 June 2014, Istanbul.

Recent Conference Presentations

Unal, U., B. Hayo and I. Erol (2023) The Effect of Immigration on the German Housing Market, The 2023AsRES-GCREC Joint International Real Estate Conference, 13-17 July 2023, Hong Kong – China.

Erol, I., Unal, U. and Coskun, Y. (2021) ESG Investing and the Financial Performance: A Panel Data Analysis of Developed REIT Markets, REALPAC/Ryerson Research Symposium, 19 November 2021, Canada.

Erol, I. (2021) Real Estate in the New Reality: The Covid-19 Impacts, Invited keynote speaker at the 2021 Econ TR International conference.

Erol, I. (2020) The Effects of Newcomers through Migration on the Local Dynamics of Regional Cities: The Case of Queensland, Australia, accepted for the European Urban Research Association (EURA) 2020 in Oslo, 15-17 June, the conference has been cancelled.

Erol, I. and T. Tyvimaa (2019) Explaining the Premium to NAV in Publicly Traded Australian REITs, 2008 – 2018, presented at the American Real Estate and Urban Economics (AREUEA) 2019 International Conference, 24-26 June 2019, Milan, Italy.

Erol, I., D. Tirtiroglu and E. Tirtiroglu (August 2017), Legally Mandated Concentrated Ownership and Commitment Period and Pricing of IPOs: Evidence from REITs in Turkey, presented at the 2017 Asia Pacific Real Estate Research Symposium (APRERS), August 23-24, Hong Kong.

Erol, I. (June 2017), Financialization and Housing: The Case of Turkey, presented at the 14th International Conference Developments in Economic Theory and Policy, Bilbao-Spain, June 29-30, 2017.

Erol, I. and E. Cüneydođlu (May 2017), Declining Homeownership Rate in Turkey: Factors Affecting the Duration of Homeownership and Rental Spells, presented at the 16th International Conference of Middle East Economic Association (MEEA), May 18-20, Ankara.

Erol, I. and B.A. Ozbakir (April 2017), A Spatial Hedonic Analysis of House Price Dynamics in Istanbul, presented at the 2017 Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers (AAG), Boston-Massachusetts, USA, April 5-9, 2017

Erol, I. and U. Unal (2016), "Construction Industry and Economic Growth in Turkey", 36th Annual Middle East Economic Association (MEEA) Meeting in conjunction with the Allied Social Science Association (ASSA), January 3-6, 2016, San Francisco, USA.

Erol, I. ve E. Cüneydođlu (2016), "Sustainability of Homeownership in Turkey: Factors Affecting the Duration of Homeownership and Rental Spells", American Real Estate and Urban Economics Association (AREUEA) International Conference, July 6-9, 2016, Alicante, Spain.

Erol, I., D. Tirtiroglu, and E. Tirtiroglu (August 2015), "Pricing of IPOs: The Unique Case of Turkish REITs", the 2nd International Conference in Economics (EconWorld 2015), August 18-20, 2015, Torino, Italy.

Ceylan, R., I. Erol, and B.A. Ozbakir (July 2015), "Mapping the Urban Story of Shopping Malls in Istanbul, Session: How GIS Is Transforming Real Estate? presented by B.A. Ozbakir in the 2015 ESRI User Conference (Esri UC), July 20-24, 2015 San Diego, CA, USA.

Ceylan, R., I. Erol, and B.A. Ozbakir (July 2015), "Raster Based Walkability Index Mapping of Shopping Malls in Istanbul, Session: Planning for Physical Activity and Health, presented by B.A. Ozbakir in the 2015 ESRI User Conference (Esri UC), July 20-24, 2015, San Diego, CA, USA.

Erol, I. (April 2015), "An Econometric Analysis of the Spatial Distribution of Organized Retail Space in Istanbul" 2015 Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers (AAG,) April 21-25, 2015, Chicago, Illinois, USA.

Erol, I. and A. Ileri (2012), "Macroeconomic Risk Factors in Turkish REIT Returns" European Real Estate Society (ERES) Conference in June 13-16, 2012, Edinburgh, Scotland, UK.

Erol, I. (2012), "Housing Finance System in Turkey and the European Union Harmonization Process" the 15th Annual Mediterranean Studies Association Conference in May 30 – June 2, 2012, Pula Croatia.

Refereeing for peer Reviewed Journals

The up-to-date refereeing works for scholarly and professional journals: Habitat International, Journal of Housing and the Built Environment, Journal of European Real Estate Research, Journal of Economics, Finance and Accounting, International Review of Applied Economics, New Perspectives on Turkey, International Real Estate Review, International Journal of Strategic Property Management, METU Journal of the Faculty of Architecture, Emerging Markets Finance and Trade, Borsa Istanbul Review.

Graduate Advising, Masters and PhD Thesis Supervisions

Ongoing Theses

Özyeğin University, Graduate School of Business, PhD in Finance, “Executive Team Overconfidence for US REITs” by Neslihan Yılmaz, ongoing PhD thesis, Principal supervisor.

Completed Theses

Henley Business School, Real Estate and Planning Department, University of Reading, “Unique Property Buyers and Their Impact on the UK Housing Market” by Cornelia Agyenim-Boateng, ongoing PhD thesis, Principal supervisor.

School of Economics and Finance & School of Built Environment, Queensland University of Technology (QUT), “A Methodology for Developing Innovation District Typologies: The Case of South-East Queensland”, by Rosemary Sokalamis Adu Mcvie, ongoing PhD thesis, Co-supervisor.

Master’s Thesis – School of Economics and Finance & School of Built Environment, Queensland University of Technology (QUT), “Demographics of Smart Homes and Smart Cities in Australia”, by Wenda Li, May 2022, External supervisor.

PhD Thesis – Department of Economics, Middle East Technical University (METU), “Turkish Mortgage Market: An Assessment of Its Potential and Riskiness”, by Mahmut Kutlukaya, April 2015, Sole supervisor.

PhD Thesis – Department of Economics, Middle East Technical University (METU), “The Impacts of the Structural Differences of Turkish REITs from the Global REIT Industry”, by Erkan Yönder, February 2015, Sole supervisor.

PhD Thesis – Department of Economics, Middle East Technical University (METU), “Transport Economics: Congestion Charging by Spatial Computable General Equilibrium (CGE) Models”, by Ozhan Yılmaz, August 2018, Co-supervisor.

Master’s Thesis – Department of City and Regional Planning, Yildiz Technical University, Istanbul, “Analysing the Performance of Shopping Centres in Mixed-Use Real Estate Projects within the Sustainability Perspective: The Case of Istanbul”, by Rumeysa Ceylan, July 2016, Co-supervisor.

Master’s Thesis – Department of Financial Mathematics, Institute of Applied Mathematics, Middle East Technical University (METU), “Pricing Default and Financial Distress Risks in Foreign Currency-Denominated Corporate Loans in Turkey”, by Aycan Yılmaz, September 2011, Sole supervisor.

Master’s Thesis – Department of Financial Mathematics, Institute of Applied Mathematics, METU, “Completion, Pricing and Calibration in a Levy Market Model”, by B. Zeynep Yılmaz, September 2010, Co-supervisor.

Master’s Thesis – Department of Financial Mathematics, Institute of Applied Mathematics, METU, "Office Rent Variation in Istanbul CBD: An Application of Mamdani and TSK-Type Fuzzy Rule Based System", by Azar Karimov, August 2010, Principal supervisor.

Master’s Thesis – Department of Economics, METU, “Time-Varying Beta Risk of Turkish REITs”, by Gozde Altinsoy, December 2009, Sole supervisor.

Master’s Thesis – Department of Economics, METU, "The determinants of financial development in Turkey: A principal component analysis", by Mesrur Boru, August 2009, Sole supervisor.

Master’s Thesis – Department of Financial Mathematics, Institute of Applied Mathematics, METU, “Pricing the Default and Prepayment Risk of Fixed Rate Mortgages in Turkey: An Application of Explicit Finite Difference Method”, by Ozgenay Cetinkaya, July 2009, Sole supervisor.

Master's Thesis – Department of Financial Mathematics, Institute of Applied Mathematics, METU, “Financial Leverage Decisions of Turkish REITs” by Burak Yıldırım, December 2008, Sole supervisor.

Honours and Scholarships

- 2001-2003: Bill Gates - Cambridge Scholarship for the PhD Degree at the University of Cambridge.
- 2001-2003: Overseas Research Scholarship (ORS), Universities UK, Department of Education and Skills for the PhD Degree at the University of Cambridge.
- 2000-2001: British Chevening and Turkish Education Foundation (TEV) Scholarship for the MPhil Degree at the University of Cambridge.
- 1993-1998: Honour award for ranking 3rd in the Department of City and Regional Planning, Middle East Technical University.