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CURRICULUM VITAE

PERSONAL

Date and Place of Birth: 28 November 1976, Istanbul-Turkey

Citizenship: Republic of Turkey, H1B visa in the U.S

EDUCATION

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

Washington D.C., USA

Doctor of Philosophy, Ph.D. in Economics

September 2001-August 2009

Department of Economics, Columbian College of Arts and Sciences (GPA 3.70)

Thesis Title: Essays in Global Linkages and Business Cycles

Dissertation Director: Prof. Dr. Frederick L. Joutz

- Awarded 2001-2006 GWU CCAS Teaching Fellowship and Graduate Teaching Assistantship
- 2006 John W. Kendrick Prize for Graduate Student Paper in Macroeconomics, Growth and Productivity
- Completed Ph.D. Comprehensive Exams in Microeconomics (with Distinction), Macroeconomics, Econometrics and International Economics.

- Primary Research Fields: Globalization, International Economic Linkages, Macroeconomic Aspects of International Trade and Finance, Business Cycle Analyses, Consumption, Savings and Household Wealth Allocation Patterns in Emerging Markets, Housing and Property Markets, Financial Sector Development, and Econometric Modeling.

- Regional Expertise: Turkey, Eurozone, Japan, BRIC and Emerging Markets

INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF JAPAN

Niigata, Japan

Master of Arts in International Development Program

September 1998-June 2000

Graduate School of International Relations (GPA 3.54)

Thesis Title: Banking System Crises in Japan, Sweden and the USA in Comparative Perspective
Dissertation Director: Prof. Dr. Akinori Marumo

- Awarded 1998-2000 Monbusho Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports Scholarship
- Studied Development Economics with Major Concentration on Asia-Pacific Region
- Assistant Librarian in Matsushita Information Center

BOĞAZIÇI UNIVERSITY

Istanbul, Turkey

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science & International Relations-Sociology

September 1994-June 1998

Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences and Faculty of Arts and Sciences
(Double Major GPA 3.66)

- 1998 Boğaziçi University President's Award for the Highest GPA in Double Major Programs
- 1994-1998 Boğaziçi University Alumni Association Scholarship

BALIKESİR SIRRI YIRCALI ANADOLU LİSESİ (SYAL)

Balıkesir, Turkey

High School Diploma

September 1987-June 1994

- Valedictorian of Year 1994, SYAL Award for Highest GPA
- 36th place in Social Sciences and Mathematics in 1994 National University Placement Exam

OTHER TRAINING**THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF ADVANCED INTERNATIONAL STUDIES (SAIS)**

Washington D.C., USA

International Economics and Finance Program

September-December 2012

Attended Corporate Finance and Multinational Corporate Finance Courses by Prof. Gordon Bodnar

INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND INSTITUTE

Washington D.C., USA

Economics Training Program

June 2005-April 2008

Attended Several Courses and Seminars

- Panel Data Analysis by Badi Baltagi
- Empirical Modeling of Macroeconomic Time Series by Neil Erickson
- Econometric Modeling and Forecasting by David F. Hendry
- The Theory and Empirics of Growth by Xavier Sala-i Martin

HUMBOLDT UNIVERSITY

Berlin, Germany

Certificate of 32nd International Summer School for German Studies

August 1998

- Awarded German Academic Exchange Services (DAAD) Scholarship
- Studied German Language and History

KARLOVY UNIVERSITY

Prague, Czech Republic

Certificate of 8th International Summer School on Demography

August-September 1997

- Analyzed World Demographic Data and Trends

UNIVERSITY OF VIENNA

Vienna, Austria

Diploma of International Summer Program on European Studies

July-August 1996

- Awarded University of Vienna Scholarship
- Studied European Integration and Human Rights Law

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY****SCHOOL OF ADVANCED INTERNATIONAL STUDIES (SAIS)**

Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics (Washington, DC., USA)

August 2012-Present

Assistant Professor of Economics (Bologna, Italy)

September 2009-July 2012

- Taught M.A. level courses in Macroeconomics and International Monetary Theory
- Member of the SAIS Bologna Center Economics Curriculum Committee
- Assisted the Organization of Economics Seminars at the Speaker Series
- Participated in the Selection and Admissions Process of International Student Applicants to SAIS Bologna Center

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

Washington D.C., USA

Instructor

September 2005-August 2009

The Elliott School of International Affairs

- Taught M.A. level Econ 283 Survey of International Trade Theory and Policy (Summer 2009)

Department of Economics, Columbian College of Arts and Sciences

- Awarded 2005-2006 GWU Columbian College of Arts and Sciences Teaching Fellowship
- Taught several undergraduate level courses

Econ 121 Money and Banking (Summer 2004, Fall 2005, Spring 2009)

Econ 181 International Trade Theory (Summer 2008, Spring 2009)

Econ 180 Survey of International Economics (Fall 2008)

Econ 012 Principles of Macroeconomics (Summer 2008)

Econ 011 Principles of Microeconomics (Spring 2006)

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

Washington D.C., USA

Graduate Teaching Assistant

September 2001- May 2005

Department of Economics, Columbian College of Arts and Sciences

- Taught Discussion Sessions for Principles of Microeconomics and Principles of Macroeconomics
- Graduate Teaching Assistant for the Ph.D. Level Courses on Microeconomic Theory I and II (with Game Theory Applications) during 2004-2005 academic year

INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND

Washington D.C., USA

Research Assistant in Financial Studies Division of the Research Department

July 2006-April 2008

- Research Assistance for the IMF Working Paper of Robert P. Flood, Nancy P. Marion, and Akito Matsumoto, 2009, "International Risk Sharing during the Globalization Era" WP/09/209.
- Research Assistance for the Article of Stanley Fischer, 2008, "Mundell-Fleming Lecture: Exchange Rate Systems, Surveillance and Advice" *IMF Staff Papers*, Vol. 55(3), pp.367-383.
- Assistance for the Organization of the 2006 and 2007 IMF Annual Research Conference and 2008 International Macro-Finance Conference.

INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND

Washington D.C., USA

Summer Intern in Research Department

June -August 2005

- Research Assistance for the Article of M. Ayhan Kose, Eswar Prasad, Kenneth Rogoff and Shang-Jin Wei, 2009, "Financial Globalization: A Reappraisal" *IMF Staff Papers*, Vol.56, pp. 8-62

TURKISH INDUSTRIALISTS' AND BUSINESSMEN'S ASSOCIATION (TÜSİAD) Istanbul, Turkey

Researcher

June-August 2002

- Edited the Executive Summary of the Report on Turkish-American Economic Relations
- Researched and Co-Edited the Sections of the Report on Export Competitiveness of Turkish Industries in the USA and Specific Industries in Turkey that are Potentially Attractive to American Investments

ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK INSTITUTE

Tokyo, Japan

Research Associate

May 2000-July 2001

- Research Support for Capacity Building Programs on Pension System Reforms in Asia under the Supervision of Dr. Raj Chhikara
- Assistance for Research on Institutional Investors and Capital Markets Development
- Member of the Asian Policy Forum on Regulatory Reform in Banking, Equity and Bond Markets
- Research Assistance for the Working Paper of Masaru Yoshitomi and Sayuri Shirai, 2001, "Designing a Financial Market Structure in Post-Crisis Asia: How to Develop Corporate Bond Markets" ADBI Working Paper No.15

TOYOTA MOTOR CORPORATION

Tokyo-Nagoya, Japan

Intern in Overseas Marketing Department

July-August 1999

- Provided SWOT Analysis for the Japanese Car Manufacturers in the Turkish and European Automobile Markets.
- Completed a Report on the Corporate Investment and Global Planning Activities of Toyota Motor Corporation
- Factory Visits to Nagoya and Rotational Training in Dealers, Production, Planning and Marketing Departments at the Tokyo Headquarter.

ISTANBUL CHAMBER OF INDUSTRY

Istanbul, Turkey

Intern and Research Assistant in Customs Union Information Office

August 1997

- Participated in the Project about R&D Activities in Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (SMEs) in Technology Development Centers (TDCs) in Turkey
- Conducted Interviews with Entrepreneurs in TDCs and Assisted the Publication of the Report on Findings about R&D Environment in Turkey from the Perspective of SMEs

“Ar-Ge Yapan KOBİ'ler Açısından Türkiye'deki Ar-Ge Ortamı Üzerine Bazı Tespitler,” Istanbul Chamber of Commerce Customs Union Information Office Publication No: 1999-9.

EVYAP INTERNATIONAL LTD.

Istanbul, Turkey

Intern in Purchasing and Export Departments

August-September 1996

- Conducted Market Penetration and Product Demand Analysis in Asian Markets.
- Provided Research on Governmental Regulations for International Trade in Targeted Asian Markets.

STUDENT UNION OF TURKISH REPUBLIC OF NORTHERN CYPRUS

Nicosia, Cyprus

Member of Boğaziçi University Student Delegation

February 1995

- Participated in Conferences and Student Conflict Resolution Workshops about “Cyprus Question”
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ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Çiğdem Akın, 2012, "Allocation of Financial Wealth in Turkey" in *Sermaye Piyasası Dergisi*, Special Edition on Financial Engineering and Risk Management April-June, Vol. 10 (2), pp. 10-37.

Çiğdem Akın, 2012, "Tectonic Shifts in the Global Economy: The Power of Emerging Markets," *Bologna Center Journal of International Affairs*, Vol. 15 Spring, pp. 70-79.

Çiğdem Akın, 2012, "The Paradoxes of Global Economic Convergence" *Milken Institute Review*, Vol. 14(1), pp. 52-60.

Çiğdem Akın and M. Ayhan Kose, 2008, "Changing Nature of North-South Linkages: Stylized Facts and Explanations," *Journal of Asian Economics*, Vol. 19 (1), pp.1-28.

Çiğdem Akın and M. Ayhan Kose, 2007, "Changing Nature of North-South Linkages: Stylized Facts and Explanations," IMF Working Paper WP 07/280 (Washington, D.C.: International Monetary Fund)

Citation by:

Wessel, David, "The Rise of South-South Trade" in *The Wall Street Journal*, January 3, 2008
The Economist in "The Decoupling Debate," March 6, 2008

Çiğdem Akın, 2009, "Stock Market Fluctuations, Housing Wealth and Consumption Behaviour in Turkey" in *Essays in Global Linkages and Business Cycles*, Ph.D. Dissertation, The George Washington University. (submitted to *Journal of Housing Economics*)

Çiğdem Akın, 2009, "Housing Market Characteristics and Estimation of Housing Wealth in Turkey" in *Essays in Global Linkages and Business Cycles*, Ph.D. Dissertation, The George Washington University.

Çiğdem Akın, 2009, "Multiple Determinants of Business Cycle Synchronization" in *Essays in Global Linkages and Business Cycles*, Ph.D. Dissertation, The George Washington University (revised version, 2012). (submitted to *Review of International Economics*)

Çiğdem Akın, 2000, "Banking System Crises in Japan, Sweden and the U.S.A. in Comparative Perspective," Master of Arts Thesis for International Development Program in International University of Japan.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

"The Analysis of Turkish-American Economic Relations and Suggestions for the Future," Executive Summary, TÜSİAD Publication No-T/2003-03-351 (co-editor)

"Türk Amerikan Ekonomik ve Ticari İlişkilerinin Analizi ve Geleceğe Yönelik Öneriler," TÜSİAD Publication No-T/2002-12/347 (co-editor)

WORKING PAPERS

"Ties that Bind: Regional Integration and Growth Linkages between Asia and Latin America" work in progress (mimeo), 2012, The Johns Hopkins University SAIS, Bologna Center.

"Sovereign Debt Crisis in the Eurozone: Origins, Exit Strategies and Lessons from the Past Crises in Emerging Markets", work in progress (mimeo), 2012, Johns Hopkins University SAIS Bologna Center.

"Understanding the Role of Financial Linkages in Propagation of Business Cycle Fluctuations," work in progress (mimeo), 2011, Johns Hopkins University SAIS Bologna Center.

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

- Discussant, JHU Bologna Center and Osaka School of International Public Policy Joint Conference on “Regional Integration at the Cross Road: an East Asian Perspective”, Bologna-Italy, March 1, 2011
- Euroconference by the Society for the Study of Emerging Markets, Milas-Turkey, July 16-18, 2010
- The Rimini Conference in Economics and Finance, Rimini-Italy, June 10-13, 2010
- Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, Washington D.C.-USA, November 21-23, 2008
- Western Economic Association International 83rd Annual Conference, Hawaii-USA, June 28-July 3, 2008.
Recipient of GWU Columbian College of Arts and Sciences Scholarly Travel Grant
- Midwest Economic Association, Chicago-USA, March 14-16, 2008.
Recipient of GWU Columbian College of Arts and Sciences Scholarly Travel Grant
- Eastern Economic Association, Boston-USA, March 7-9, 2008.
- Western Economic Association International 81st Annual Conference, San Diego-USA, June 29-July 3, 2006.
Recipient of GWU Columbian College of Arts and Sciences Scholarly Travel Grant
- Pennsylvania Economic Association Meeting, Pittsburg-USA, June 2006.
- Poster Presentation at 2nd Annual Turkish-American Scientists and Scholars Association (TASSA) Meeting, Philadelphia-USA, March 25-26, 2006.
Recipient of TASSA 2006 Young Scientists Grant

REFeree ACTIVITIES

Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Asian Economics, Emerging Markets Finance and Trade, Latin American Research Review, World Development, Review of Middle East Economics and Finance.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Economic Association, European Economic Association, Turkish-American Scientists and Scholars Association, Euro Area Business Cycle Research Network, European Network for Housing Research, Fellow of the Rimini Center for Economic Analysis

COMPUTER SKILLS

Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Power-point) and Internet Applications
Statistical Packages (E-VIEWS, STATA, OXMETRICS-PCGIVE, MATLAB)

LANGUAGES

Turkish (native)
English (near native TOEFL 643 TWE 6, studying since age 11)
Azeri (upper-intermediate, listening and reading comprehension)
French (intermediate, 2 years of college level study)
German (intermediate, 1998 Humboldt University Summer School Certificate for German Studies)
Italian (upper-intermediate, 3 years of living experience in Italy)
Japanese (intermediate, JETRO Proficiency Test Level II and III, 3 years of living experience in Japan)

REFERENCES

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