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American University of Sharjah, Sharjah, UAE

EDUCATION

- 2009 PhD in Economics
Terry College of Business, University of Georgia, Athens, GA, USA
- 2000 Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration (Finance Major)
Faculty of Political Sciences, Ankara University, Ankara, Turkey

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2015- : Associate Professor, **American University of Sharjah, Sharjah, UAE**
- 2009- 2015 : Assistant Professor, **American University of Sharjah, Sharjah, UAE**
- 2007-2009 : Instructor, **University of Georgia, Athens, GA**

FIELDS OF SPECIALIZATION

- **Primary Field:** Macroeconomics, Economic Growth, International Trade, International Finance.
- **Secondary Field:** Labor Economics, Economic Forecasting

PUBLICATIONS

- "Do financial indicators have directional predictability for US home sales?" (H. Baghestani, I. Kaya) *Applied Economics* 48, no. 15 (March, 2016): 1349-1360. (LEAD ARTICLE) (ABDC ranking: **A**)
- "On the accuracy of Blue Chip forecasts of interest rates and country risk premiums." (H. Baghestani, M. Arzaghi, I. Kaya) *Applied Economics* 47, no. 2, pages 113-122. (LEAD ARTICLE) (ABDC ranking: **A**)
- "Selection works both ways: BMI and marital formation among young women." (M. Malcolm, I. Kaya) *Review of Economics of the Household* (accepted 17 April, 2014 – forthcoming) (ABDC ranking: **B**)
- "The impact of job security on job satisfaction in economic contractions versus expansions" (B. Artz, I. Kaya) *Applied Economics* 46, no. 24, pages 2873-2890. (ABDC ranking: **A**)
- "Job insecurity and job satisfaction in the United States: the case of public sector union workers." (B. Artz, I. Kaya) *Industrial Relations Journal* 45, no. 2, pages 103-120 (March, 2014) (ABDC ranking: **A**)

- "Foreign aid and the quest for poverty reduction: Is aid to agriculture effective?" (O. Kaya, I. Kaya, G. Lewell) *Journal of Agricultural Economics* 64 no. 3, pages 583-596 (September, 2013) (ABDC ranking: **A**)
- "Where Has All the Money Gone? Foreign Aid and the Composition of Government Spending." (S. Chatterjee, P. Giuliano, I. Kaya) *The BE Journal of Macroeconomics (Contributions)* 12, no. 1 (August, 2012) (ABDC ranking: **A**)
- "Development Aid to Agriculture and Economic Growth." (K. Ozgur, I. Kaya, G.Lewell) *Review of Development Economics* 16, no. 2, Pages 230-242 (May, 2012) (ABDC ranking: **B**)
- "To Liberalize or Not to Liberalize: Political and Economic Determinants of Financial Liberalization." (I. Kaya, K. Lyubimov, M. Miletkov) *Emerging Markets Review* 13, no. 1, pages 78-99 (March, 2012) (ABDC ranking: **A**)
- "Do changes in consumers' home buying attitudes predict directional change in home sales?" (H. Baghestani, I. Kaya, S. Kherfi) *Applied Economics Letters* 20, no. 5, pages 411-415 (2013) (ABDC ranking: **B**)
- "An Evaluation of New Zealand Macroeconomic Survey Forecasts." (H. Baghestani, I. Kaya) *New Zealand Economic Papers* 47, no. 3, pages 324-335 (2013) (ABDC ranking: **B**)
- "Is Inflation Targeting A Necessary Condition for Anchoring Expectations?" (I. Genc, I. Kaya, M. Gumus) *International Research Journal of Finance and Economics* Issue 68, pages 35-45 (May, 2011) (ABDC ranking: **C**)

WORKING PAPERS

- "Bank Lending in High Risk Environment: A Disaggregated Analysis at City Level" (with E. Gahramanov, K. Gaibulloev, and J. Younas)
- "Price volatility and elasticity of demand for gas and electricity in the U.S."
- "Trade Liberalization and Job Satisfaction" (with B. Artz)
- "Intelligence and obesity" (with M. Malcolm)
- "Foreign Aid, Governance Quality and Government Spending" (with O. Kaya)
- "The Impact of Agricultural Aid on Agricultural Sector Growth" (with O. Kaya)
- "The Composition of Public Expenditure, Taxation and Income Inequality" (with O. Kaya)
- "Enhancing the welfare of the poor through foreign aid to agriculture" (with O. Kaya)

PRESENTATIONS

- "Realized Price Volatility and Demand for Gasoline in the U.S." Paper presented at the 19th EBES CONFERENCE, Istanbul, Turkey, May 26-28, 2016.
- "Do Financial Indicators have Directional Predictability for U.S. Home Sales." Paper presented at the 2016 Midwest Economics Association Annual Meeting, March 1-3, 2016.

- "Selection Works Both Ways: BMI and Marital Formation Among Young Women." Paper presented at the 1st Annual International Conference on Social Sciences, Istanbul, Turkey, May 21-23, 2015.
- "The impact of job security on job satisfaction in economic contractions versus expansions". 2014 Southern Economic Association's 84th Annual Meetings, Atlanta, Georgia, USA, November 22-24, 2014.
- "Institutional Quality and Effectiveness of International Development Assistance." Paper presented at the 2014 Midwest Economics Association Annual Meeting, Evanston, Illinois - USA, March 21-23, 2014.
- "Testing the theory of term structure using Blue Chip data: Some international evidence." Paper presented at the EBES 2013 Conference, Istanbul, May 23-25, 2013.
- "The Composition of Public Expenditure, Taxation and Income Inequality." EBES 2012 Conference - Istanbul, May 24-26, 2012.
- "The Impact of Job Insecurity on Job Satisfaction." 2011 Southern Economic Association's 81st Annual Meeting, Washington DC, USA, November 19-21, 2011.
- "Can Better Governance Quality Increase Foreign Aid Effectiveness?" 2010 Southern Economic Association's 80th Annual Meetings, Atlanta, Georgia, USA, November 20-22, 2010.
- "Foreign Aid, Governance Quality and Government Spending" Eurasia Business and Economics Society (EBES) 2010 Conference, Istanbul, Turkey, 26-28 May, 2010
- "Where has All the Money Gone? Foreign Aid and the Quest for Growth", 5th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development, New Delhi, India, December 16-18 2009.
- "Where has All the Money Gone? Foreign Aid and the Quest for Growth" Third Southeastern International/Development Economics Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, USA, December 2009.
- "Where has All the Money Gone? Foreign Aid and the Quest for Growth" International School of Economics at TSU, Tbilisi, Georgia, February 2009.
- "Foreign Aid, Government Spending and Economic Growth" University of Georgia Department of Economics Seminar Series Spring 2007.
- "Political and Economic Factors Affecting the Government's Decision to Allow Foreign Investors to Purchase Domestic Equity Securities" Selected Paper for presentation at the Annual Meetings of the Southern Finance Association, 2007.
- "Foreign Aid, Fungibility and Economic Growth" University of Georgia Department of Economics Seminar Series Fall 2006.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Associate (2015) and Assistant (2009-2015) Professor-Department of Economics, School of Business Administration, American University of Sharjah

- *Principles of Macroeconomics*; Fall 2009, Spring, Summer and Fall 2010, Spring, Summer and Fall 2011, Spring and Fall 2012, Spring and Fall 2013, Spring and Summer 2014, Spring and Fall 2015, Fall 2016.
- *Money and Banking*; Fall 2009, Spring and Fall 2010, Fall 2011

- *International Trade*; Spring, Summer and Fall 2011, Spring 2012
- *International Monetary Economics*; Fall 2012
- *Managerial Economics (MBA)*; Spring 2013, -2015, -2016 and Fall 2016.
- *Quantitative Business Analysis*; Fall 2013, Fall 2015, Spring and Summer 2016.
- *Foundations of Economics (MBA)*; Spring 2014
- *Global Economy and Decision Support (Executive MBA)*; Fall and Spring 2015, Spring 2016
- *International Finance (Finance Department)*; Summer 2016

Instructor – Department of Economics & Department of Banking and Finance, Terry College of Business, University of Georgia (2007-2009)

- Principles of Macroeconomics; Spring 2007
- International Finance; Spring 2008
- Money and Banking; Fall 2007, Fall 2008
- International Business; Summer 2007, Spring 2008, Summer 2008, Fall 2008
- Economics of Environmental Quality; Spring 2008, Fall 2008, Spring 2009

Teaching Assistant – Department of Economics, University of Georgia (2003-2007)

- Principles of Macroeconomics Econ 2105
- Principles of Microeconomics Econ 2106
- Intermediate Macroeconomics Econ 4020
- Money and Banking Econ 4030
- Macroeconomic Theory II (Graduate) Econ 8050

HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- **MBA Award for Teaching Excellence 2014/15**, School of Business Administration, American University of Sharjah, September 17, 2015.
- **Teacher of the Year Award 2014-2015 for Excellence in Teaching**, School of Business Administration, American University of Sharjah, April 16, 2015.
- **Faculty Research Grant (FRG) 2010–2011**, American University of Sharjah, 30,000 AED (\$ 8,168)
- **Faculty Seed Grant**, American University of Sharjah, 8700 AED (\$ 2,365)
- **Best Paper Award in International Finance** at the 2007 Annual Meetings of the Southern Finance Association.
“Political and Economic Factors Affecting the Government's Decision to Allow Foreign Investors to Purchase Domestic Equity Securities” (with Konstantin Lyubimov and Mihail Miletkov), March 2007.
- **Graduate Assistantship, Teaching and Research**, Department of Economics, Terry College of Business at University of Georgia, Fall 2003-Fall 2007.

COMPUTER SKILLS

- Proficient in dealing with time-series and large panel data sets using STATA.
- Software programs (SAS, MAPLE, EViews), Web Page Designing.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Editorial Board, Eurasian Economic Review, 2009-present

Refereed for Review of World Economics, Canadian Journal of Economics, Emerging Markets, Finance and Trade, Review of Development Economics, The Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Member:

American Economic Association
Southern Economic Association
Midwest Economics Association

Enabling Activities and Services:

Senator, AUS Faculty Senate (2013-)
Member of Senate Affairs Committee (SAC) (2013 -)
Member of Senate Research Committee (2013- 2014)
Member of Graduate Committee, SBA (2013 -)
Student Research Award Committee, AUS (2009-)
LERT Critical Thinking Committee, AUS (2009-)
Curriculum and Planning (C & P) Committee, Department of Economics, AUS (2009- 2013)
Coordinator of QBA 201 (2013 - 2015)
Coordinator of ECO 202 (2015 -)
Member of Faculty Personal Committee (Faculty tenure and promotions) (2015 and 2016)

Undergraduate Student Research Advising and Mentoring:

I served as the sole advisor of the following students with their graduation research projects;

- Salman Dossani, "Does currency devaluation improve trade balance? The case of Malawi"
- Fatema Al Sahi, "Revisiting the Dutch disease in oil exporting countries"
- Danah AlKadi, "The composition of government spending, taxation and Income inequality: The case of the United States"