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Current Employment

Cal State University, Fullerton, Department of Economics, Adjunct Faculty, August 2017 to present
Satay International Inc, Santa Ana, California, Financial Analyst, March 2018 to present.

Graduate Studies:

PhD Economics, Claremont Graduate University, December 2017

Thesis Title: “Consequences of Protracted Domestic Conflict on Investment of Public and Private Agents.”

Undergraduate and Master Studies:

B.Sc., Economics and Political Science, Istanbul Bilgi University, Diploma with Honor Degree, 2006

M.A in Economics, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, 2009

M.A.Thesis Title: “Developing Nevada Coincident and Leading Employment Indexes: Forecasting Gaming revenue and Taxable Retail Sales in a Bayesian Vector Autoregression (BVAR) framework using these indexes.”

M.A in Political Economy, Claremont Graduate University, 2013

Teaching and Research Fields:

Primary Fields: Development Economics, Political Economy, Economics of Conflict and Terrorism

Secondary Fields: Applied Microeconomics & Econometrics, Financial Analysis and Forecasting, Turkey and Kurdish Conflict.

Teaching Experience:

Spring 2018 Development Economics, California State University, Fullerton, Lecturer

Fall 2017 Development Economics, California State University, Fullerton, Lecturer

2008-2009 Science and Math Instructor, Clark County School District, Substitute Teacher

Spring 2007 Microeconomics, University of Nevada, LV, Teaching Assistant

Fall 2007 Principles of Statistics, University of Nevada, LV, Teaching Assistant

2005-2006 Economics and ESL Tutor, Istanbul Bilgi University, Instructor

Research Experience:

Spring 2017 Pomona College, Department of Economics, RA for Prof. Tahir Andrabi

Fall 2011 CGU, Department of Economics, RA for Prof. Thomas Borcharding

Spring 2010 CGU, Department of Economics, RA for Prof. Art Denzau

2008-2009 Center for Business and Economic Research, UNLV, Research Assistant

Spring 2008 UNLV, Department of Economics, RA for Prof. Stephen Miller

Fall 2006 UNLV, Department of Economics, RA for Prof. Nasser Daneshvary

2005-2006 TESAR (Social Economics and Political Research Center), Bilgi University, Research Assistant

Professional Experience:

2017-2018 Satay International Corp., Financial Analyst, Santa Ana, CA.

2012-2016 WW Production Corp., Financial Analyst & Business Consultant, Los Angeles, CA.

2013-2015 HIF Corp, Financial Analyst & Business Consultant, Los Angeles, CA

2011-2014 Promotion and Beyond Inc, Financial Manager, Fountain Valley, CA
 2008-2009 Clark County School District, Business Manager, Las Vegas, NV

Honors, Scholarships, and Fellowships:

2017 Claremont Graduate University, Travel Award, Division of Politics and Economics
 2015 Claremont Graduate University, Travel Award, Division of Politics and Economics
 2014 Claremont Graduate University, Travel Award, Division of Politics and Economics
 2009-2013 Claremont Graduate University Departmental fellowship for PhD study
 2008 Research Grant, Nevada Department of Employment, Training, and Rehabilitation,
Developed Coincident and Leading Indexes for state of Nevada.
 2006-2007 University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Departmental fellowship for M.A. study.
 2001-2006 Istanbul Bilgi University, full scholarship for Undergraduate study.
 2001 Ranked 68th University Entrance Exams in Turkey out of 1.5 million candidates

Publication:

“Readings in Development Economics” (San Diego: Cognella Publishing, 2018), edited by Mustafa Gunaydin.

“Turkey: A Regional Power in the Middle East – Strategic Challenges and Prospects” (Joint with S. Shaker) in Ambassador Sallama Shaker and Dr. Steven Childs, eds., *The Middle East in the Global Perspectives*, (Cognella Publishing, forthcoming).

“Monthly report on CBER-DETR” Nevada Leading and Coincident Employment Indicators Nevada Economy in Brief”, Nevada Department of Employment, Training, and Rehabilitation, Continuing output from DETR. <http://www.nevadaworkforce.com/>, March 2009-August 2014.

Job Market Paper:

“Impact of Protracted Domestic Conflict on Government Investment Incentives; Empirical Evidences from a System GMM Approach”

Does providing investment incentives scheme to concentrated protracted domestic conflict areas affect the intensity and severity of the conflict? This paper empirically revisits the relationships between private investment, public investment, and protracted domestic terrorism. The article provides evidence for a particular channel through which sustained domestic terrorism in a conflicted zone may affect investment levels in developing countries. Using province-level panel data during the period of insurgency in Turkey, the benchmark Arellano-Bond GMM Model predicts significant adverse effect of terrorism on the level of private investment in long-term, but effects are small and insignificant for public investment. The increase in the intensity of domestic terrorism incidents in a province in a year by 10%, reduces private investment by around 3.2% percent after controlling for district fixed-effects, time trends, district trends, and other city-level controls. This results in a losing close to 1.2 billion of investment annually because of the insurgency. Results are robust across a number of alternative specifications and consistent with the findings of Fielding (2003;2004). These negative effects are greater for Kurdish-populated areas and those living in bordering districts.

Protracted terrorism affects the investment level substantially so a significant improvement in investment performance will arise not from increasingly draconian security measures, but only from a long-lasting peace agreement which removes the incentive for violent political conflict.

Research Papers in Progress:

“Applying middle income trap and multiple equilibrium approach to election threshold rules for ethnic political parties’ success in elections.”

“Forecasting Gaming Revenue and Taxable Retail Sales in a Bayesian Vector Autoregression (BVAR) framework using Nevada Coincident and Leading Employment Indexes.”

“International Political Economy of Environment; Why do States not sign international institutions to protect the global environment?”

“Role of long-lasting terrorism on Turkey’s crawling democracy.”

“Which organization is better placed to manage aid, a global one or a regional one?”

“Identifying time preferences of executive managers and determining optimal compensation package for improving company performance.”

Seminar and Conference Presentations:

California State University, Fullerton, Economics Seminar Series, April 2018

Western Economic Association, 92th Annual Meetings San Diego, June 2017.

Western Economic Association, 90th Annual Meetings Hawaii, July 2015.

Western Economic Association International, 89th Annual Meetings, Denver, CO, July 2014.

Bay Area Behavioral and Experimental Economics Workshop, Stanford University, CA May 2014.

Western Economic Association International, 88th Annual Meetings Seattle, WA, July 2013.

Skills

Turkish (Native), Arabic (Native, Eastern Turkey Dialect)

Stata, EViews, LaTeX, Tableau, MS Office Applications, QuickBooks USA&UK ProAdvisor.

References:

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