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EDUCATION Middle East Technical University, Ankara, TURKEY

Ph.D., Financial Mathematics Program, Institute of Applied Mathematics,
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Galatasaray University, Istanbul, TURKEY

MBA., Business Administration Program, Institute of Social Sciences,

- Dissertation Title: *"The effect of company size, beta coefficient and dividend policy on stock returns: An application in ISE industrial index"*
March 2015
- Advisor: Prof. Dr. Volkan Demir

Fatih University, Istanbul, TURKEY

B. S., Business Administration Program, Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences, June 2011

RESEARCH VISITS/SUMMER SCHOOLS ETC.

17 July 2017- 25 August 2017, Numerical methods for stochastic models: control, uncertainty quantification, mean-field , CIRM, Marseille, France

18 August 2013- 31 August 2013, LSE Methods Summer Programme, ME107 Intermediate Econometrics, LSE, London, United Kingdom

January 2010 - June 2010, LSE Methods Summer Programme, ME107 Intermediate Econometrics, LSE, London, United Kingdom

March 2013- June 2013, Visiting Researcher, Exeter University, Exeter, United Kingdom

January 2010- June 2010, Management (Exchange Student), Haute cole de la Province de Lige, Lige, Belgium

EMPLOYMENT Middle East Technical University, Ankara, TURKEY
March 2016 - Research Assistant
Institute of Applied Mathematics
Mardin Artuklu University, Mardin, TURKEY
March 2015 -March 2016 Research Assistant
Department of Business Administration
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February 2012 March 2015 Research Assistant
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August 2011 - February 2012 Research Assistant
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LANGUAGE SKILLS Kurdish (native), Turkish (native), English (fluently), French (B1)

COMPUTER SKILLS Proficient in Matlab, R, Python, Eviews, Latex
Working Knowledge of Linux/UNIX, Logo

PUBLICATIONS

Conference Proceedings:

- M. Aksu, *The Effect of Company Size, Beta Coefficient and Dividend Policy on Stock Returns*, World Finance Conference 2015, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- M. Aksu, *Comparison of machine learning classification algorithms performances in consumer credit-risk scoring*, EURO 2018, Valencia, Spain

TEACHING EXPERIENCE Middle East Technical University, Ankara, TURKEY

Teaching Assistant

- IAM530 - Elements of Probability and Statistics, Fall 2016
- IAM521 - Financial Management, Fall 2017
- IAM664 - Inverse Problems, Spring 2017

ACADEMIC MEMBERSHIPS Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics (SIAM)

REFERENCES

References available upon request.