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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics, University of Massachusetts Amherst, expected April 2010
(Major Fields: Development Economics, International Trade, Political Economy)

M.A. in Economics, University of Massachusetts Amherst, 2006

B.A. in Economics, Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey, 2004
(Major Field: Economics; Minor Field: Political Science)

PRIMARY FIELDS

- Development Economics
- International Trade Theory and Applications
- Political Economy; Development and the Environment
- Macroeconomic Aspects of International Trade and Finance

DISSERTATION

Title: Uneven Development and the Terms of Trade: A Theoretical and Empirical Analysis

Committee: J. Mohan Rao (Chair), Arslan Razmi, James Heintz

- Trend and structural break analyses of North-South terms-of-trade indices
- Empirical analysis of the impact of global structural changes on the discontinuity in the terms-of-trade index
- Growth divergence modeled as a dynamic process using the Prebisch-Singer hypothesis. Panel data estimations to examine (a) the deterioration in developing country terms-of-trade index in the steady-state, and (b) the patterns of divergence in growth rates of the two country groupings. A modified version of the model to examine the impacts of persistent trade deficits/surpluses and initial trade balance positions on these variables.
- A paired-country case study to examine further the role of developmental state in the process of 'catching-up'. Theoretical and empirical analyses to evaluate differences in economic policy-making on development outcomes.

PUBLICATIONS

- ‘North-South Terms of Trade Trends from 1960 to 2006’, July 2009, forthcoming in *International Review of Applied Economics*; Chapter in Doctoral Thesis
- ‘Delinking through Integration: A Dependency Analysis of Regional Financial Integration’ (with Luis D. Rosero), October 2009, forthcoming in *Critical Sociology* 35(6), 01-22
- ‘Casting Radical Uncertainty on the Precautionary Principle: Shackle and Foucault Revisited’, 2008, *European Journal of Economic and Political Studies (EJEPS)* 1(1), 1-18

OTHER PAPERS

- ‘Growth and Immiseration in a Prebisch Framework’, Chapter in Doctoral Thesis
- ‘The Role of the Developmental State: A Comparative Study of Turkey and Malaysia’, Chapter in Doctoral Thesis
- ‘A Review of Adam Smith in Beijing: Lineages of the Twenty-first Century by Giovanni Arrighi (2008)’, submitted to *Review of Radical Political Economics*
- ‘Consent or Force: The Southern Question Today’

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Research Assistant, University of Massachusetts Amherst, September-January 2006
- Collection and analysis of data on increasing financial activities of non-financial firms and US financial markets; conducting reviews of literature on this subject matter
- Research on my dissertation, University of Massachusetts Amherst, September 2003-Present
- Generation of the datasets to measure the impacts of economic parameters on differentials in economic growth rates and movements in terms of trade; conducting literature reviews

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Growth and Development in International Trade Theories
- Uneven Development, Unequal Exchange, and North-South Models
- Political Economy of Development: Race, Class, Gender / Environment
- History of Economic Thought: Debates on Great Divergence in the World Economy
- Alternative Institutions to Regional Financial Integration
- Evaluating the Impacts of Global Inequality on Social Wellbeing: Measures and Methods
- Applied Time-Series Econometrics and Macroeconomics

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor, Department of Economics at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, Summer 2006 and Winter 2007

Courses: Development Economics (Summer 2006), Intermediate Macroeconomics (Winter 2007)

Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics at the University Massachusetts Amherst, September 2004-June 2009

Courses: Microeconomic Theory I (Spring 2009), Macroeconomic Theory I (Spring 2008), Seminar in Economics (Fall 2008), Political Economy of the Environment (Fall 2007), Marxian Economics (Fall 2006), Introduction to Macroeconomics (Spring 2009, Spring and Fall 2008, Fall 2007, Fall 2005, Fall 2004), Introduction to Microeconomics (Spring 2006, Spring and Fall 2005)

Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics, Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey, September-December 2003 and 2004

Courses: History of Economic Thought (taught by Professors Onur Yildirim and Sheila Pelizzon)

Teaching Honors: Qualified in the Test of Spoken English Communication Skills, The International Graduate Teaching Assistant Communication Program (IGTACP) offered by the Graduate School, September 2004

TEACHING INTERESTS

Developmental Economics

- Economic Development, Technological Change, and Growth
- Theories of Global Inequality, Models of International Trade/Growth
- Political Economy and Economic History of Development
- External Constraints to Growth: Balance of Payments Problems, Development Finance
- Environmental Effects of Economic Development

Macroeconomics and International Economics

- Macroeconomic Aspects of International Trade and Finance
- International Relations and International Political Economy
- Structuralist-Monetarist Debates in Macroeconomics

History of Economic Thought

- Schools of Thought: Classical, Neoclassical, Keynesian, Institutional
- History of Thought in Economic Development

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS AND AWARDS

PERI Dissertation Fellowship, University of Massachusetts Amherst, September - January 2009

Travel Awards for Conference Presentations: April 2008, October 2007, May 2007

University of Massachusetts Amherst Scholarship for Study Abroad at the University of Karlsruhe,
March - July 2007

Passed Comprehensive Exams in Macroeconomics and Political Economy, January 2006

Steering Committee Member, Union for Radical Political Economics (URPE), September 2006 - May
2007

SEMINARS AND PRESENTATIONS

Economic History and Development Workshop, UMass Amherst, February 2009

Paper presented: 'Trends in North-South Terms of Trade from 1960 to 2006'

Economic Theory Workshop, UMass Amherst, March 2009

Paper presented: 'Growth and Immiseration in a Prebisch Framework'

Economic Theory Workshop, UMass Amherst, September 2008

Paper presented: 'Delinking through Integration: A Dependency Analysis of Regional
Financial Integration'

'Andre Gunder Frank's Legacy of Critical Social Science', University of Pittsburgh, April 2008

Paper presented: 'Regional Financial Integration'

Fifth International Marx Congress, University of Paris, France, October 2007

Paper presented: 'Consent or Force: The Southern Question Today' (an extended version)

Third International Gramsci Conference, Sardinia, Italy, May 2007

Paper presented: 'Consent or Force: The Southern Question Today'

REFERENCES

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