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**Education**

*Ph.D. in Economics*, December 2004  
University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign

*M.S. in Economics*, August 2004  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

*M.S. in Applied Statistics (with specialization in Economics)*, May 2002  
University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign

*B.A. in Economics*, June 1994  
Boğaziçi University, İstanbul

*B.A. in Philosophy*, June 1994  
Boğaziçi University, İstanbul

**Employment**

Assistant Professor of Economics, Boğaziçi University, 2005-present.

**Journal Articles**

Akın, G. Gülsün, Ahmet Faruk Aysan, Şebnem İleri, Levent Yıldırım. "Demand and Competition Analysis in the Turkish Deposit and Credit Markets", *Emerging Markets Finance and Trade* (forthcoming).

Akın G. Gülsün, Ahmet Faruk Aysan, Denada Boriçi, Levent Yıldırım (2013). "Regulate One Service, Tame the Entire Market: Credit Cards in Turkey." *Journal of Banking and Finance*, 37(4): 1195-1204.

Akın G.Gülsün, Ahmet Faruk Aysan, Serap Ozcelik and Levent Yıldırım (2012). "Credit Card Satisfaction and Financial Literacy: Evidence from Turkey." *Emerging Markets Finance and Trade*, 48(Supplement 5): 103-115.

Akın, G. Gülsün, Ahmet Faruk Aysan, Gazi İshak Kara and Levent Yıldırım (2011). "Non-Price Competition in the Turkish Credit Card Market." *Contemporary Economic Policy* 29(4): 593–604.

Akın, G. Gülsün, Ahmet Faruk Aysan, Gazi İshak Kara and Levent Yıldırım (2010). "The Failure of Price Competition in the Turkish Credit Card Market." *Emerging Markets Finance and Trade*, 46(Supplement 1): 23-35.

Arıkan, G. Gülsün (2008). "How Privatizations Affect the Level of Perceived Corruption." *Public Finance Review*, 36(6): 706-727.

Arıkan, G. Gülsün (2004). "Fiscal Decentralization: A Remedy for Corruption?" *International Tax and Public Finance*, 11(2): 175-195.

### **Book Chapters**

Akın, G. Gülsün, Ahmet Faruk Aysan, Gültekin Göllü and Levent Yıldırım (2012). "Interaction Between Payment Services and Credit Services in Credit Card Markets", in Çetin, T. and F. Oğuz (eds), *Regulation and Competition in the Turkish Banking and Financial Markets*, Nova Science Publishers, New York, USA, pp. 163-175.

Akın, G. Gülsün, Ahmet Faruk Aysan and Levent Yıldırım (2009). "Transformation of the Turkish Financial Sector in the Aftermath of the 2001 Crisis" in Öniş, Z. and F. Şenses (eds), *Turkey and the Global Economy: Neo-Liberal Restructuring and Integration in the Post-Crisis Era*, Routledge, London, UK and New York, USA, pp. 73-100.

### **Proceedings**

Akın, G. Gülsün, Ahmet Faruk Aysan, Denada Boriçi and Levent Yıldırım (2011), "Is Simultaneous Regulation of Credit Services and Payment Services of Credit Cards Possible? Evidence from Turkey," Proceedings of the 2011 Midwest Finance Association Annual Meeting.

Akın, G. Gülsün, Ahmet Faruk Aysan, Denada Boriçi ve Levent Yıldırım (2010). "A Reassessment of Competition in the Credit Card Market by Introducing Liquidity Cost Measures: Evidence from an Emerging Economy", Proceedings of the EcoMod2010 Conference.

### **Awards and Honors**

Academic Support Award, Boğaziçi University, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012

Robert E. Demarest Award for Excellence in Teaching. Department of Economics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, May 2001

Campus Teaching Award, based on student evaluations. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Spring 1997, Fall 1999, Spring 2000, Fall 2000 (with outstanding ratings), Fall 2002

### **Research Interests**

Credit card markets, industrial organization of banking, corruption, privatization, tax competition

### **Teaching Interests**

Public economics, statistics, urban economics

### **Grants:**

Boğaziçi University Research Fund #6841P (2012), , “Türk Bankacılık Sektöründe Talep, Rekabet ve Refah Analizi”, project member.

TUBITAK project #107K442 (2008), "Kredi Kartı Piyasalarında Tüketici Davranışları ve Rekabet", project member.

Boğaziçi University Research Fund #08C103 (2008), “Consumer Behaviour and Competition in Credit Card Markets”, project member.

Boğaziçi University Research Fund #07C101 (2007), "Özelleştirmelerin Gözlenen Yolsuzluk Düzeyine Etkisi", project supervisor.

### **Refereeing**

*Journal of Urban Economics, Economics of Governance, Journal of Development Economics, International Tax and Public Finance, International Journal of Public Administration, METU Studies in Development, Public Finance Review*

### **Conference Presentations:**

Conference on MENA Economies, Bilgi Üniversitesi, Turkey (June 2013).

Conference on the Transformation of the Turkish Economy, Boğaziçi Üniversitesi, İstanbul, Turkey (December 2010).

EuroConference 2010 on Challenges and Opportunities in Emerging Markets. Milas, Turkey (July 2010).

7<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Hellenic Finance and Accounting Association. Chania, Crete, Greece (December 2008).

### **Other Academic Activities:**

Research Associate at the Boğaziçi University Center for Economics and Econometrics

Member of Center for Innovation and Competition Based Development Studies at Boğaziçi University

Işık University Social Policy Research Center Advisory Committee

Organizing committee, Conference on the Transformation of the Turkish Economy, Boğaziçi Üniversitesi, İstanbul, Turkey (December 2010).

**Directed Master's Degree Theses:**

Özçelik, Serap (2011). "Determinants of Customer Satisfaction in the Turkish Credit Card Market." M.A. in Economics, Boğaziçi University.

Tunçez, Ahmet Mithat (2010). "Essays on Consumer Behavior in the Turkish Credit Card Market." M.A. in Economics, Boğaziçi University.

Göllü, Gültekin (2009). "Essays on a Two-Sided Market: Credit Card Market in Turkey." M.A. in Economics, Boğaziçi University.

**Directed Master's Degree Projects:**

Çimen, Begüm (2008). "Population and Income Growth in Suburbs in Australia." M.A. in Economics, Boğaziçi University.

İnan, Oğuz (2008). "Turkish Cities: 1980-2000." M.A. in Economics, Boğaziçi University.

Yücel, Bilgen (2007). "Effects of Migration on the Provision of the Public Good: A Survey." M.A. in Economics, Boğaziçi University.

Büyükkınacı, Nergis (2006). "Economic Determinants of Population Concentration in Turkey." M.A. in Economics, Boğaziçi University.

Suner, Amaç (2006). "Crime in Urban Areas of Turkey." M.A. in Economics, Boğaziçi University.

**Served as Thesis Committee Member:**

Alkan, Alper (2010). "Essays on Switching Costs in the Turkish Credit Card Market." M.A. in Economic, Boğaziçi University.

İleri, Şebnem (2010). "Demand, Competition and Welfare Analysis in the Turkish Banking Sector." M.A. in Economic, Boğaziçi University.

Borici, Denada (2009). "Competition and Regulation in the Turkish Credit Card Market." M.A. in Economic, Boğaziçi University.

Gerek, Caner (2009). "Essays on Consumer Credits and Bank Choice." M.A. in Economic, Boğaziçi University.

Kara, Gazi İshak (2008). "Essays on the Competition and Regulations in the Turkish Credit Card Market." M.A. in Economic, Boğaziçi University.

Hacihasanoglu, Yavuz Selim (2007). "Essays on Determinants of Export Competitiveness and Unit Labor Cost." M.A. in Economic, Boğaziçi University.

Bilir, Ayça (2006). "The Effect of the Private Sector on Geographic Distribution of Public Sector Physicians in Turkey, 1990-2000." M.A. in Economic, Boğaziçi University.

Şener, Gözde (2006). "Classification of Welfare Regimes Using Cluster Analysis: Where Does Turkey Stand?" M.A. in Economic, Boğaziçi University.