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EDUCATION

PhD in Financial Economics	2024 - Present
University College London	
Adviser: Saleem Bahaj	
MSc in Economics , Distinction	2018
University of Warwick	
Honours BA in Economics , GPA: 3.9/4.0	2017
University of Toronto	

FIELDS OF INTEREST

International Finance, Macroeconomics, Asset Pricing

WORK-IN-PROGRESS

“Quantifying Financial Repression in Emerging Markets” (2025)

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Onen, M., H.S. Shin, and G. von Peter (2025): “Overcoming Original Sin: Shedding New Light on Uneven Progress”, *Economic Policy*, Volume 40, Issue 122, Pages 575–620.

POLICY PUBLICATIONS

Casanova, C., B. Hardy, and M. Onen (2021): “Covid-19 Policy Measures to Support Bank Lending”, *BIS Quarterly Review*, September 2021, Pages 45–59.

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

UCL PhD Scholarship (tuition fees, stipend, and research funds) (2024 - 2029)
University of Toronto Academic Awards (monetary prizes) (2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17)

RESEARCH & POLICY EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant to Saleem Bahaj (UCL) and Jonathon Hazell (LSE)	2025 - Present
Senior Research Analyst at the Bank for International Settlements, Basel	2020 - 2024

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Data Analyst at Bloomberg L.P., London	2018 - 2020
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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Postgraduate Teaching Assistant at University College London	2026 - Present
Module: MSIN0301 - International Macroeconomics and Finance (MSc. in Finance)	

SKILLS

Programming: Stata, Python, Matlab, SQL, $\text{\LaTeX}$
Languages: Turkish (native), English (fluent), German (intermediate)