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EDUCATION

PhD in Financial Economics 2024 - Present
University College London
Advisers: Saleem Bahaj, Franck Portier

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, Asset Pricing, Macroeconomics

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 (covers tuition fees, stipend, and research funds) (2024 - 2029)
University of Toronto Academic Awards (small monetary prizes) (2014, 2015, 2016)

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

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Postgraduate Teaching Assistant at University College London 2026 - Present
Course: International Macroeconomics and Finance for MSc. in Finance programme

SKILLS

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