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education

- February 2009 *PhD.*
Department of Economics, Maastricht University
- July 2003 *M.Sc.*
Department of Economics, Middle East Technical University, Turkey
Thesis Title: Technology Development Centers in Turkey
- July 2001 *B.S. (Honors)*
Department of Economics, Middle East Technical University, Turkey

experience

- December 2008
(ongoing) *Researcher at Department of Economics and UNU-MERIT, Maastricht University and CPB Netherlands Bureau for Economic Policy Analysis*
- December 2004-
December 2008 *AiO (research assistant)*
Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, Maastricht University
- March 2008-
June 2008 *Visiting researcher at ECASS, ISER, University of Essex.*
- February 2008 *Visiting researcher, UNU-WIDER, Helsinki.*
- March 2004 *Research Assistant*
Research assistant for the small-scale research funded by METEOR.
Title: Industry effects in risk analysis: Fact or fiction?
Allard Bruinshoofd and Bas ter Weel
- August 2003-
October 2001 *Research Assistant*
Department of Economics, Middle East Technical University
Responsible for coordinating recitation hours and preparing problem sets and questions for introductory micro and macro courses

publications

Akçomak, I.S., (2009) Bridges in social capital: A review of definitions and the social capital of social capital researchers, *UNU-MERIT Working Paper No: 2009-002*.

Akçomak, I.S., and ter Weel, B. (2008) "Social Capital, Innovation and Growth: Evidence from Europe", IZA Discussion Paper No: 3341, *forthcoming in the European Economic Review*.

Akçomak, I.S., and ter Weel, B. (2008) "The impact of social capital on crime: Evidence from the Netherlands" IZA Discussion Paper No: 3603.

Akçomak, I.S., and ter Weel, B. (2008) "How do social capital and government support affect innovation and growth? Evidence from the EU regional support programmes", in C. Nauwelaers and R. Wintjes (eds.), *Innovation policy in Europe*, Edward Elgar: Cheltenham, pp. 106-136

Akçomak, I.S., and Taymaz, E. (2007) "Assessing the Effectiveness of Incubators: The case of Turkey", in Venkata Ramani, V. and Bala Krishna, A. V. (eds.), *Business Incubation: An Introduction*, Icfai Books, Icfai University Press: Hyderabad, pp. 234-265.

Akçomak, I.S., and Parto, S. (2006) "How 'black' is the black sheep compared to all others: Turkey and the EU", *UNU-MERIT Working Paper No: 2006-024*.

Akçomak, I. S. (2003), *Technology Development Centers in Turkey*, Middle East Technical University, Master Thesis

Akçomak, I. S., and Kasnakoğlu, Z. (2003) "The Determinants of Earnings Differentials in Ankara and İstanbul", *METU Studies in Development*, 30, 1, 1-17.

work in progress

Incubators as tool for entrepreneurship promotion in developing economies (available on request)

Tasks, technology and trade: The globalisation of the Dutch labour market (with Lex Borghans and Bas ter Weel)

Developing and testing of indirect measures of social trust (with Paul Stoneman)

other publications

I write regularly in *Bilgi Çağı*, a monthly publication focused on economics and policy issues regarding innovation and technology with a vision of establishing information society and supporting innovation and technology by being the leading informant publication in such issues (in Turkish <http://www.bilgicagi.com/>).

teaching experience

<i>As a lecturer</i>	Maastricht Graduate School of Governance, <i>Maastricht University</i> Advanced Microeconomics
<i>As a tutor</i>	Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, <i>Maastricht University</i> Macroeconomics, Microeconomics and History of Economic Thought.
<i>As an assistant</i>	Department of Economics, <i>Middle East Technical University</i> Introduction to Economics (microeconomics and macroeconomics), Introduction to Research Methods.

presentations

10th Summer Workshop ZEW, Mannheim, June 2008; *Regional Studies Association*, Prague, May 2008; *ISER, University of Essex*, May 2008; *Applied Economics Seminar*, Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, Maastricht University, March 2008; Eureka seminar series, *Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam*, February 2008; *UNU-WIDER*, February 2008; *CPB*, den Haag, January 2008; *UCSIA Summer school on Religion, Culture and Society*, September 2007, Antwerp, Belgium; *Conference on Dynamics of Science and Technology Policies*, May 2007, Izmir, Turkey; *UNU-MERIT Workshop*, October 2006, Maastricht; *NAKE Day*, De Nederlandsche Bank, October 2006, Amsterdam; *DRUID Winter Academy on Industrial Dynamics*, January 2006, Aalborg, Denmark; *Summer School in Industrial Dynamics*, September 2004, Corsica, France.

personal information

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