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EDUCATION

Columbia University, New York, NY

Master in International Affairs, May 2004
Harriman Institute Junior Fellow & Isaac Henry Ergas Fellow

- Functional Concentration: International Economic Policy

Some core courses taken: International Economic Analysis, Statistics & Quantitative Analysis (using STATA & SPSS), Cost-Benefit Analysis, International Finance & Monetary Theory, International Capital Markets, Quantitative Methods (Econometrics), Economic Development

- Regional Concentration: Central and Eastern Europe

Some core courses taken: Political Economy of EU Enlargement, Economic Reforms in Transition Economies, Economic Transformation in New Democracies

- Master Thesis: An analytical assessment of how Slovakia could prevent a surge in income inequality --a phenomenon that has plagued the rest of the former Soviet Bloc countries of Europe-- during its transition to market economy

University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA

Bachelor of Arts in Government and Foreign Affairs, May 2001
Dean's List

EXPERIENCE

United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, Geneva, Switzerland

Intern, 2003 Summer

- Conducted research on issues related to UN structural reforms, and actively participated in the preparation of a departmental paper entitled “UN Reform: What Analytical Foundations?” co-presented with the Vice Executive Secretary to a group of UN senior executives
- Compiled an analytical report on socio-economic development issues as an integral part of the preparation for the Villars Seminar organized in cooperation with the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe

Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), Washington, DC

Research Assistant, 2001-2002

- Produced analytical reports on Turkish-EU relations and Turkey's foreign policy initiatives in the Caucasus and the Balkans
- Contributed to Turkey Update Reports on Turkish economy and politics
- Organized in-house workshops and represented the department at conferences and seminars
- Took an active role in the Center's “Young Leaders Program” and made a presentation on political developments in the Caucasus

Senator Robert Byrd's Office, United States Senate, Washington, DC

Intern, Press Department, August 2000

- Contacted Turkish businessmen about investment possibilities provided in connection with the Appalachian Project that was initiated by the Senator

Council of Europe (COE), Strasbourg, France

Intern, Directorate of Political Affairs, June-July 2000

- Assessed the statutes, policies and activities of NGOs applying for financial assistance, and reported to advise on their eligibility for the Council's recognition and funds
- Studied human rights issues in member countries and attended hearings at the European Court of Human Rights to follow up on cases related to violation of COE mandates

DynaChange Management Consultants, Inc., McLean, VA

Intern, Overseas Projects, 1999 Summer

- Maintained the company's client database and liaised with clients overseas

Gide Loyrette Nouel, a Paris-based law firm, Istanbul, Turkey

Intern, 1998 Summer

- Served as liaison between French partners and Turkish public agencies

PUBLICATIONS

“Turkey: Losing Its Fine Balance?”, *Radio Free Europe*, December 8, 2003

“Securing Iraq's Northern Border”, *The Gulf News*, April 16, 2003

“Turkey's New Government: The Face Behind The Mask”, *The Gulf News*, December 9, 2002

“Turkey Roasting in Brussels”, *The Gulf News*, October 25, 2002

“Turkey's Iraq Troubles”, *The Christian Science Monitor*, January 16, 2002

SKILLS

Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access, SPSS, STATA, HTML, Dreamweaver

LANGUAGES

Perfect command of English, French and Turkish, working knowledge of Italian and German; affiliation with the Turkic languages of Central Asia and the Caucasus

PERSONAL

US Permanent Resident