

# YASEMIN HURCAN

## PERSONAL

*Date and Place of Birth* : March 18, 1973 – Ankara/Turkey.  
*Sex and Citizenship* : Female, Turkish  
*Marital Status* : Married with two children  
*Current Status* : On maternity leave and living in London, UK

## EDUCATION

**UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND at College Park, August 2001–May 2003** **Maryland, USA**  
School of Public Affairs, Master’s in Public Policy (MPP)  
• **Specialization:** Public Sector Financial Management.  
• **Scholarship:** Turkish Treasury Scholarship.

**ANKARA UNIVERSITY, September 1991–July 1995** **Ankara, Turkey**  
BA in Public Finance, July 1995.

**ANKARA UNIVERSITY, September 1990–September 1991** **Ankara, Turkey**  
One-year extensive English language study at English Preparatory School.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### **UNDERSECRETARIAT OF TREASURY**

**General Directorate of Public Finance,**

**Budget Follow-Up Department, August 2006-October 2008**

**Ankara, Turkey**

- **Chief of Section.** I was responsible for policy advice in the area of fiscal policy to the top management of the Turkish Treasury. I informed the management on the fiscal outlook, based on the central government’s revenue and expenditure estimates, which were prepared under my supervision by my section’s staff. This input specifically that of the government primary balance was used for developing the cash and debt management strategy of the Turkish Treasury. Moreover, within the section, we made impact analysis for proposed policy changes on the fiscal policy. As a representative of the Turkish government team, I was also responsible for setting the performance criteria and indicative targets for fiscal policy in Turkey negotiated with the IMF fiscal team, within the Stand by Arrangement.

**General Directorate of Public Finance,**

**Budget Follow-Up Department, July 2003- August 2006**

**Ankara, Turkey**

- **Senior Associate.** I monitored consolidated government sector data within the context of economic program and Stand by Arrangement. I participated in the IMF, the WB and the EU meetings on fiscal policy. I compiled and analyzed above the line and below the line items of central government budget and estimated central government budget revenues and expenditures. I also provided input data for cash and debt management within the public finance general directorate accordingly.

### **THE WORLD BANK**

**Africa Technical Families, March 2003-May 2003**

**Washington, DC**

- **Short Term Consultant.** Analysing Ghana’s fiscal figures related to the country’s Medium-Term Economic Framework (MTEF).

### **UNDERSECRETARIAT OF TREASURY**

**General Directorate of Public Finance,**

**Domestic Debt Department, February 2000-August 2001**

**Ankara, Turkey**

- **Senior Associate.** Due to the 2000 and 2001 financial crises in Turkey, I was mostly occupied with the management of the borrowing program of the Turkish Treasury. I was a member of the team which set the policy on Treasury borrowing in terms of maturity and type of issuance.

I also followed up the activities of primary dealers of Treasury while participating in the meetings with foreign investors on debt management.

**General Directorate of Public Finance,**

**Cash Management and Budget Follow Up Dept, Sep. 1998–Feb. 2000    Ankara, Turkey**

- **Senior Associate.** I dealt with the cash management of central government budget and estimated annual, monthly and daily cash program. I followed up and analyzed budget realization and compilation of financing part of the budget from the data produced by Turkish Treasury's accounting offices and participated in "The Eight Five Year Development Plan's Special Ad Hoc Committee on "Restructuring of Public Financial Management and Fiscal Transparency" from the Treasury and I was a reporter in a sub committee.
- **Senior Associate Thesis:** "The Importance of Fiscal Rules in the Realization of Fiscal Discipline" (in Turkish)

**General Directorate of Public Finance,**

**Domestic Debt Department-Research Division, Jan. 1996-Sep. 1998    Ankara, Turkey**

- **Associate.** Prior to September 1998, the duties listed in the previous item were carried out within the research division.

**COURSES**

- European Political Economy, Sussex European Institute, University of Sussex, Brighton UK January 14 –April 8 2006 (Chevening Fellowship, the Foreign & Commonwealth Office of the UK)
- Government Finance Statistics, IMF, Washington DC, May 8-June 16, 2000
- Managing Fiscal Risk, the World Bank, Washington, DC, June 8–11, 1999
- Government Bonds and Bills Market Dealer Certificate, Istanbul Stock Exchange, Istanbul, April 27 –May 8 1998,
- Financial Statement Analysis, Center of Economic Research, Ankara, April 1998
- Accounting of Public Debt and International Accounting Standard Setting, Center of Economic Research, Ankara, March, 1998.

**PUBLICATIONS**

- *The Importance of Fiscal Rules in the Realization of Fiscal Discipline*, (in Turkish) The Undersecretariat of Treasury Research Paper No: 23, Ankara, August 1999.
- *The Evaluation of Turkish Fiscal System: According to IMF's Code of Good Practices on Fiscal Transparency*, (co-author with H.Yılmaz and E.Kızıldağ) in "Fiscal Transparency in Public Financial Management", TESEV Publications No:20, Istanbul 2000.

**OTHERS**

- Languages** : Turkish (mother tongue), English (advanced), Japanese (beginner)  
**Computer** : Windows, MS Office, and HTML  
**Interests** : Tennis, music, cooking, Ikebana and reading fiction