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## Notes on the 2015 Finance Symposium \*

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**Abstract.** Traditional 19. Finance Symposium was held by Hitit University in Turkey. In this study, the evaluation of the 19th Finance Symposium held between 21-24 October 2015 in Turkey will be mentioned.

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### Conference Notes

Organization of the Finance Symposium is conducted by the Finance Science Platform. The Symposium was held for the first time in İstanbul. Then, respectively it was held in Eskişehir, Bursa, Çanakkale, Balıkesir, İstanbul, Nevşehir, Isparta, Zonguldak, Kayseri, Afyon, Konya, Malatya, Erzurum, Muğla, Aydın.

The latest financial symposium was held between 21-24 October 2015 by Hitit University in Çorum/Turkey. More than 200 scientists from 47 different universities participated the symposium. Many academics and bank officer from all over the Turkey attended in the symposium. In the symposium, there were 54 presentations related to financial issues.

The symposium was organized under parallel sessions. In addition to parallel sessions, there were a opening panel, opening and closing keynotes. Scientific financial issues were discussed and many results were obtained in the sessions.

The symposium was started with opening keynotes and opening panel. The chairman of The Capital Markets Board of Turkey, Central Bank Vice-President and bank general managers participated the opening panel.

I presented a paper entitled " Performance Evaluation in Turkish Banking Sector: AHP And Topsis Methods" which was co-authored by my colleagues Hasan Ayaydın. Our paper aimed to conduct the performance measurement of Turkish banks. In the symposium, Dr. Ibrahim Bozkurt received the best paper award. The title of his study is "Determining The Interaction Between Domestic and Foreign Investor Based on The Effect of Home Bias And Free Rider Problem" This paper aims to investigate the interaction between domestic and foreign investors based upon the effects of home bias and free rider problem. In his study, daily numbers of shares owned by domestic and foreign investors between the dates 2005 and 2015 are used as data. The results of the analysis show that there are the effects of both home bias and free rider problem in the İstanbul Stock Exchange. Finally, he determined that the decisions of domestic and foreign investors are affected by each other.

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In the conclusion, Finance Symposium is very important for evaluating the latest academic and industrial developments in finance. As a consequence, researchers all around Turkey came together and discussed finance issue from their perspective. It was a great opportunity for all researchers and bankers in order to share their opinions, experiences and expertise about finance issues. The contribution of the participants to the speakers with their questions and critics is undeniable. The symposium can be accepted successful about bringing all the researchers together and gave them an opportunity to receive important feedbacks. 20th Finance Symposium will be held by Karadeniz Technical University in Trabzon.



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