

Certificate of Appreciation

To whom it may concern,

We would like to recognize the outstanding contribution, effort, and dedication of Ali Kahraman to our team as a volunteer Expert research assistant for the CoronaNet Research Project. Ali was active with our project from 2022-05-04 to 2023-05-07 and, in that time, coded and updated policy information for Greece. Without the support of our dedicated RAs, such as Ali Kahraman, we would not be able to sustain our pace of policy documentation which, to date, counts more than 100 thousand policies from virtually every country in the world.

The CoronaNet Research Project is working to gather comprehensive and global data on government responses to the COVID-19 crisis. This work includes gathering information about which governments are responding to the coronavirus, toward whom policies are targeted (e.g. other countries), the types of policies enacted (e.g. travel restrictions, banning exports of masks) and their timing and duration. For more information, see www.coronanet-project.org.

Ali has been a country expert for Greece. This role involves researching and creating a comprehensive overview of government policies enacted in Greece as well as collecting and entering new and updated policy information related to COVID-19. Becoming a country expert requires passing a series of trainings on how to code data in the CoronaNet database, which uses a custom Qualtrics survey instrument, keeping up with policy coding on a weekly basis, and attending weekly country- or regional coordination meetings as well as project-wide meetings.

Based on their performance, RAs are promoted to Advanced and then to Expert RAs, which is the position held by Ali. This role involves coding an outstanding number of 250 policies or more and being engaged as a research assistant for at least 6 months. Expert research assistants have gained extensive knowledge of PHSM data and the CoronaNet dataset. They are actively involved in the development of the taxonomy and the project structure, and guide other research assistants. With their profound expertise, they play a fundamental role in the success of the project.

In addition to being a country expert, Ali took on the following additional roles within CoronaNet:

- **TUM Course:** Ali participated in the course ‘Analyzing the Coronavirus Pandemic in Real Time: An Introduction to Evidenced-Based Global Public Policy’ course at the Hochschule für Politik at the Technical University of Munich. The course gave students experience in applying quantitative and statistical analyses in order to generate original research to help us better understand the politics of the pandemic. In this course, the concept of ‘evidence-based public policy’ was introduced and explored on the basis of students’ own work to address a variety of questions about the drivers and consequences of the public policies adopted across the globe in response to the pandemic.
- **Project Study:** Ali has participated in a practical experience ‘Project Study’ module at the Hochschule für Politik at the Technical University of Munich. Through this module, students receive 18 ECTS for 500 hours of practical employment with CoronaNet. Project Study students are incorporated into every aspect of the project—such as coding, validation, cleaning, and

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managing of data—and also gain significant management experience through leading other RAs as country/regional managers or through managing special projects.

In conclusion, we would like to reiterate our thanks to Ali Kahraman for supporting these important and time-sensitive collection efforts and for being part of the CoronaNet community.



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