

### Personal Information

Citizenship Turkish  
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### Research Interests

Behavioral Economics, Experimental Economics, Self and Social Image Effects, Information Preferences, Social Decisions

### Employment

08/2016- today PhD Research Scholar at Norwegian School of Economics(NHH), Department of Economics, FAIR - The Choice Lab  
10/2014-08/2016 Research Assistant at Istanbul University- Faculty of Economics, Department of Public Finance

### Education

08/2016 - today PhD in Economics at NHH - Department of Economics, FAIR - The Choice Lab supervised by Erik Øiolf Sørensen (*External supervisor: Pedro Dal Bo*)  
01/2019 – 06/2019 Visiting Researcher - Brown University, Department of Economics, USA  
*Host: Louis Putterman*  
09/2014 - 07/2016 Master of Arts in Economics, Galatasaray University  
*Thesis: "A Voting Experiment on Promises and Fairness Perceptions"*  
09/2009 - 01/2014 Bachelor of Arts in Economics, Hacettepe University  
*Thesis: Game Theoretical Approach to Tax Evasion and Vickrey-Clark-Groves Mechanism "*

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## Work in Progress

- Work in Progress Information Avoidance and Image Concerns in Reciprocal Decisions  
*How the perception of what is right to do changes by information preferences? By investigating self-image concerns in the concept of strategic ignorance and by comparing the effects of ex-ante and ex-post ignorance the project aims to find answers to following questions: Do people act pro-socially not to suffer from the action (letting others down or causing an unfair outcome) or do they compelled to do so in certain situations to protect their social /self image (to see themselves in the desired way)? Do they avoid observing the consequences of their choices in a rich moral context like reciprocal decisions? Results from the project shows that under exogenous ignorance, selfish behavior increases substantially and strategic ignorance is almost same both in ex-ante and ex-post situations. Which supposes that violations of existing mainstream models on fairness and inequality are driven by the desire to be seen in the desired way to oneself and to others.*
- Work in Progress Self-Image Considerations in the Provision of Helpful Feedback - joint with Stefan Meißner  
*The goal of the project is to see how individuals view others' self-image concerns and information avoidance decision and is that view affected by the material and ego utility/disutility of the information*
- Work in Progress Strategic Curiosity - joint with Katrine Berg Nødvedt and Joel Berge  
*This study aims to investigate whether amount of noisy signals has any effect on deception. We provide results from an online experiment that shows collecting non-instrumental noisy signals can be used as a strategy to justify morally questionable decisions such as dishonesty.*
- Work in Progress Reasoning Avoidance - joint with Hallgeir Sjøstad and Steven Sloman  
*This research project aims to investigate individuals' behavior when they are asked to explain a spurious relation between a main event and a side effect which can potentially challenge existing beliefs on the main event in an experimental setup. The main contribution of the present research is showing how causal relations can be misconceived by individuals when they challenge the beliefs and preferences about the main event -policy.*

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## Talks at Conferences and Seminars

- November 2019 Joint PhD Workshop NHH and University of Bergen (NHH Bergen, Norway)
- September 2019 PhD Course with Lise Vesterlund - Identification Through Experiments (NHH, Bergen Norway)
- April 2019 Brown Bag Seminar (Brown University, Sloman Lab, Providence, USA)
- March 2019 Spring School in Behavioral Economics - Poster Session (Rady School of Management, UC San Diego, USA)
- January 2019 Brown Bag Seminar (Brown University, Department of Economics, Providence, USA)
- November 2018 Joint PhD Workshop NHH and University of Bergen (NHH Bergen, Norway)
- June 2018 FAIR Inaugural Conference - Poster Session (NHH, Bergen, Norway)
- June 2016 7th International Conference of the French Association of Experimental Economics (Essec Business School, Cergy, France)

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## Workshop Attendance

- July 2019 2nd briq Summer School in Behavioral Economics, University of Bonn  
March 2019 Spring School in Behavioral Economics, Rady School of Management, UC San Diego, US

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## Teaching Assistance

- Spring 2020 Behavioral Economics, NHH  
Fall 2019 Econometric Techniques, NHH  
Fall 2018 Human Capital, Mobility and Diversity in Firms, NHH  
Fall 2018 Econometric Techniques, NHH  
Spring 2018 Long Term Macroeconomic Analysis, NHH  
Fall 2017 Ethics and Diversity in Firms, NHH

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## Languages and Skills

- Languages Turkish (native), English (fluent), Norwegian(basic)  
Software Latex, Mathematica, oTree, Python, R, Stata, zTree

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## Academic References

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