

Mehmet Ayaz

Curriculum Vitae

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Work Experience

- Mar 2018 – Aug 2024 **Research Assistant**, *Center for Economic Studies at LMU Munich*, Munich.
Conducted original research on various economic policies; assessed the impact of policy changes; analyzed economic data, culled from surveys and public records
- Jul 2016 – Jun 2017 **Intern After-Sales Engineer**, *Mercedes-Benz Türk A.Ş.*, Istanbul.
Evaluated the failures on technical issues from customers and dealers; reported failures that are unsolved or repetitive, and ensured the implementations of solved issues via dealers
- Nov 2015 – Jan 2017 **Undergraduate Student Assistant**, *Boğaziçi University*, Istanbul.
Held problem-solving sessions on a weekly basis for *Macroeconomics* and *Electrical Circuits* courses; assisted Assoc. Prof. Orhan Torul and Prof. Yagmur Denizhan on academic research
- Jul 2014 – Sep 2014 **Intern Development Engineer**, *SESTEK Conversational Solutions*, Istanbul.
Enhanced text-to-speech technologies and developed a specific database for a product

Education

- 2024 (expected) **Ph.D. in Economics**, *Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich*.
Advisor: Prof. Dr. Dominik Sachs
Thesis: Towards Optimal Taxation: Designing Tax Systems and Navigating Fiscal Challenges
- 2023 **Visiting graduate student**, *University of Toronto*.
- 2019 **M.S. in Economics**, *Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich*.
Thesis: Wealth Taxes vs. Capital Income Taxes
- 2017 **B.S. in Electrical and Electronic Engineering**, *Boğaziçi University*.

Languages

- English** Fluent (TOEFL: 112/120)
German Intermediate (CEFR: B2)
Turkish Native

Computer Expertise

- Programming** R, Python, Fortran, C, C++
Software MATLAB, Stata, SPSS, T_EX, MS Office

Research & Academia

- Publications** "Who should bear the burden of Covid-19 related fiscal pressure? An optimal income taxation perspective," with Lea Fricke, Clemens Fuest and Dominik Sachs. 2023. *European Economic Review*, 153: 104381.
- Work in progress** "How should we tax capital? Interaction between capital taxes and saving motives."
"Joint taxation of income and wealth," with Dominik Sachs.

Presentations University of Toronto Macro Brown Bag Seminar (Toronto, ON, Canada); Annual Congress of the IIPF (Logan, UT, USA); St. Gallen Public Economics Doctoral Workshop (St. Gallen, Switzerland); ZEW Public Finance Conference (Mannheim, Germany); International Conference on Public Economic Theory (Marseille, France); Annual Congress of the IIPF (virtual); EEA Annual Congress (virtual); Mannheim-Taxation Conference (virtual); Winter School on Inequality and Social Welfare Theory (Canazei, Italy); CES Public Economics Seminar (Munich, Germany); Norwegian–German Seminar on Public Economics (Munich, Germany).

Teaching Instructed the *Tutorial for Public Economics* (grad level) for 9 semesters, co-supervised of 14 bachelor's and 4 master's theses, and assisted 5 grad level and 6 undergrad level seminars at LMU Munich.

Other activities Acted as the *Academic Coordinator* of the Center for Economic Studies at LMU Munich during the 2022 – 2023 academic year.

Grants & Achievements

- DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) scholarship for a master's program in Germany
- ERASMUS exchange grant
- Boğaziçi University Excellence Scholarship
- Scholarship of the Turkish Prime Minister's Office for outstanding achievements
- 12th rank in Turkey on the university entrance exam among 1.8 million students



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