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**EDUCATION**

Ph.D. in Economics, Einaudi Institute for Economics and Finance (EIEF) and LUISS (Rome Economics Doctorate), 2021-present  
*Advisors:* Mounu Prem and Luigi Guiso

Visiting Scholar, MIT Sloan (*Host:* Alexey Makarin), 2024

M.A. in Economics, Koç University, Istanbul, 2021

B.A. in Economics, Koç University, Istanbul, 2018

**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Political Economy, Development Economics, Media Economics

**RESEARCH**

**WORKING PAPERS**

*The Impact of Dating Apps on Young Adults: Evidence from Tinder* (with Alexey Makarin and Heyu Xiong), *revise and resubmit at the American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*

**WORK IN PROGRESS**

*Endogenous Local Government Formation and Nation Building*

*Catastrophes, Social Ties and Voting Behavior: Evidence from Turkey* (with Taylan Alpkaya)

*The Economic and Political Impacts of Language Planning: Evidence from Quebec's Bill 96* (with Manfredi Aliberti)

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

2023	Research Assistant for the “Colonial Concessions in Africa” project (G. Chiovelli, E. Le Rossignol, S. Michalopoulos, E. Papaioannou), LBS
2021-2022	Research Assistant for Alexey Makarin, EIEF
2020-2021	Research Assistant for Kamil Yilmaz, Koç University

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

2023-	Applied Statistics and Econometrics, LUISS
2019- 2021	Introductory Macro and Microeconomics, International

Finance, Koç University

### **HONORS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

2024 Visiting Grant, LUISS Guido Carli  
2019-2021 High Merit Scholarship, Koç University  
2016-2018 Vehbi Koç Scholar, Koç University

### **CONFERENCES & SEMINARS**

2024 MIT Dev/PE Lunch, NBER Digital Economics and AI (presented by coauthor),  
Columbia University Student Research Breakfast, Boston University Development  
Reading Group, University Paris-Dauphine, Collegio Carlo Alberto (*scheduled*)  
2022-2023 Rome PhD Conference (Tor Vergata), EIEF Lunch Seminar, CEPR  
Workshop on Media, Technology, Politics, and Society (presented by coauthor)

### **OTHER**

Programming: STATA, R, QGIS  
Languages: Turkish (Native), English (Fluent), Italian (Intermediate)  
Citizenship: Turkish (December 11, 1996)

### **REFERENCES**

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