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<b>Fields</b>	<p>Primary: Political Economy, Development Economics  Secondary: Economics of Digitization</p>
<b>Education</b>	<p><b>Rome Economics Doctorate (RED)</b>  Ph.D. in Economics, 2021-2026 (<i>expected</i>)  <b>MIT Sloan</b>  Visiting Scholar (<i>Host:</i> Alexey Makarin), 2024  <b>Koç University</b>  M.A. in Economics, 2021  <b>Koç University</b>  B.A. in Economics, 2018</p>
<b>Publications</b>	<p>“The Impact of Dating Apps on Young Adults: Evidence from Tinder” with Alexey Makarin and Heyu Xiong, <b>American Economic Journal: Applied Economics</b>, <i>forthcoming</i></p>
<b>Working Papers</b>	<p>“Remaking the State from Below: Local Government Formation in Ukraine”</p>
<b>Work in Progress</b>	<p>“Gendered Political Polarization” with Ruben Durante</p> <p>“Catastrophes, Social Ties and Voting Behavior: Evidence from Turkey”, with Taylan Alpkaya</p>
<b>Presentations</b>	<p>2025: Kyiv School of Economics, Econometric Society World Congress, Gran Sasso Science Institute (<i>invited; scheduled</i>), Ronald Coase Institute Workshop (<i>scheduled</i>)  2024: MIT Dev/PE Lunch, NBER Digital Economics and AI (<i>presented by coauthor</i>), Columbia University Student Research Breakfast, Boston University Development Reading Group, University Paris-Dauphine, Collegio Carlo Alberto, European Winter Meeting of the Econometric Society, CEPR Paris Symposium</p> <p>2022-2023: Rome PhD Conference (Tor Vergata), EIEF Lunch Seminar, CEPR Workshop on Media, Technology, Politics, and Society (<i>presented by coauthor</i>)</p>
<b>Teaching Experience</b>	<p>Workshop on Political Economy and Media Economics (Instructor); Kyiv School of Economics, 2025</p> <p>Applied Statistics and Econometrics (Teaching Assistant); LUISS, 2023-2025</p> <p>International Finance (Teaching Assistant); Koç University, 2019-2021</p> <p>Introductory Macro and Microeconomics (Teaching Assistant),; Koç University, 2019-2021</p>

<b>Research Experience</b>	Research Assistant for the “Colonial Concessions in Africa” project; London Business School (G. Chiovelli, E. Le Rossignol, S. Michalopoulos, E. Papaioannou), 2023	
	Research Assistant for Alexey Makarin; EIEF, 2021-2022	
	Research Assistant for Kamil Yilmaz; Koç University, 2020-2021	
<b>Honors and Awards</b>	Econometric Society World Congress Grant, 2025 [\$3400]	
	Visiting Grant; LUISS Guido Carli, 2024	
	High Merit Scholarship; Koç University, 2019-2021	
	Vehbi Koç Scholar; Koç University, 2016-2018	
<b>Refereeing</b>	Journal of Population Economics, Computers in Human Behavior	
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	<i>Programming:</i> STATA, R, Python, QGIS	
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