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Fields Primary: Political Economy, Development Economics

Secondary: Economics of Digitization

Education Rome Economics Doctorate (RED)

Ph.D. in Economics, 2021-2026 (expected)

MIT Sloan

Visiting Scholar (Host: Alexey Makarin), 2024

Koç University

M.A. in Economics, 2021

Koç University

B.A. in Economics, 2018

Publications "The Impact of Dating Apps on Young Adults: Evidence from Tinder" with Alexey Makarin

and Heyu Xiong, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, forthcoming

Working Papers "Remaking the State from Below: Local Government Formation in Ukraine"

Work in "Gendered Political Polarization" with Ruben Durante

"Catastrophes, Social Ties and Voting Behavior: Evidence from Turkey", with Taylan

Alpkaya

Progress

Experience

Presentations 2025: Kyiv School of Economics, Econometric Society World Congress, Gran

Sasso Science Institute (invited; scheduled), Ronald Coase Institute Workshop (scheduled)

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, European Winter Meeting of the Econometric Society,

CEPR Paris Symposium

2022-2023: Rome PhD Conference (Tor Vergata), EIEF Lunch Seminar,

CEPR Workshop on Media, Technology, Politics, and Society (presented by coauthor)

Teaching Workshop on Political Economy and Media Economics (Instructor); Kyiv School of Economics, 2025

Applied Statistics and Econometrics (Teaching Assistant); LUISS, 2023-2025

International Finance (Teaching Assistant); Koç University, 2019-2021

Introductory Macro and Microeconomics (Teaching Assistant),; Koç University, 2019-2021

Research Experience $Research\ Assistant\ for\ the\ "Colonial\ Concessions\ in\ Africa"\ project;\ London\ Business\ School$

(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

 $\begin{array}{c} \textbf{Honors and} \\ \textbf{Awards} \end{array}$

Ronald Coase Institute Workshop Fellowship, 2025 [\$2500] 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

Refereeing

Journal of Population Economics, Computers in Human Behavior

Miscellaneous

Programming: STATA, R, Python, QGIS

Languages: Turkish (Native), English (Fluent), Italian (Intermediate), Ukrainian

(Beginner)

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References

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