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| <b>Working Papers</b>      | <p>“The Impact of Dating Apps on Young Adults: Evidence from Tinder”<br/> (with Alexey Makarin and Heyu Xiong)<br/> <i>conditionally accepted at the <b>American Economic Journal: Applied Economics</b></i></p>   |
| <b>Work in Progress</b>    | <p>“Remaking the State from Below: Local Government Formation in Ukraine”</p> <p>“Catastrophes, Social Ties and Voting Behavior: Evidence from Turkey”<br/> (with Taylan Alpkaya)</p>  |
| <b>Presentations</b>       | <p>2025: Kyiv School of Economics, Econometric Society World Congress (<i>scheduled</i>)<br/> 2024: MIT Dev/PE Lunch, NBER Digital Economics and AI (<i>presented by coauthor</i>),<br/> Columbia University Student Research Breakfast, Boston University Development Reading Group,<br/> University Paris-Dauphine, Collegio Carlo Alberto, European Winter Meeting of the Econometric Society,<br/> CEPR Paris Symposium</p> <p>2022-2023: Rome PhD Conference (Tor Vergata), EIEF Lunch Seminar,<br/> CEPR Workshop on Media, Technology, Politics, and Society (<i>presented by coauthor</i>)</p> |
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|                            | 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 Travel Grant, 2025 [\$3000]  |   |
|                            | 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  |   |
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