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Fields

Political Economy, Development Economics, 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 Progress

“Movies and Political Preferences” with Ruben Durante, Felipe González and Mounu Prem

“Gendered Political Polarization” with Ruben Durante

“Catastrophes, Social Ties and Voting Behavior: Evidence from Turkey”, with Taylan Alpkaya

Presentations

2026: Japanese Association for Development Economics (JADE) Conference (*scheduled*)
2025: Kyiv School of Economics, Econometric Society World Congress, Gran Sasso Science Institute (*invited*), Ronald Coase Institute Workshop
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 Experience	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				
Honors and Awards	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	<i>Programming:</i> STATA, R, Python, QGIS <i>Languages:</i> Turkish (Native), English (Fluent), Italian (Intermediate), Ukrainian (Beginner) <i>Citizenship:</i> Turkish (December 11, 1996)				
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