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**Fields** Primary: Political Economy, Development Economics

Secondary: Economics of Digitization

Education Einaudi Institute for Economics and Finance (EIEF) and LUISS (Rome Economics Doctorate)

> Ph.D. in Economics, 2021-present Advisors: Mounu Prem and Luigi Guiso

Visiting Scholar (Host: Alexey Makarin), 2024

Koç University

M.A. in Economics, 2021

Koç University

B.A. in Economics, 2018

Working Papers "The Impact of Dating Apps on Young Adults: Evidence from Tinder"

(with Alexey Makarin and Heyu Xiong)

conditionally accepted at the American Economic Journal: Applied Economics

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

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

(with Taylan Alpkaya)

**Progress** 

Presentations 2025: Kyiv School of Economics, Econometric Society World Congress (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; Kyiv School of Economics, 2025 Experience

Applied Statistics and Econometrics; LUISS, 2023-2024

Introductory Macro, Introductory Microeconomics and International Finance; 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 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

Refeering

Journal of Population Economics, Computers in Human Behavior

Miscellaneous

Programming: STATA, R, QGIS

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

(Beginner)

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References

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