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CONTACT INFORMATION	Economics Department, Koç University, Rumelifeneri Yolu, 34450, Sarıyer / İstanbul	mkaba@ku.edu.tr mustafakaba.github.io
RESEARCH INTERESTS	Political Economy, Applied Microeconomics, Behavioral Economics	
ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS	Assistant Professor of Economics <i>Koç University, İstanbul</i>	2024-
	Post-doctoral Researcher <i>Max Planck Institute for Research on Collective Goods, Bonn</i>	2021-2024
	Visiting Scholar <i>Department of Economics, UC Berkeley</i>	Fall 2023
CONSULTANCY	Consultant , Governance Dept., World Bank, Washington D.C.	2023-2024
	Data Consultant , European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), London	2019
EDUCATION	European University Institute (EUI) , Florence <i>Ph.D., Economics</i>	2016-2020
	Boğaziçi University , İstanbul, Turkey <i>M.A., Economics</i>	2014-2016
	Boğaziçi University , İstanbul, Turkey <i>B.Sc., Industrial Engineering</i>	2009-2014
PUBLICATIONS	<p>“Female Leadership and Workplace Climate”, <i>Management Science</i>, 2025 (with Sule Alan, Gozde Corekcioglu, and Matthias Sutter)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Coverage from IZA World of Labor- Coverage from VoxEU, CEPR <p>“Social Norms, Political Polarization, and Vaccination Attitudes: Evidence from a Survey Experiment in Turkey”, <i>European Economic Review</i>, 2024 (with Murat Koyuncu, Sebastian Schneider, and Matthias Sutter)</p> <p>“Who Buys Vote-buying? How, how much, and at what cost?.”, <i>Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization</i>, 2022</p>	
WORKING PAPERS	<p>“From Elected to Appointed: The Economic Consequences of Local Authoritarian Takeovers” (with Serkant Adiguzel and Murat Koyuncu) [<i>Under Review</i>]</p>	

“Class Voting and Economic Policy Preferences: A Machine Learning Approach”

**WORK IN
PROGRESS**

“Narrative Complexity and Decision-Making: A Behavioral and Experimental Approach”
(with [Cavit Gökem Destan](#) and [Simay Küçükolbaşı](#))

“Social Identity and Policy Preferences: Evidence from a Large-scale Survey Experiment in the U.S.” (with [Matthias Sutter](#))

“Local Responses to a Global Crisis: Public Service Delivery in Turkish Municipalities Amidst Migrant Influx”
(with [Serkant Adiguzel](#) and [Murat Koyuncu](#))

“Is Seeing Believing? How Public Service Visibility Influences Local Government Spending and Procurement Policies”
(with [Serkant Adiguzel](#), [Asli Cansunar](#) and [Murat Koyuncu](#))

**GRANTS &
FELLOWSHIPS**

2025-2027	Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions PF-2025 (€149,000) , “Advances in Behavioral and Experimental Economics: Role of Complexity and Narratives in Decision-Making”
2025-2028	International Fellowship for Early Stage Researchers (~€300,000) from the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye (TÜBİTAK 2232-B)
2022-2024	Research Fellow , Center for Social and Economic Behavior (C-SEB), University of Cologne
2019-2020	PhD Scholarship , European University Institute
2016-2019	PhD Scholarship , Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

TEACHING

Department of Economics, Koç University:
2025 Spring ECON-101 Introduction to Microeconomics
2024 Fall ECON-451 Political Economy

Department of Economics, University of Cologne:
2024 Spring (Grad-level) Econometrics for Behavioral Economists
2023 Fall (Grad-level) Applied Econometrics
2022 Spring (Grad-level) Econometrics for Behavioral Economists
[\[Syllabus\]](#) [\[Student evaluations\]](#)

**PROFESSIONAL
SERVICE**

Refereeing for:
American Economic Review, Economic Journal, European Economic Review, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Labour Economics

**TALKS &
PRESENTATIONS**

2025	Ludwig Erhard ifo Research Workshop, Fürth; Max Planck Institute, Bonn; Sabanci University, Istanbul.
2024	International Anti-Corruption Conference, Vilnius; 5 th LSE Political Economy of Turkey Workshop, London; CESifo Public Economics Conference, Munich.
2023	5 th World Bank/IFS/ODI Political Economy of Public Finances Conference, London; SAET-SWET Conference in Honor of David K. Levine, Paris; Post-doc Seminar Series at Nuffield College, Oxford; Royal Economic Society Annual Congress, Glasgow; NHH Bergen-MPI Workshop.
2022	14 th Winter Workshop in Economics at Koc University; EuroWEPS Causal Inference Workshop, EUI; Levine-Mattozzi Reading Group, EUI; Departmental Seminar at Bogazici University Economics Dept.; Brown Bag Seminar at Sabanci University Political Science Dept.
pre-2021	UC Santa Barbara-MPI Workshop; ASREC Europe; Swiss Political Science Association Annual Congress; Hertie School of Governance PhD Workshop.

CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED

2025	Economics Alumni Conference, European University Institute (EUI), Florence
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SKILLS

Languages: English, Turkish (native), Italian (beginner)

Programming/Typesetting: R, Python, Stata, L^AT_EX, Github, Qualtrics

REFERENCES

Prof. David K. Levine	Prof. Arthur Schram	Prof. Matthias Sutter
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