

# Mustafa Kaba

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Applied Microeconomics, Behavioral Economics, Political Economy

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

**Assistant Professor of Economics**  
*Koç University, İstanbul*

2024-

**Post-doctoral Researcher**  
*Max Planck Institute for Research on Collective Goods, Bonn*

2021-2024

**Visiting Scholar**  
*Department of Economics, UC Berkeley*

Fall 2023

## OTHER APPOINTMENTS

**Consultant**, Governance Dept., World Bank, Washington D.C.

2023-2024

## EDUCATION

**European University Institute (EUI)**, Florence  
*Ph.D., Economics*

2016-2020

**Boğaziçi University**, İstanbul, Turkey  
*M.A., Economics*

2014-2016

**Boğaziçi University**, İstanbul, Turkey  
*B.Sc., Industrial Engineering*

2009-2014

## PUBLICATIONS

“[Female Leadership and Workplace Climate](#)”, *forthcoming at **Management Science***  
(with [Sule Alan](#), [Gozde Corekcioglu](#), and [Matthias Sutter](#))

- Coverage from [IZA World of Labor](#)
- Coverage from [VoxEU](#), [CEPR](#)

“[Social Norms, Political Polarization, and Vaccination Attitudes: Evidence from a Survey Experiment in Turkey](#)”, ***European Economic Review***, 2024  
(with [Murat Koyuncu](#), [Sebastian Schneider](#), and [Matthias Sutter](#))

“[Who Buys Vote-buying? How, how much, and at what cost?](#)”, ***Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization***, 2022

## WORKING PAPERS

“[From Elected to Appointed: The Economic Consequences of Local Authoritarian Takeovers](#)”  
(with [Serkant Adiguzel](#) and [Murat Koyuncu](#)) [*Under Review*]

“[Class Voting and Economic Policy Preferences: A Machine Learning Approach](#)” [*Draft in preparation for submission*]

## WORK IN PROGRESS

“Narrative Complexity and Decision-Making: A Behavioral and Experimental Approach”  
(with *Simay Küçükkoğlu*)

“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	<b>Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions PF-2025 (€149,000)</b> , “Advances in Behavioral and Experimental Economics: Role of Complexity and Narratives in Decision-Making”
2025-2028	<b>International Fellowship for Early Stage Researchers (~€300,000)</b> from the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye (TÜBİTAK)
2022-2024	<b>Research Fellow</b> , Center for Social and Economic Behavior (C-SEB), University of Cologne
2019-2020	<b>PhD Scholarship</b> , European University Institute
2016-2019	<b>PhD Scholarship</b> , 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 <a href="#">[Syllabus]</a> <a href="#">[Student evaluations]</a>

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

### Refereeing for:

*American Economic Review*, *Economic Journal*, *European Economic Review*, *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*

### Short-term Data Consultant

2019	European Bank of Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)
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## TALKS & PRESENTATIONS

2025	Sabancı University, İstanbul.
2024	International Anti-Corruption Conference, Vilnius; 5 <sup>th</sup> LSE Political Economy of Turkey Workshop, London; CESifo Public Economics Conference, Munich.
2023	5 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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.

## SKILLS

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

**Programming/Typesetting:** R, Python, Stata, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Github, Qualtrics

## REFERENCES

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