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RESEARCH INTERESTS	Applied Microeconomics, Behavioral/Experimental Economics, Political Economy		
ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS	<b>Senior Research Fellow</b> <i>Max Planck Institute for Research on Collective Goods, Bonn</i>	2021-	
	<b>Visiting Scholar</b> <i>Department of Economics, UC Berkeley</i>	Fall 2023-	
OTHER APPOINTMENTS	<b>Consultant</b> , Governance Dept., World Bank, Washington D.C.	2023-	
EDUCATION	<b>European University Institute (EUI)</b> , Florence <i>Ph.D., Economics</i>	2016-2021	
	<b>Boğaziçi University</b> , İstanbul, Turkey <i>M.A., Economics</i>	2014-2016	
	<b>Boğaziçi University</b> , İstanbul, Turkey <i>B.Sc., Industrial Engineering</i>	2009-2014	
REFERENCES	Prof. David K. Levine Department of Economics Royal Holloway, London <a href="mailto:David.Levine@rhul.ac.uk">David.Levine@rhul.ac.uk</a>	Prof. Arthur Schram Department of Economics University of Amsterdam <a href="mailto:a.j.h.c.schram@uva.nl">a.j.h.c.schram@uva.nl</a>	Prof. Matthias Sutter Max Planck Institute, Bonn <a href="mailto:matthias.sutter@coll.mpg.de">matthias.sutter@coll.mpg.de</a>
JOB MARKET PAPER	<p>“From Elected to Appointed: The Economic Consequences of Local Authoritarian Takeovers” (with <a href="#">Serkant Adiguzel</a> and <a href="#">Murat Koyuncu</a>)</p> <p><b>Abstract:</b> This paper investigates the impact of authoritarian takeovers on rule of law and economic efficiency in the local. Using the universe of state contracts in Turkey and a staggered Difference-in-Differences (DiD) setting, we document that central takeovers deteriorate the rule of law and result in significant economic costs in public procurement. Specifically, centrally appointed mayors use the competitive sealed-bid auctions 33 pp less and exploit the legal provisions 23 pp more than elected mayors. Such malpractices inflate contract prices by 24% and reduce value for money by 40%. These results are robust to a variety of tests, including a Regression Discontinuity in Time (RDiT) estimation. Probing the underlying mechanisms, we provide suggestive evidence that the effective channel is the removal of local accountability. In contrast, we do not find evidence favoring the coordination benefits from a more centralized governance or politician discretion leading to quality improvement in procurement.</p>		
PUBLICATIONS	“Who Buys Vote-buying? How, how much, and at what cost?” <i>Journal of Economic Behavior &amp; Organization</i> 193 (2022): 98-124.		

## WORKING PAPERS

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

“Female Leadership and Workplace Climate” [***Under Review***]  
(with [Sule Alan](#), [Gozde Corekcioglu](#), and [Matthias Sutter](#))

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

“The Olympic Effect: Fact or fiction?” [*Draft in preparation for submission*]  
(with [Nicole Stoelinga](#))

## WORK IN PROGRESS

“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](#))

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

“Reputation Signalling and Exports in Contract-Intensive Industries” (with [Nicole Stoelinga](#))

## TEACHING

### Lecturer, Department of Economics, University of Cologne:

2023 (Grad-level) Applied Econometrics (Scheduled)  
2022 (Grad-level) Econometrics for Behavioral Economics (with applications in R)  
[\[Syllabus\]](#) [\[Student evaluations\]](#)

### Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics, Boğaziçi University:

2016 (Grad-level) Macroeconomics, EC 504  
2016 (Grad-level) Macroeconomics, EC 308

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

### Refereeing for:

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

### Short-term Data Consultant

2019 European Bank of Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)

## PRESENTATIONS

	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.
<b>FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS</b>	2022-	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.
	2016	Ranked 2 <sup>nd</sup> in the MA program in Economics, Boğaziçi University.
	2009-2014	Undergraduate Scholarship, Boğaziçi University Foundation.
	2009	Ranked in the first 0.1% at the university entrance exam in Turkey.
<b>SKILLS</b>	<b>Languages:</b> English, Turkish (native), German (beginner) <b>Programming/Typesetting:</b> R, Python, Stata, L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X, Github, Qualtrics	

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