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CONTACT INFORMATION

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political Economy, Behavioral Economics, Applied Microeconomics

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	“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)	
GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS	2025-2027	Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions PF-2025 (€149,000)
	2025-2028	Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye (TÜBİTAK) International Fellowship for Early Stage Researchers (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: <i>American Economic Review, Economic Journal, European Economic Review, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization</i>	
	Short-term Data Consultant	
	2019	European Bank of Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)
TALKS & PRESENTATIONS		

2025	Sabancı University, İstanbul.
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.

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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