

# Mustafa Kaba

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

“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 Küçükolbaşı* and *Cavit Görkem Destan*)

“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 2232-B)
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  
[\[Syllabus\]](#) [\[Student evaluations\]](#)

**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 <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.

#### 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<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Github, Qualtrics

#### REFERENCES

Prof. David K. Levine	Prof. Arthur Schram	Prof. Matthias Sutter
Department of Economics	Department of Economics	Max Planck Institute, Bonn
Royal Holloway, London	University of Amsterdam	<a href="mailto:matthias.sutter@coll.mpg.de">matthias.sutter@coll.mpg.de</a>
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