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**EDUCATION**

Ph.D. in Economics, Rome Economics Doctorate (Einaudi Institute for Economics and Finance (EIEF) and LUISS), 2021 to present  
*Advisors:* Mounu Prem and Luigi Guiso

Visiting Scholar, MIT Sloan School of Management (*Host:* Alexey Makarin), Spring 2024

M.A. in Economics, Koç University, Istanbul, 2021

B.A. in Economics, Koç University, Istanbul, 2018

**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Political Economy, Development Economics, Media Economics

**RESEARCH**

**WORKING PAPERS**

*The Causal Effects of Online Dating Apps: Evidence from U.S. Colleges* (with Alexey Makarin and Heyu Xiong)

**WORK IN PROGRESS**

*Endogenous Local Government Formation and Nation Building* (with Serhii Abramenko)

*Catastrophes, Social Ties and Voting Behavior: Evidence from Turkey*

*The Economic and Political Impacts of Language Planning: Evidence from Quebec's Bill 96* (with Manfredi Aliberti)

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

Spring-Fall 2023	Research Assistant for the "Colonial Concessions in Africa" project (G. Chiovelli, E. Le Rossignol, S. Michalopoulos, E. Papaioannou), LBS
2021-2022	Research Assistant for Alexey Makarin, EIEF
2020-2021	Research Assistant for Kamil Yilmaz, Koç University

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Fall 2023	Applied Statistics and Econometrics, LUISS
Fall 2019-Spring 2021	Introductory Macro and Microeconomics, International Finance, Koç University

## **HONORS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

2024	Visiting Grant, LUISS Guido Carli
2019-2021	High Merit Scholarship, Koç University
2016-2018	Vehbi Koç Scholar, Koç University

## **CONFERENCES & SEMINARS**

2024	MIT Dev/PE Lunch, NBER Digital Economics and AI (presented by coauthor), Columbia University Student Research Breakfast ( <i>scheduled</i> ), University Paris-Dauphine ( <i>scheduled</i> )
2022-2023	Rome PhD Conference (Tor Vergata), EIEF Lunch Seminar, CEPR Workshop on Media, Technology, Politics, and Society (presented by coauthor)

## **OTHER**

Programming: STATA, R, QGIS  
Languages: Turkish (Native), English (Fluent), Italian (Intermediate)  
Citizenship: Turkish (December 11, 1996)

## **REFERENCES**

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