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Employment	Postdoctoral Fellow, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, 2026-
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Publications	“The Impact of Dating Apps on Young Adults: Evidence from Tinder” with Alexey Makarin and Heyu Xiong, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics , 2026, 18(2): 61-106.
Working Papers	“Remaking the State from Below: Local Government Formation in Ukraine” “Digital Payment Systems and Crime” “Movies and Political Preferences” with Ruben Durante, Felipe González and Mounu Prem “Catastrophes, Social Ties and Voting Behavior: Evidence from Turkey”, with Taylan Alp-kaya
Presentations	2026: Japanese Association for Development Economics (JADE) Conference, SIOE (<i>online</i>), Bank of Italy EPSI Conference (<i>scheduled</i>) 2025: Kyiv School of Economics, Econometric Society World Congress, Gran Sasso Science Institute (<i>invited</i>), Ronald Coase Institute Workshop 2024: MIT Dev/PE Lunch, NBER Digital Economics and AI (<i>presented by coauthor</i>), Columbia University Student Research Breakfast, Boston University Development Reading Group, University Paris-Dauphine, Collegio Carlo Alberto, European Winter Meeting of the Econometric Society, CEPR Paris Symposium 2022-2023: Rome PhD Conference (Tor Vergata), EIEF Lunch Seminar, CEPR Workshop on Media, Technology, Politics, and Society (<i>presented by coauthor</i>)

Teaching Experience	Workshop on Political Economy and Media Economics (Instructor); Kyiv School of Economics, 2025 Applied Statistics and Econometrics (Teaching Assistant); LUISS, 2023-2025 International Finance (Teaching Assistant); Koç University, 2019-2021 Introductory Macro and Microeconomics (Teaching Assistant); Koç University, 2019-2021				
Research Experience	Research Assistant for the “Colonial Concessions in Africa” project; London Business School (G. Chiovelli, E. Le Rossignol, S. Michalopoulos, E. Papaioannou), 2023 Research Assistant for Alexey Makarin; EIEF, 2021-2022 Research Assistant for Kamil Yilmaz; Koç University, 2020-2021				
Honors, Fellowships and Grants	JADE Conference Travel Grant, 2026 [~\$1,000] Ronald Coase Institute Workshop Fellowship, 2025 [\$2,500] Econometric Society World Congress Travel Grant, 2025 [\$3,400] LUISS Guido Carli Visiting Grant, 2024 High Merit Scholarship, Koç University, 2019–2021 Vehbi Koç Scholarship, Koç University, 2016–2018				
Refereeing	Journal of Population Economics, Computers in Human Behavior, Social Science & Medicine				
Miscellaneous	<i>Programming:</i> STATA, R, Python, QGIS <i>Languages:</i> Turkish (Native), English (Fluent), Italian (Proficient), Ukrainian (Beginner) <i>Citizenship:</i> Turkish (December 11, 1996)				
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