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## Fields

Political Economy, Development Economics, Economics of Digitization

## Education

**Rome Economics Doctorate (RED)**  
Ph.D. in Economics, 2021-2026 (*expected*)  
**MIT Sloan**  
Visiting Scholar (*Host:* Alexey Makarin), 2024  
**Koç University**  
M.A. in Economics, 2021  
**Koç University**  
B.A. in Economics, 2018

## Publications

“The Impact of Dating Apps on Young Adults: Evidence from Tinder” with Alexey Makarin and Heyu Xiong, **American Economic Journal: Applied Economics**, *forthcoming*

## Working Papers

“Remaking the State from Below: Local Government Formation in Ukraine”

## Work in Progress

“Movies and Political Preferences” with Ruben Durante, Felipe González and Mounu Prem

“Gendered Political Polarization” with Ruben Durante

“Catastrophes, Social Ties and Voting Behavior: Evidence from Turkey”, with Taylan Alpkaya

## Presentations

2026: Japanese Association for Development Economics (JADE) Conference (*scheduled*)  
2025: Kyiv School of Economics, Econometric Society World Congress, Gran Sasso Science Institute (*invited*), Ronald Coase Institute Workshop  
2024: MIT Dev/PE Lunch, NBER Digital Economics and AI (*presented by coauthor*), 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 (*presented by coauthor*)

<b>Teaching Experience</b>	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				
<b>Research Experience</b>	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				
<b>Honors and Awards</b>	Ronald Coase Institute Workshop Fellowship, 2025 [\$2500] Econometric Society World Congress Grant, 2025 [\$3400] Visiting Grant; LUISS Guido Carli, 2024 High Merit Scholarship; Koç University, 2019-2021 Vehbi Koç Scholar; Koç University, 2016-2018				
<b>Refereeing</b>	Journal of Population Economics, Computers in Human Behavior				
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	<i>Programming:</i> STATA, R, Python, QGIS <i>Languages:</i> Turkish (Native), English (Fluent), Italian (Intermediate), Ukrainian (Beginner) <i>Citizenship:</i> Turkish (December 11, 1996)				
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