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Fields

Political Economy, Development Economics, Economics of Digitization

Employment

Postdoctoral Fellow, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, 2026-

Education

Rome Economics Doctorate (RED)
PhD in Economics, 2021-2026
Supervisors: Mounu Prem, Luigi Guiso, Alexey Makarin

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**, 2026, 18(2): 61-106.

Working Papers

"Remaking the State from Below: Local Government Formation in Ukraine"

Work in Progress

"Digital Payment Systems and Crime"

"Old News? Desensitization and Information Demand During Wartime" with Ruben Durante

"Coordinated Online Attacks and Citizen Voice: Evidence from Eksi Sozluk", with Horacio Larreguy

"Local Censorship and Repression on Russian Social Media", with Anastasiia Arbuzova and Maiting Zhuang

Presentations

2027: UC Louvain The Soviet Legacy Workshop (*scheduled*)
2026: Japanese Association for Development Economics (JADE) Conference, SIOE (*online*), Bank of Italy EPSI Conference
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*)

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

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

Languages: Turkish (Native), English (Fluent), Italian (Proficient), Spanish (Beginner)
Citizenship: Turkish (December 11, 1996)

References

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