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Research Interests

Labor Economics, Applied Microeconometrics, Development Economics, Impact Evaluation

Academic Appointments

Assistant Professor, Middle East Technical University — Ankara, TR
Department of Economics — 2025 June–Present
Associate Professor title awarded by the Higher Education Council

Assistant Professor, TOBB Economics and Technology University — Ankara, TR
Department of Economics — 2016–2025 May

Visiting Professor, Université 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne — Paris, FR
Institute for the Study of Economic and Social Development (IEDES) — Oct. 2017–Dec.2017

Graduate Intern, International Monetary Fund (IMF) — Washington DC, US
Africa Department — July 2010–Oct. 2010

Academic Affiliations

Research Affiliate, IZA@Liser — 2026-

External Research Affiliate, OzU Wise — 2026-

Research Associate, ERF Cairo — 2019-

Education

Ph.D. in Economics, London School of Economics and Political Science — London, UK
Supervisor: Chris Pissarides — 2008–2015

MRes. in Economics, London School of Economics and Political Science — London, UK
2007–2008

MSc. in Economics, London School of Economics and Political Science — London, UK
With distinction — 2006–2007

M.P.A. in International Development (MPA-ID), Harvard Kennedy School — Cambridge, US
Honorable Mention. Second Year Policy Analysis Paper Advisor: Jeffrey Frankel — 2004–2006

BS.c in Economics (English), Hacettepe University — Ankara, TR
Highest CGPA ranking in the Economics Department and second highest ranking in the Faculty — 1996–2000

Publications

1. The Signaling Value of Government Action: The Effect of Turkey's Withdrawal from the Istanbul Convention on Female Homicide (with Naci Mocan) *Accepted by the Journal of Law and Economics*
    - NBER Working Paper
2. Early Retirement Incentives and Transition into Informality. 2024. *Labour Economics*
3. The Causal Effect of Graduating with Honors on Wages of Economics Majors: Regression Discontinuity Evidence (with Salim Atay and Semih Tumen) *Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics*, *IZA Discussion Paper*, 2024
4. Regional Inequalities and the West-East Divide in Turkey since 1913 (with Şevket Pamuk and Ulaş Karakoç) *Economic History Review*, 2023
5. It Takes a Curfew: The Effect of Covid-19 on Female Homicides. (with Efsan Nas Ozen), *Economics Letters*, 2021
6. Female Labor Force Participation, Inequality and Growth: Gains from Closing the Gender Gap in Participation for Turkish Economy, in *The Dynamics of Growth in Emerging Economies, The Case of Turkey.* Edited by Arzu Akkoyunlu Wigley and Selim Cagatay, 2019. Routledge Press.
7. Overlooked Benefits of Consumer Financial Services: Impact on Formal Employment. *IZA Journal of Labor Policy*, 7:7 2018

Working Papers

1. Artificial Intelligence and Labor Market Adjustment in Türkiye: Exposure and Complementarity. (with Siddharth Hari, Efsan Nas Ozen, and Dhushyanth Raju) The Social Policy and Labor Discussion Paper Series No. 213012. The World Bank, 2026.
    - World Bank The Social Policy and Labor Discussion Paper Series
2. Employment Subsidies, Skill Intensity and Capital Investments (with Caglar Yunculer) *Revise and Resubmit*
    - *Best Paper Award in Labor Economics, 2025 Economic Research Forum Annual Meeting*
    - ERF Working Paper
3. Shielding Women from Violence: The Effects of a Large Sheltering Program and Violence Prevention Centers on Intimate Partner Violence in Türkiye (with Bilge Erten, Erdal Tekin, Hakan Ulucan and Semih Tumen) *Under Review*
    - NBER Working Paper
4. The Effects of Subsidizing Social Security Contributions: Job Creation or Informality Reduction? (with Laurent Bossavie, Ana Maria Oviedo, Efsan Nas Ozen and Metin Nebiler) *Under Review*
    - *Listed among the four winning papers of the World Bank's 2023 ECA Academy Award*
    - World Bank Policy Research Working Paper
5. Identification of an Expanded Inventory of Green Job Titles through AI-Driven Text Mining (with Michał Paliński, Tomasz Gajderowicz, Maciej Jakubowski, Efsan Nas Özen and Dhushyanth Raju)
    - IZA Working Paper

Works in Progress

1. CBAM Announcement and Firm Preparedness (with Anne Brockmeyer, Verena Christina Wiedemann, Lucas Zavala and Cigdem Ekiz)
2. Brand Capital and Productivity (with Chad Syverson, John Tsoukalas, Semih Tumen, and Soner Baskaya)
3. Drought and Internal Migration in Türkiye (with Emre Karabulutoglu)
4. Impact of Green Transformation on Green Jobs, Labor Markets and Gender Inequality in Turkey (with Ebru Voyvoda and Sinem Ayhan)
5. Climate Change and the Transformation of Agricultural Labor Markets in Türkiye: Implications for Informality, Gender, and Inequality (with Ebru Voyvoda and Sinem Ayhan)

Other Publications

1. Yeşil İşler ve Kadın. 2025 *İktisat ve Toplum Dergisi*
2. Chapter 2, Labor Supply in *Labor Economics*. 2024. Edited by Meltem Dayıoğlu and Yılmaz Kılıçaslan. Anadolu University Press, Eskişehir.
3. Yoksulluk ve Sosyal Yardımların Dönüşümü, in *Piyasa, Sandık ve Başkan Arasında*. Edited by Hasan Tekgüç and Alper H. Yağcı. 2024. İletişim Yayınları, Istanbul. ISBN: 978-975-053-600-7
4. Economic Interdependence and Conflict in MENA (with Mohammed Ali Marouani) *Economic Research Forum Working Paper 2021/81*
5. Structural Change, Productivity and Skills Dynamics in Egypt, Tunisia and Turkey (with Mohamed Ali Marouani, Michelle Marshallian and Ulaş Karakoç) *UN-WIDER Working Paper 2020/18*
6. Regresyon Süreksizliği Yönteminin Türkiye'de Erken Emeklilik Teşviklerinin İşgücü Piyasası Üzerine Etkilerinin İncelenmesinde Kullanımı, in *Kalkınma Programlarının Değerlendirmesinde Etki Analizi Yöntemleri ve Türkiye'de Uygulamalar*. Edited by Meltem Aran. 2017. Optimist Yayınevi, Istanbul. ISBN: 978-605-322-367-2
7. Sosyal Bilimlerde Yeni Nesil Büyük Veri Kullanımına Dayalı Bilim ve Türkiye'de Uygulamalar, in *Kalkınma Programlarının Değerlendirmesinde Etki Analizi Yöntemleri ve Türkiye'de Uygulamalar*. Edited by Meltem Aran, 2017. Optimist Yayınevi, Istanbul. ISBN: 978-605-322-367-2

Grants, Honors and Scholarships

- Higher Education Council Research University Support Grant (about 50,000 USD) 2026–2028
- Technological and Scientific Research Council of Turkey Grant No:324K520 (about 50,000 USD) 2025–2027
- Economic Research Forum, Research Grant with M. Ali Marouani (10,000 USD) 2020–2021
- Technological and Scientific Research Council of Turkey Grant No:218K229, (about 25,000 USD) 2019–2021
- Economic Research Forum, Research Grant, with M. Ali Marouani, U. Karakoc, and M.Marshallian (10,000 USD) 2017–2018
- Tutorial Fellowship in Economics Department, London School of Economics and Political Science 2009–2012
- Research Studentship (Covering all tuition fees), London School of Economics and Political Science 2008–2015
- Honorable Mention for Outstanding Performance on Graduation Thesis, Harvard Kennedy School 2006
- Joint Japan-World Bank Graduate Full Scholarship (Covering all tuition fees and living expenses), Harvard University 2004–2006
- Ihsan Dogramaci Supreme Success Award for graduating as the top-ranked senior, Hacettepe University 2000

Professional Activities

Referee for: *Journal of Development Economics*, *Journal of Development and Cultural Change*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Family Violence*, *The Economic Journal*, *Oxford Development Studies*, *Review of Economics of the Household*, *Feminist Economics*, *Applied Economics*, *Emerging Markets and Finance*, *PLOS ONE*, *Energy Economics*, *European Journal of Development Research*, *Middle East Development Journal*, *International Journal of Manpower*

Conference Presentations and Invited Seminars

- The 6th LSE-Cambridge Workshop on Political Economy of Türkiye, Cambridge UK 2026
- IMF MENA Research Conference 2026, Rabat Morocco 2026
- IV IEB Workshop on Public Policies, Barcelona Spain 2026
- University of Bologna, Department of Economics, Bologna Italy 2026
- Ozyegin University, the 3rd Istanbul Applied Economics Workshop, Istanbul Turkey 2025
- METU-Istanbul Policy Center, Turkey-EU CBAM Workshop, Ankara, Turkey 2025
- The Annual Meetings of Economic Research Forum, Cairo, Egypt 2025
- The 8th Istanbul Conference on Human Capital, Istanbul, Turkey 2024
- Turkish Economic Association Annual Meetings, Fethiye, Turkey 2024
- LSE, 5th Political Economy of Turkey, London, UK 2024
- Leibniz-Institut für Ost- und Südosteuropaforschung (online), Germany 2024
- Ege University, Turkish Economy Workshop (online), Turkey. 2024
- Middle East Technical University, Economics Department, Ankara, Turkey. 2023
- Istanbul Applied Micro Workshop, Istanbul, Turkey 2023
- Kadir Has University, Department of Economics, Istanbul, Turkey 2022
- The 6th Istanbul Conference on Human Capital, Istanbul, Turkey 2022
- European Association for Labour Economists (EALE), Padova, Italy 2022
- European Training Foundation Skills Lab, Network of Experts Meeting Pollenzo, Italy. 2022
- MEF University, Applied Microeconomics and Policy Workshop, Istanbul, Turkey. 2022
- 21st IZA/SOLE Transatlantic Meeting of Labor Economists, Online. 2022
- London School of Economics, Urban Economic Association Meeting, London, UK. 2022
- Bogazici University, Halkın Ekonomisi Seminerleri, Istanbul, Turkey. 2021
- Kadir Has University, Economics Department, Istanbul, Turkey. 2020
- Middle East Technical University, Economics Department, Ankara, Turkey. 2020
- Online Economics Seminars of Turkey, (Co-organizer and presenter) 2020
- Georgetown University in Qatar, Big Data in the Middle East, Doha, Qatar. 2020
- Bogazici University, Social Policy Forum, Istanbul, Turkey. 2019
- London School of Economics, Workshop on Political Economy of Turkey, London, UK. 2019
- Istanbul Technical University, Department of Economics, Istanbul, Turkey. 2019
- Université 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, Research Initiative on the Economics of Middle East, Paris, France 2018
- European Association of Labour Economists, 29th Annual Conference, St.Gallen, Switzerland. 2017
- Oxford University, Research Initiative on the Economics of Middle East, Oxford UK. 2017
- Kadir Has University, Economics Department, Istanbul, Turkey. 2015
- Hacettepe University, Economics Department, Ankara, Turkey. 2015
- International Economic Association, 17th Annual Conference, Dead Sea, Jordan. 2014

Teaching

Econometrics (graduate and undergraduate), Microeconometrics (graduate and undergraduate) Research in Applied Microeconomics (graduate), Mathematical Statistics (undergraduate), Mathematics for Economists (undergraduate), Introduction to Economics (undergraduate)

Supervised Students

- Kadir Dikici, Ph.D. student 2026–-
- Aytug Gozacan, Ph.D. student 2026–-
- Caglar Yüncüler, Ph.D. student 2021–-2025
- Emre Karabulutoğlu, Ph.D. student 2021–-2025
- Deniz Özgüder, MS.c. student 2020–-2022
- Mahmut Ablay, MS.c. student 2018–-2020
- Alper Mortaş, MS.c. student 2017–-2019

Skills

Software: Stata, R, LaTeX, GIS

Language: English (fluent), French (reading), Turkish (native)

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