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CURRENT POSITIONS

Sept. 2023–present. *Associate Professor of Economics, Durham University, Business School*
2020–2023 *Associate Professor of Economics,* HSE University.
Sept. 2012- 2020 *Assistant Professor of Economics*, HSE University.
2017-present *Research Affiliate*, HiCN Households in Conflict Network.
2018-present *Faculty Fellow*, Association for Analytical Learning about Islam and Muslim Societies.

EDUCATION

2006-2012 *Ph.D. Economics*, Brown University, Providence, RI, USA.
2004-2006 *M.A. in Economics*, Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey.
2000-2004 *B.A. in Economics*, Sabanci University, Istanbul, Turkey.

RESEARCH AND TEACHING FIELDS

Economic Growth and Development, Macroeconomics, Political Economics, Economic History, Cultural Economics.

PUBLICATIONS

1. Proliferation of religious associations and local incumbency advantage: evidence from municipal elections in Turkey (with Ekim Arbatli), ***Democratization***, November 2024.
2. Book review for *"The Armenians of Aintab: The Economics of Genocide in an Ottoman Province. By Ümit Kurt. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2021. ISBN: 978-0-674-24794-9."* ***Business History Review***, *97*(1), 177-180.
3. *Human Capital Transfers and Sub-national Development: Armenian and Greek Legacy in Post-expulsion Turkey* (with Gunes Gokmen), 2022, ***Journal of Economic Growth***.
4. *Sectarian Aid, Sanctions and Subnational Development* (with David Gomtsyan), *2021,* ***European Economic Review***, *139: 103891.*
5. *Clientelism and Development: Vote-buying meets patronage*, (with Vladimir Shchukin), *2021,* ***Journal of Theoretical Politics***, *34(1): 3-34.*
6. *Diversity and Conflict* (with Quamrul Ashraf, Oded Galor and Marc Klemp), 2020, ***Econometrica***, *88(2): 727-797.*
7. *Manipulation through Biased Product Reviews* (with Kemal Kıvanç Aköz and Levent Çelik), 2020, ***Journal of Industrial Economics***, *68(4): 591-639.*
8. *Voting Retrospectively: Critical Junctures and Party Identification* (with David Gomtsyan), 2019, ***European Economic Review***, *119:356-390.*
9. *The International Determinants of Military Coup Behavior* (with Ekim Arbatlı), 2017, ***Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics***.

10. *Information Manipulation in Election Campaigns* (with Kemal Kıvanç Aköz), 2016, ***Economics and Politics***, *28(2): 181-215.*
11. *Trade and income growth in the Ottoman Empire: Assessing the role of volatility and trend growth in terms of trade*, 2016, ***Eurasian Economic Review***, *6: 173-194.*
12. *External Threats and Political Survival: Can Dispute Involvement Deter Coup Attempts?* (with Ekim Arbatlı), 2016, ***Conflict Management and Peace Science***, *33(2): 115-152.*

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

- Adjusting to Toxic Husbands: Normalization of Domestic Violence by Women (joint with Arzu Kibris and Cole Williams), R&R in Economic Journal.
- Ancestral Composition Distance (joint with Mehmet Burak Akren and Sabri Arhan Ertan).
- Far from Home: Distance and Performance Portability in International Hiring (joint with Alperen Kocsoy).

WORK IN PROGRESS

1. "Urban design and experienced segregation" (with Diego Marino Fages)
2. "Geography, Agricultural Suitability and Diversity in Cultural Values" with Mariko Klasing and Petros Milionis.
3. "Biased Media and Political Competition" with Levent Çelik and Dmitry Vorobyev.
4. "Religious Diversity, Market Access and Sub-national Development: Lessons from the Ottoman Empire''
5. "Long-run Impact of Major Demographic Shocks on Urban Occupational Structures" with Erdem Kabadayı and Arhan Ertan.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Courses taught at Durham:

Undergraduate Level: Econometrics (ECON2061), Dissertation in Economics (ECON3012)

PhD Level: Quantitative Methods I,

Courses taught at HSE:

Undergraduate level: Intermediate Macroeconomics [4x], Economics: Problems,Methods, Solutions, Political Economy [4x]. International Trade [3x], Economic Growth and Development [2x]

M.A. level: Economic Development in the Long-run: Theory and Empirics[x4], Research Seminar [x3], Advanced Macroeconomics [4x].

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Referee: Quarterly Journal of Economics, Journal of Economic Growth, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Public Economics, American Political Science Review, European Economic Review, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Industrial Economics, Journal of Comparative Economics, Journal of Population Economics, Economics of Transition, Journal of Conflict Management and Peace Science, Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics, Metroeconomica, International Review of Economics, Economic Inquiry, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies.

Conference, workshop & seminar organisation:

Organizer, Durham Department of Economics Internal Seminar Series (Summer 2024 - present)
Co-chair Development Economics Workshop (DEW), Durham, UK (2024-present)
Co-organizer HSE Faculty of Economic Sciences International Research Seminar (2019-2023)
Co-organizer Dynamics, Economic Growth, International Trade (DEGIT) Conference (September, 2018)
Co-organizer Information Economics Workshop (HSE University, 2019)

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

PGR Director, Department of Economics (Durham University, 2025-present)
Chair for Academic Hiring (Higher School of Economics, 2018-2019)
Faculty Hiring Committee (Higher School of Economics, 2014-2016)
Student Advisor for Graduate School Applications (Higher School of Economics, 2014-2019)
Research Master Program Academic Committee (Higher School of Economics, 2016-2024)
Expert Reviewer for Russian National Award in Applied Economics (2021-2022).

GRANTS, AWARDS AND CERTIFICATES

Primary Research Support Funding for data collection, Durham Business School (£5000).
Three-year (2018-2020) Joint Research Grant for the project “Information Acquisition, Diffusion and Disclosure in Markets” funded by the Russian Science Foundation (RSF) and the Austrian Science Fund (FWF) [RUB 6 million per year]
HSE Centre for Advanced Studies Individual Research Grant, 2013
Best Teachers of HSE University Awards: Supervisor of the "Best Research Paper in Political Science for Bachelor's Students” (2021), Supervisor of the "Best Research Paper in Economics for Bachelor's Students” (2021).
Fellow, Spatial Structures in Social Sciences (S4), Brown University, 2008-2012
Certificate I, Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education, Brown University, 2010

LANGUAGES

Turkish (native), English (fluent), German (intermediate)