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CURRENT EMPLOYMENT AND AFFILIATIONS	Bilkent University , Ankara, Turkey Vice Chair, Department of Economics Assistant Professor, Department of Economics	2026- 2020-
	Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR) Research Affiliate, Organizational Economics & Political Economy programmes	2023-
FORMER OR VISITING POSITIONS	Harvard Kennedy School , Cambridge, MA Visiting Assistant Professor of Public Policy	2021-2022
	University of Chicago , Chicago, IL Postdoctoral Researcher, Harris School of Public Policy	2019-2020
EDUCATION	Massachusetts Institute of Technology , Cambridge, MA Ph.D. in Economics	2019
	Koç University , İstanbul, Turkey M.A. in Economics B.Sc. in Electrical and Electronics Engineering	2013 2011
PUBLICATIONS	“Political Economy of Information Provision” with Konstantin Sonin and Austin L. Wright. Forthcoming, <i>Journal of Politics</i> . “Improving the Deferred Acceptance with Minimal Compromise” with Mustafa Oguz Afacan, Umut Dur and Özgür Yılmaz. <i>Games and Economic Behavior</i> 2026, 156: 64–81. “The Difficulty of Easy Projects” with Wioletta Dziuda and Mehdi Shadmehr. <i>American Economic Review: Insights</i> 2021, 3(3): 285–302. “School Choice under Partial Fairness” with Umut Dur and Özgür Yılmaz. <i>Theoretical Economics</i> 2019, 14: 1309–1346.	
WORKING PAPERS	“Automation and Repression” with Daron Acemoglu and Mehdi Shadmehr. “Propaganda and Repression in Diverse Societies” with Pooya Molavi and Konstantin Sonin. Revision requested, <i>Journal of Political Economy Microeconomics</i> . “Missing Discussions” with James A. Robinson and Mehdi Shadmehr.	

“Proximity, Similarity, and Friendship Formation: Theory and Evidence”
with Román Andrés Zárate.

“Search, Matching, and Signaling: Do Markets Help Relationships?”

TEACHING

Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey 2020-

- ECON 437: Political Economy
- ECON 448: Economics of Information
- ECON 548: Topics in Economics of Information, Part I
- ECON 504: Microeconomic Theory, Part II
- ECON 101: Introduction to Economics I

Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, MA 2021-2022

- API 109: Advanced Microeconomic Analysis I
- API 111/Econ 2020a/HBSDOC 4010: Microeconomic Theory I

Harris School of Public Policy, Chicago, IL 2019-2020

- PPHA 32400: Microeconomics and Public Policy II

HONORS AND
AWARDS

Bilkent University Distinguished Teaching Award 2026

TÜBİTAK 1001 Grant, “Automation from a Political Economy Perspective” 2024-2026

Levitan Teaching Award by MIT School of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences 2018

Graduate Teaching Assistant of the Year Award by MIT Graduate Economics Association 2018

UniCredit & Universities Crivelli Europe Scholarship 2013-2015

PROFESSIONAL
ACTIVITIES

Refereeing for: AEJ: Microeconomics, American Economic Review, American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, Bulletin of Economic Research, Eastern Economic Journal, Econometrica, Economic Inquiry, Economic Theory, European Economic Review, Games and Economic Behavior, International Economic Review, International Journal of Game Theory, Journal of Comparative Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Economic Theory, Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics, Journal of Mathematical Economics, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Public Economics, Public Choice, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economics of the Household, Theoretical Economics, Theory and Decision

Program Committee member for 26th & 27th ACM Conference on Economics and Computation (EC’25 & EC’26)

Co-Organizer of Bilkent Microeconomics Seminar Series 2020-2021, 2022-

Co-Organizer of 5th BEET (Bargaining, Experiments, Empirics, and Theory) Workshop 2021

MIT Splash 2015, 2016, 2017

Taught a mini-class named “Game Theory in Movies” to high school students.

STUDENTS
SUPERVISED

Aybüke Dere, Bilkent University, M.A. in Economics, 2024, currently a PhD candidate at the University of Pittsburgh, Department of Economics.

Gülce Demirel, Bilkent University, M.A. in Economics, 2024, currently a Master of Arts in Public Policy student at the University of Chicago, Harris School of Public Policy.

Koralp Kabal, Bilkent University, M.A. in Economics, 2025, currently a PhD candidate at Columbia University, Department of Economics.

Kardelen Sural, Bilkent University, M.A. in Economics, expected graduation 2026, to start their graduate studies in Carnegie Mellon University.

Muhammad Khuzaima Soomro, M.A. in Economics, expected graduation 2026, to start their graduate studies in York University.