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EDUCATION

- University of Warwick**, Coventry, United Kingdom Sept. 2021- Present
Economics, MRes/PhD
- Koç University**, Istanbul, Turkey Sept. 2021- June 2023
Economics, Master of Arts
- GPA: 3.79/4.00
 - Honors: *summa cum laude*
- Koç University**, Istanbul, Turkey Sept. 2017 - June 2021
Economics, Bachelor of Arts
- GPA: 3.83/4.00
 - Honors: *summa cum laude*
- Sciences Po**, Paris, France Jan. 2020 - May 2020
- Erasmus+ Exchange Program
 - Relevant coursework: Political Economy, Perspectives in Economics and Sociology

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Master's Thesis**, Koç University Aug. 2022-Sept. 2023
Thesis Advisor: Murat Demirci
- Analyzes the impact of international students in the United States on the electoral outcomes.
- Research Assistant**, Koç University Feb. 2022-Sept. 2022
- Participated in Dr. Seda Ertac Guler's ERC Consolidator Grant Project "Improving Gender and Immigrant Outcomes through the Social Malleability of Attitudes: Randomized Interventions on Peer Interactions in Educational Settings".
 - Collected data, reviewed literature and conducted data cleaning in *STATA*.

WORK IN PROGRESS

- "The Impact of International Students on Electoral Outcomes in the United States", work in progress (co-authored with Murat Demirci.)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Koç University**, Teaching Assistant, Istanbul, Turkey Sept. 2021-June 2023
- Fall 2022, Spring 2022 (Economics Capstone): Responsible for homework and exam grading, holding Problems Sessions, and creating answer keys for Problem Sets under the supervision of Prof. Mehmet Yörükoğlu.
 - Fall 2021 (Introduction to Microeconomics): Created answer keys for Problem Sets, held problem sessions and graded exams under the supervision of Prof. Özgür Yılmaz.
 - Fall 2019 (Intermediate Macroeconomics): Held problem sessions under the supervision of Prof. Sevcan Yeşiltaş.

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Aposto**, Freelance Author, Istanbul, Turkey Aug. 2021-May 2022
- Wrote monthly articles for the economics and business bulletin, Pareto.

Akkim, Financial Planning and Reporting Intern, Istanbul, Turkey

Oct. 2020-May 2021

- Prepared annual budget analysis, sales analysis and balance sheet analysis.

SCHOLARSHIPS, ACADEMIC HONORS, AND AWARDS

Departmental Scholarship, University of Warwick

2023-Present

Tübitak BİDEB Scholarship, Koç University

2021-2023

Full Graduate Scholarship, Koç University

2021-Present

Vehbi Koç Honor Award, Koç University

- Awarded based on academic success (SPA over 3.50/4.00).

Full-Merit Undergraduate Scholarship, Koç University

2017-2021

- Ranked 209th in the Nationwide University Entrance Examination among approximately 2 million students.

Full-Merit High School Scholarship, VKV Koç School

2012-2017

- Ranked 1st in the national high school entrance exam in 2012.

EXTRACURRICULAR AND VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

180 Degrees Consulting, Active Member, Koç University

Spring 2021

Dance Club, Active Member, Koç University

Sept. 2017-June 2020

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Languages Turkish (Native), English (Fluent; TOEFL IBT score 109/120), Italian (Beginner)

Software MS Office (Advanced), Python, STATA, LaTeX, SQL (Intermediate), Matlab (Basic)