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Research Interests

Agricultural economics · Economic history · Applied econometrics · Impact evaluation

Academic Positions

Assistant Professor of Economics, Kadir Has University	2020–present
Impact Evaluation Consultant	2022–present
Assistant Professor of Economics, TOBB University of Economics and Technology	2020
Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Economics, Humboldt University Berlin	2017–2019
Marie Curie Fellow, Economics, Humboldt University Berlin	2014–2015

Education

PhD in Economic History, London School of Economics and Political Science	2015
MA in Economics, Boğaziçi University	2007
BA in Mathematics, Boğaziçi University	2004

Publications

Journal articles

"Concentration with Convergence: Regional Productivity Patterns in Türkiye, 1950–2020." *Economic History Review*, 2026, early view. doi:10.1111/ehr.70159

"Macroeconomics of Greening Turkish Agriculture: A General Equilibrium Analysis of Input Rationalization Policies" (with Erinç Yeldan). *Southeast European and Black Sea Studies*, 2025.

"Regional Inequalities and the West–East Divide in Turkey since 1913" (with Güneş Aşık and Şevket Pamuk). *Economic History Review*, 2023, 76(4): 1305–1332.

"A Reassessment of Industrial Growth in Interwar Turkey through First-Generation Sectoral Estimates." *Historical Methods*, 2023, 56(1): 49–62.

"Overcoming the Egyptian Cotton Crisis in the Interwar Period: The Role of Irrigation, Drainage, New Seeds and Access to Credit" (with Laura Panza). *Economic History Review*, 2021, 74(1): 60–86.

"Industrial Growth in Interwar Egypt: First Estimates, New Insights." *European Review of Economic History*, 2018, 22(1): 53–72.

Edited books

Toprak Atlası Türkiye (with Defne Orhun and Ayten Namlı, eds.). Heinrich Böll Yayınları, 2025.

İktisat Tarihinin Dönüşü: Türkiye'de ve Dünyada Yeni Yaklaşımlar ve Araştırmalar (with Alp Yücel Kaya, eds.). İstanbul: İletişim, 2021.

Book chapters

"Dünyada ve Türkiye'de Geç Sanayileşme." In U. Karakoç and A. Y. Kaya (eds.), *İktisat Tarihinin Dönüşü*. İstanbul: İletişim, 2021.

"Industrialization in Egypt and Turkey, 1870–2010" (with Şevket Pamuk and Laura Panza). In K. H. O'Rourke and J. G. Williamson (eds.), *The Spread of Modern Industry to the Periphery since 1871*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2017, 142–165.

Work in Progress

"Estimating the Climate Sensitivity of Crop Yields in Türkiye, 1954–2024."

"Long-run Crop Yield Trends in Türkiye since 1930: Testing the Yield Stagnation Thesis."

"Crisis, Subsistence and Markets: Agricultural Supply Response to the Great Depression in Türkiye" (with Marvin Suesse).

"Turkish Districts since 1927: A Crosswalk to Any Base Year" (with Mahmut Ablay), dataset.

Grants and Awards

TÜBİTAK 1001 Research Grant, Principal Investigator: "Predicting Crop Yields in Turkey Using Long-run Agronomic and Climate Data" 2024–2026

TÜBİTAK Eşik Üstü Award (Marie Curie Individual Fellowship application) 2021

Fritz Thyssen Stiftung Research Grant, Co-Investigator with Nikolaus Wolf: "Regional Economic Inequality, Ethnicity and Conflicts in Turkey" 2017–2019

Finalist, Gino Luzzatto Dissertation Prize, European Historical Economics Society 2015

Emirates PhD Support for Middle East Studies, LSE Middle East Centre 2012–2013

Graduate Research Studentship, Department of Economic History, LSE 2009–2013

Jean Monnet Scholarship, Delegation of the European Commission to Turkey 2007–2008

Teaching

Kadir Has University: Econometrics I and II; Graduate Econometrics; Agricultural Economics and Policy; Applied Economics; Mathematics for Economists; Introduction to Economics 2020–present

TOBB University of Economics and Technology: Mathematics for Economists; Introduction to Economics; Microeconometrics 2020

Humboldt University Berlin: Economic History of the Middle East; Political Economy of Inequality 2017–2019

Selected Presentations

Long-run crop yields and climate sensitivity in Turkey

Symposium on Agricultural Economics, Middle East Technical University, October 2026
Environmental Sciences Institute Seminar, Boğaziçi University, May 2026
Agricultural Economics Society Centennial Conference, Oxford, March 2026

Agricultural growth in Turkey in the 1930s (with Marvin Suesse)

Economics Department Seminar, Trinity College Dublin, May 2026
Economic History Society Annual Conference, LSE, April 2026
European Historical Economics Society Conference, University of Hohenheim, September 2025
18th National Social Sciences Congress, Türkiye Sosyal Bilimler Derneği, METU, September 2025

Regional productivity differentials in Turkey since 1950

Economics Department, İstanbul University, December 2025
TÜSİAD Food and Agriculture Research Group, January 2025

Macroeconomic effects of greening agriculture in Turkey (with Erinç Yeldan)

Agricultural Economics Society Annual Conference, Bordeaux, April 2025
UNCTAD Workshop on Regional Cooperation on Sustainable Development, TEPAV, Ankara, January 2025

Farmer adoption of sustainable agriculture in Turkey (with Pınar Ceylan)

Agriculture, Environment and Resource Management Conference, Galatasaray University, July 2025
LANDSCAPE Conference, ZALF and Humboldt University Berlin, September 2024
Historical Materialism İstanbul, Kadir Has University, March 2022

Agglomeration economies in Turkey (with Cem Özgüzel and Güneş Aşık)

Türkiye Ekonomisi Yapısal Sorunlar ve Çözümler Çalıştayı, Ege University, May 2024

Regional income inequalities in Turkey since 1913 (with Şevket Pamuk and Güneş Aşık)

Economic History of Developing Regions Virtual Seminar, April 2021
European Historical Economics Society Conference, Paris School of Economics, August 2019
1st Political Economy of Turkey Workshop, LSE, March 2019
ERF 25th Annual Conference, Kuwait, March 2019
3rd RIEME Workshop on the Economics of the Middle East, Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, November 2018
World Economic History Congress, MIT, Boston, August 2018

The crisis of Egyptian cotton, 1900–1940 (with Laura Panza)

Berlin Colloquium on Economic and Social History, Humboldt University, July 2018
European Economic History Congress, Pisa, September 2015
World Economic History Congress, Kyoto, August 2015

Industrialization and growth in interwar Egypt and Turkey

Workshop on the Economic History of the Middle East, Australian National University, June 2018
Conference on History of Business Organisation and Law, Dokuz Eylül University, İzmir, June 2016
Economic History Seminar, Middle East Technical University, April 2016
MACROHIST Workshop, Université Libre de Bruxelles, January 2015
European Economic History Conference, LSE, 2013
Conference on Trade, Poverty and Growth in History, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, 2012
Economic History Society Annual Conference, Oxford, 2012

Service

Referee for: Annals of Regional Science; Economic History of Developing Regions; Economic History Review; Economics of Transition and Institutional Change; Emerging Markets Review; European Review of Economic History; Financial History Review; New Perspectives on Turkey; Review of Income and Wealth; Rivista di Storia Economica; Turkish Studies.

Skills

Software R, Stata, Python, LaTeX
Languages Turkish (native), English (fluent)

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