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Ozyegin University, Faculty of Business, Istanbul, Turkey

Employment/Affiliation

Assistant Professor in Economics (tenure-track), Ozyegin University — Istanbul, Turkey, 2026 – present
Junior Research Fellow in Economics (postdoc), University of Cambridge — UK, 2022 – 2026
College Supervisor, King's College Cambridge — UK, 2022 – 2023
Faculty Co-lecturer/Supervisor, University of Cambridge — UK, 2024 – 2026
Member of the Governing Body, King's College Cambridge — UK, 2022 – 2026
Graduate Assistant, HEC Lausanne — Switzerland, 2017 – 2022

Education

Ph.D. in Economics, University of Lausanne (HEC Lausanne) — Switzerland, 2017 – 2022
B.Sc. and M.A. in Economics, Hacettepe University — Ankara, Turkey, 2015

Research Fields

Primary: Macroeconomics, Economic Growth, Political Economy, Firm Dynamics
Secondary: Applied Microeconomics, Economic Development, Economic History

Fellowships/Scholarships

- Research Fellowship (King's College Cambridge), 2022 – 2026
- Fully funded graduate assistant (HEC Lausanne), 2017 – 2022
- Swiss Program for Beginning Doctoral Students in Economics (Gerzensee), 2017 – 2018

Publications

Technology Overload? Macroeconomic Implications of Accelerated Obsolescence
Journal of Economic Growth, 2026
(Market) Power is (Political) Power! The Pressure of Declining Competition on Democracy
Journal of Comparative Economics, 2025

Working Papers / Work in Progress

Large Firms, Large Decisions: The Granular Role of M&A in Aggregate Fluctuations (under review)
The Red Queen Economy: When Technological Change Outpaces Learning (in progress)
Turkey's Transition to Sustained Growth: Some Econometric Evidence (with M. Aykut Attar) (in progress)
New Turkey and its Republican Counterfactuals: People's Houses as a Historical Selection Mechanism (with Aykut Attar) (in progress)

Geography and Economic Development: Subnational Evidence from Türkiye (with Aykut Attar) (in progress)

Ottoman Population within the Current Borders of Türkiye: Malthusian Characteristics of A New Construction (under extensive revision)

Teaching

Supervisor or Co-lecturing in Cambridge

- Advanced Econometric Methods (Postgraduate Course, the Faculty of Economics), 2024 – 2026
- Microeconomic Principles and Problems (King's College Cambridge), 2022 – 2023

Teaching Assistant, HEC Lausanne

- Development Economics (Master Level), 2017 – 2022
- Quantitative Macroeconomics (Bachelor Level), 2017 – 2022

Other Employment

Research Associate, The Economic Policy Research Foundation of Turkey (TEPAV) — Ankara, Turkey, 2014 – 2017

Directorate of Macroeconomic Policies

Project Assistant, The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK) — Ankara, Turkey, 2014 – 2015

Project: The Analysis of Transitions in the Turkish Labor Market

Non-refereed Policy Works

- Nightlights as a development indicator: the estimation of gross provincial product in Turkey. Seda Basihos. The Economic Policy Research Foundation of Turkey, 2016.
- Support to Development of a Policy Framework for Total Factor Productivity in Turkey. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), contributed in 2016 as research associate under TEPAV.
- Need Assessment of Entrepreneurship and Innovation. Technology Development Foundation of Turkey, contributed in 2016 as research associate under TEPAV.
- Measuring the Size of the Turkish Informal Economy: Technical Assistance for Fight Against Informal Economy. European Commission, International Cooperation and Development, contributed in 2016 as research associate under TEPAV.
- Trade Relations with Syria after the Refugee Influx. Seda Basihos, Esra Ozpinar, Ayca Kulaksiz. The Economic Policy Research Foundation of Turkey, 2015.
- Contractual Agreements in Turkish Coal Mining Sector. International Labor Organization (ILO), 2015. Contributed as research associate under TEPAV.
- Strategic Spatial and Development Planning. Republic of Turkey Ministry of Development, contributed in 2015 as research associate under TEPAV.

Selected Talks/Seminars

Competition and Markets Authority, Seminar Speaker (UK, 2026); Centre for Political Economy, Governance, Finance and Accountability, University of Greenwich, Seminar Speaker (UK, 2026); HEC Lausanne PhD Macroeconomic Workshop (2025); Paris School of Economics Macro Days (2024); Mannheim Macroeconomic Workshop (2024); Annual Research Conference by European Commission (2023); CESifo Political Economy Workshop (2023); University of East Anglia (2023); Radboud University (2023); Royal Economic Society Annual Conference (University of Glasgow, 2023); Quantitative Political Economy (King's College London, 2023); IBEO Workshop at the North-South Economic Research Center (University of Sassari, 2023); Middle East Technical University (2022); TEA Conference (Cappadocia University, 2022); 21st Gerzensee Alumni Conference (Gerzensee Study Center, 2021); Queen Mary University of London (London, 2020, 2023); Ozyegin University (2022); Kristiania University College (Oslo, 2016); TOBB University of Economics and Technology (Ankara, 2016)

Miscellaneous

Media Coverage: IMF, Financial Times, the Brookings Institution, ProMarket, Al-Monitor, European Institute of Mediterranean, Dünya Executive, Hurriyet Daily News, The Hindu, local newspapers in Turkey.

Refereeing Activity: Swiss Journal of Economics and Statistics

Languages: Turkish (native), English (professional), French (beginner)