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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of Toronto, Economics

Assistant Professor, July 2022-

Yale University, Economic Growth Center and Jackson Institute for Global Affairs

Visiting Assistant Professor, August 2021- May 2022

University of Essex, Economics

Assistant Professor since April 2019; on leave, August 2021-August 2022

Harvard University, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs

Postdoctoral Fellow, August 2018 - May 2019

International Crisis Group and Empirical Studies of Conflict

Postdoctoral Fellow, August 2018 - January 2019

Economic Growth Center, Yale University

Research Assistant, August 2010-May 2012

Center for International Development, Harvard University

Research Fellow, January 2010-May 2010

Centre for Microfinance, Chennai and Thanjavur, India

Research Associate, August 2008-December 2009

AFFILIATIONS

Abdul Latif Jameel - Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) Faculty Affiliate, 2021-

Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR) - Research Affiliate, Development Economics Group, 2021-

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Agricultural and Resource Economics, UC Berkeley, 2018

M.S. Agricultural and Resource Economics, UC Berkeley, 2013

B.Com, Economics, McGill University, 2008

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Applied Microeconomics, Development Economics, Political Economy

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

1. Baysan, C, (2022). “[Persistent Polarizing Effects of Persuasive Communication: Experimental Evidence from Turkey](#).” *American Economic Review*, 112 (11): 3528-46.
Coverage: VoxDev, the World Bank Development Impact Blog, the International Growth Centre, and Turkey Book Talk podcast
2. Alan, S., C. Baysan, E. Kubilay, and M. Gumren, (2021). “[Building Social Cohesion in Ethnically Mixed Schools: An Intervention on Perspective Taking](#).” *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 136(4): 2147-2194.
3. Baysan, C., M. Burke, F. Gonzalez, S. Hsiang, and E. Miguel, (2019). “[Non-Economic Factors in Violence: Evidence from Organized Crime, Suicides & Climate in Mexico](#).” *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*. 168, 434–452. [[Replication Data](#)]
4. Burke, M., F. Gonzalez, P. Baylis, S. Heft-Neal, C. Baysan, S. Basu, and S. Hsiang, (2018). “Effect of High Ambient Temperature on Suicide Rates in the United States and Mexico.” *Nature Climate Change*. 8, 723–729.
Coverage: The Atlantic, CNN, San Francisco Chronicle, MIT Technological Review, Scientific American, The Guardian, Time, DiCyT, La Tercera.

WORKING PAPERS

5. Baysan, C., M. H. Dar, K. Emerick, and E. Sadoulet. “[The Agricultural Wage Gap Within Rural Villages](#).” R&R at the *Journal of Development Economics*.

SELECTED RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

“Diversity, Refugee Integration, and Business Productivity” with Onur Altindag and Lydia Assouad

“Voter Misperceptions and Preferences for Democratic Institutions” with Daron Acemoglu, Cevat Aksoy, and Carlos Molina

“Political Misperceptions and Gender Inequality” with Carlos Molina, Antonia Parades-Haz, and Gamze Zeki

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

2023 JPAL Governance Initiative, Pilot study (PI)

2023 JPAL Displaced Livelihoods Initiative, Full study (PI)

2023 Dean’s Excellence Award, University of Toronto

2023 King’s College Global Engagement Partnership Fund (co-PI)

2020 Innovations for Poverty Action Peace & Recovery Program, Full study (PI)

2019 J-PAL European Social Inclusion Initiative, Full study (co-PI)

2019 CEDIL & Small projects Exploratory Projects (PI) - cancelled

2019 Innovation for Poverty Action Peace & Recovery Program, Pilot Study (PI)

2018 J-PAL Crime & Violence Initiative, Full Study (co-PI)

- 2018 Innovation for Poverty Action Peace & Recovery Program, Pilot Study (co-PI)
- 2012-2017 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship
- 2016 Mellon Research Grant and Stevens Scholar Program, UC Berkeley (PI)
- 2016 J-PAL Governance Initiative Exploratory Research Grant (PI)
- 2015 Al-Falah Program Grant, UC Berkeley (PI)
- 2015 National Science Foundation and USAID Grant (PI)
- 2013 BRAC-CEGA Travel Grant (co-PI)

SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS (*SCHEDULED)

- 2024 London School of Economics; Wilfred Laurier University
- 2023 Columbia University (Political Economy); ITAM
- 2022 Princeton University (Political Economy); Johns Hopkins University; Stanford GSB (Political Economy); University College London; UVA Batten; University of Toronto; University of Illinois at Chicago; University of Zurich; McGill University
- 2021 Queen Mary, University of London; Yale University (Political Economy); Wharton (BEPP Applied Workshop); Royal Holloway, University of London; Boston University Global Development Policy Center; University of Maryland
- 2020 TOBB University of Economic and Technology; Stockholm University; Sabanci University (cancelled)
- 2019 Tufts University; University of Oxford
- 2018 University of Essex; London School of Economics; World Bank Development Research Group; Stanford GSB (Political Economy); Koç University; IDinsight
- 2017 University of San Francisco

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (*SCHEDULED)

- 2023 CESifo Venice Summer Institute (The Economic Analysis of Critical Junctures), J-PAL and IPA's Governance, Crime, and Conflict Initiative Conference (London)
- 2022 ASSA, CEPR WE_ARE Seminar, Studying critical junctures in real time: Promise, challenges, and ethical dimensions (LMU)
- 2021 PacDev, UC San Diego; NBER Political Economy Meeting; European Economic Association; Experimental Social Science Workshop at Kent University
- 2020 ESOC Annual Meeting; JPAL Governance Initiative Conference (cancelled)
- 2019 Center for Global Development; LSE Workshop on Political Economy of Turkey; Navigating a Populism World: Responses to the Global Rise of Populism (Weatherhead Center for International Affairs at Harvard); Barcelona GSE Summer Forum; NEUDC (Northwestern)

2018 Northwestern Development Rookiefest; NYU-CESS Experimental Political Science Conference (unable to attend); Populism's New Wave: Comparative and Historical Perspectives (UCLA Anderson School of Management); Political Economy of Undemocratic Politics, Western Political Science Association; PacDev (UC Davis)

2017 North East Universities Development Consortium (Tufts University)

2015 PacDev (UC San Diego)

TEACHING

University of Toronto

Political Economy (PhD Level): Fall 2023

Introduction to Data Analysis and Applied Econometrics (Undergraduate): Fall 2022, Fall 2023

Yale University

Approaches to International Development (Undergraduate): Spring 2022

University of Essex

Economic Development Theory (Masters): Spring 2020, Spring 2021

Strategies of Economic Development (Undergraduate): Spring 2020, Spring 2021

UC Berkeley (Graduate Student Instructor)

Applied Econometrics (PhD): Fall 2015

Economics of Development (Undergraduate): Fall 2014

EDITORIAL SERVICE

Referee for:

American Economic Journal: Economic Policy; American Economic Review; American Economic Review: Insights; American Political Science Review; Journal of Development Economics; Economic Journal; Journal of the European Economic Association; Journal of Political Economy; Public Opinion Quarterly; Quarterly Journal of Economics; Review of Economics and Statistics; Review of Economic Studies; JPAL Governance Initiative; the National Science Foundation

SERVICE TO PROFESSION, UNIVERSITY, & DEPARTMENT

Senior search committee member, University of Toronto (2023–24)

Research in Color Mentor (2022)

Conference Organization and Research Training

Experimental Social Science Workshop, University of Kent (2021)

Navigating a Populism World: Responses to the Global Rise of Populism, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University (2019)

J-PAL Research Staff Training (2021)

Race, Ethnicity, Gender, and Economic Justice Virtual Symposium, Yale University (2021)

Yale University, Department of Economics

Undergraduate Thesis Supervisor (2021–2022)

University of Essex, Department of Economics

Faculty Recruiting Committee (2020–21)

External Seminar Organizer (2020–21)

Panelist, International Women's Day - Celebrating Women in Economics (2021)

Undergraduate and Masters Thesis Supervisor (2019–2021)

PhD Student Advisor (2020-Present)

UC Berkeley, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics

Leadership Board for Women in Economics at Berkeley/Berkeley Economists for Equity (2015-2018)

Seminars and Mentoring

Peer Mentor for BRAC-CEGA Visiting Fellow (2014)

PERSONAL

Languages: English (native), Turkish (fluent), Spanish (basic)

Citizenship: USA and Turkey

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Economic Association (2016-)

European Economic Association (2020–Present)

Royal Economic Society (2020–Present)