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Professor of Economics

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1. Education

- 2003-2008 **PhD(2) in Economics**, University of Gothenburg, Department of Economics. Title of thesis: "*Essays on Microeconometrics and Immigrant Assimilation*".
- 2000-2003 **PhD(1) Studies in Econometrics**, Istanbul University, Department of Econometrics, Istanbul, Turkey.
- 1998-2000 **M.Sc. in Mathematical Statistics**, Istanbul University, Faculty of Economics, Department of Econometrics, Istanbul, Turkey. Title of thesis: "*Spectral Analysis of Time Series in Economics and Mathematica Applications*".
- 1993-1998 **BA in Economics**, Istanbul University, Department of Economics, Istanbul, Turkey

2. Research Interests

Microeconometrics, Statistics, Programming, and Monte Carlo Simulations
Behavioral and Experimental Economics, and Health Economics
Economics of Happiness and Welfare
Labor Economics and Migration
Experimental Philosophy and Economics of Art

3. Professional Experience

2022-2024	Visiting Professor, Turk-Alman University, Turkey, Istanbul (TUBITAK 2221)
2019-2023	Visiting Professor, Turk-Alman University, Turkey, Istanbul
2021-2022	Visiting Professor, Brno University, Brno, Czech Republic
2021-2022	Visiting Professor, University of Bordeaux, France, Bordeaux
2015-	Tenured Senior Lecturer, University of Gothenburg, Sweden
2014-2017	Pedagogical Excellence Certificates on Supervision and Teaching
2015-2016	Visiting Professor, University of Bordeaux, France, Bordeaux
2015-2016	Visiting Professor, Boğaziçi University, Department of Economics, Istanbul, Turkey (TUBITAK 2221)
2015-	Associate Professor, University of Gothenburg, Sweden
2013-2015	Assistant Professor, University of Gothenburg, Sweden
2015-2018	Visiting Researcher, University of Marseille, France, Marseille
2015-2016	Visiting Researcher, LISER, Luxembourg, Belval
2013-2016	Visiting Research Fellow, IZA, Germany, Bonn
2011-2013	Senior Research Associate, IZA, Germany, Bonn
2009-2013	IZA (Institute for the Study of Labor) Deputy Program Director of Environment and Development.
2008-2011	Research Associate, September, IZA (Institute for the Study of Labor).
2007-2008	Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, University of Gothenburg, Department of Economics, Sweden (Adlerberska stipendiefonden).
2008-2009	Research Associate, EUROCORES Programme: “HAPPINESS” (HAPPiness, Political Institutions, Natural Environment and Space), University of Gothenburg, Department of Economics, Sweden.
2003-2007	Research Assistant, University of Gothenburg, Department of Economics, Sweden.
1999-2003	Research and Teaching Assistant, Istanbul University, Department of Economics, Econometrics, Istanbul, Turkey.

3.1. Teaching

Graduate Level

2021-2022	Advanced Statistics and Data Analysis (PhD), Turk-Alman University , Department of Economics
2019-2020	Econometrics (first year PhD course), University of Rwanda , Department of Economics
2016-2021	Advanced Regression Methods (first year PhD course), University of Gothenburg , Political Sciences
2016-2020	Econometrics I (first year PhD course), University of Gothenburg , Department of Economics
2016-2017	Preparatory Course in Econometrics I (first year PhD course), University of Gothenburg , Department of Economics
2014- 2015	Econometrics I (first year PhD course), University of Gothenburg , Department of Economics – Course Coordinator
2015-2016	LISER , Luxembourg, Relative Concerns of Migrants: Envy or Ambition and Economics of Happiness
2006-2007	Econometrics II (second year PhD course), (simulation-based estimation), University of Gothenburg , Department of Economics

Undergraduate and Master Level

2022-2023	Applied Econometrics (second year master course), University of Gothenburg , Department of Economics
2022-2023	Applied Econometrics (second year master course), Turk-Alman University , Department of Economics
2022-2023	Statistical Inference (advance undergraduate course), University of Gothenburg , Department of Economics
2021-2022	Statistical Inference (advance undergraduate course), University of Gothenburg , Department of Economics
2021-2022	Economics of Happiness (second year master course), University of Bordeaux , Department of Economics

2021-2022 Applied Econometrics (second year master course), **Turk-Alman University**, Department of Economics

2020-2021 Applied Econometrics (second year master course), **Turk-Alman University**, Department of Economics

2019-2020 Applied Econometrics (master course), **Turk-Alman University**, Department of Economics

2020-2023 Methods in Economic Analysis (undergraduate course), **University of Gothenburg**, Department of Economics

2021-2022 Statistics III (undergraduate course), **University of Gothenburg**, Department of Economics

2020-2021 Statistics III (undergraduate course), **University of Gothenburg**, Department of Economics

2019-2020 Basic Econometrics (third year undergraduate course), **University of Gothenburg**, Department of Economics

2019-2020 Statistics I (first year undergraduate course), **University of Gothenburg**, Department of Economics

2016-2023 Applied Econometrics (second year master course), **University of Gothenburg**, Department of Economics

2015-2016 Special Topics in Applied Econometrics, (fourth year undergraduate course), **Boğaziçi University**, Department of Economics

2015-2016 Applied Econometrics (second year master course), **University of Gothenburg**, Department of Economics

2013-2014 Basic Econometrics (third year undergraduate course), **University of Gothenburg**, Department of Economics

2014-2015 Applied Econometrics (second year master course), **University of Gothenburg**, Department of Economics

2013-2014 Applied Econometrics (second year master course), **University of Gothenburg**, Department of Economics

2010-2011 Health Economics II, **University of Gothenburg**, Department of Economics

2002-2003 Mathematical Statistics, Istanbul University, Department of Economics, Unit of Econometrics, Istanbul, Turkey

1999-2003 Mathematics for Economists, **Istanbul University**, Department of Economics, Unit of Econometrics, Istanbul, Turkey, (tutorials),

1999-2003 Decision Making Techniques, **Istanbul University**, Department of Economics, Unit of Econometrics, Istanbul, Turkey, (tutorials)

4. Peer-Reviewed Journal Publications

4.1. Journal Publications/Forthcoming/Revise and Resubmit

1. “Income Comparisons and Smoking Behavior” (with Asena Caner), 2024, ***PLOSONE***.
2. “Experienced versus Decision Utility: Large-Scale Comparison for Income-Leisure Preferences” (with Olivier Bargain and H. Xavier Jara), 2023, ***Scandinavian Journal of Economics***.
3. “Personality and Migrants’ Integration”, 2023, (with Levent Yilmaz), ***PLOSONE***. 18(5): e0281048.
4. “Effect of Offshoring on Well-Being”, 2022, (with Selen Savsin) ***Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization***, 200: 388-407.
5. “The Local and Global Mental Health Effects of the Covid-19 Pandemic”, 2022, ***Economics and Human Biology***, 45: 101095.
6. “Purchasing Power Parity and Saving Behavior of Temporary Migrants”, (with Murat Kirdar, Alexandra Brausmann, Slobodan Djajic), 2021, ***European Economic Review***, 134: 103682
7. “Life Satisfaction, Pro-Activity and Employment” (with Gökhan Karabulut, Levent Yilmaz), 2021, ***Singapore Economic Review***.
8. “Everybody is a Victim? Global Terror and Well-Being”, (with Olivier Bargain and Ahmed Elsayed), 2020, ***European Economic Review***, 123: 103394.

9. “Fair Welfare Comparisons with Heterogeneous Tastes: Subjective versus Revealed Preferences” with Olivier Bargain and H. Xavier Jara), 2020, *Social Choice and Welfare*, 55: 51–84 .
10. “Personality and Positionality” (with Gökhan Karabulut), 2020, *Eurasian Business Review*, 10: 123–156.
11. “Standing in Others’ Shoes: Empathy and Positional Behavior” with (Gokhan Karabulut and Bilge Terzioglu), 2019, *Frontiers in Psychology*, 10: 2226.
12. “Positional Concerns through the Life-Cycle”, (with Peter Martinsson), 2019, *Journal of Behavior and Experimental Economics*. 78: 93–103-
13. “I Cannot Sleep: Relative Concerns and Sleep Behavior” (with Peter Martinson and Hilda Ralsmark), 2018, *Economics and Human Biology*, 33: 1-18-
14. “Ethnic Diversity and Well-Being”, (with Amelie Constant, Corrado Giulietti and Martin Guzi), *Journal of Population Economics*, 2017, 30 (1): 265-306.
15. “Home Sweet Home? Macroeconomic Conditions in Home Countries and the Well-Being of Migrants” (with Olivier B. Bargain, Klaus F. Zimmermann), *Journal of Human Resources*, 2017, 52(2): 351-373.
16. “Remittances and Relative Concerns in Rural China”, (with Klaus Zimmermann, Olivier B. Bargain, Juan Robalino and Corrado Giulietti), *China Economic Review*, 2016, 37: 191-207.
17. “Dynamics of the Employment Assimilation”, *IZA Journal of Migration*, 2016, 5 (13): 1-22.
18. “Cooperation and Punishment: The Effect of Religiosity and Religious Festival” (with Gökhan Karabulut and Peter Martinsson), *Economics Letters*, 2015, 130: 43-46.

19. “The Impact of Migration on the Well-Being of the Natives”, (with Amelie Constant and Corrado Giuliatti), *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, 2014, 103: 72-92.
20. “Positional Concerns Among the Poor: Does Reference Group Matter? Evidence from Survey Experiments” (with Lisa Andersson, Peter Martinsson, and Haileselassie Medhin), *Journal of African Economies*, 2014, 1-27
21. “Remittances and Well-being among Rural-to-Urban Migrants in China”, (with Juan Robalino, Corrado Giuliatti and Klaus F. Zimmermann), *Review of Economics of the Household*, 2013, 1-30.
22. “Life Satisfaction and Air Quality In Europe”, (with by Susana Ferreira Finbarr Brereton, Juncal Cuñado, Peter Martinsson, Mirko Moro), *Ecological Economics*, 2013, 88: 1-10.
23. “The Effect of Religiosity and Religious Festivals on Positional Concerns: An Experimental Investigation of Ramadan”, (with Gökhan Karabulut and Peter Martinsson), *Applied Economics*, 2013, 45 (27): 3914-3921.
24. “Relative Concerns of the Rural-to-Urban Migrants in China” (with Klaus F. Zimmermann and Oliver Bargain), *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, 2012, 81: 421-441.
25. “Does Relative Concerns Matter in Poor Societies? Evidence from a Survey Experiment in Rural Ethiopia,” (with Peter Martinsson and Haileselassie A. Medhin), *World Development*, 2012, 40(2): 428-435.
26. “Attitudes Toward Uncertainty Among the Poor: Evidence from Ethiopia”, (with Stefan T. Trautmann, Peter Martinsson and Haileselassie A. Medhin), *Theory and decision*, 2012, 73(3): 453-464
27. “Persistence of Informality: Evidence from Panel Data”, (with Melanie Khamis), *Research in Labor Economics*, 2012, 34: 229-255

28. “Finite Sample Comparison of Alternative Methods for Estimating Dynamic Panel Data Models”, *Journal of Applied Econometrics*, 2011, 27 (7): 1189-1204.
29. “The Effect of Power Outages and Cheap Talk on Willingness to Pay to Reduce Outages”, (with Peter Martinsson and Fredrik Carlsson), *Energy Economics*, 2011, 33(5): 790-798.
30. “Does Relative Income Matter for the Very Poor? Evidence from Rural Ethiopia”, (with Peter Martinsson), *Economics Letters*, 2010, 110(3): 213-215.
31. “Asymptotic bias reduction for a conditional marginal effects estimator in sample selection models”, (with Elias Tsakas), *Applied Economics*, 2008, 40(24): 1-7.
32. “Status Concerns and Self-Employment Transitions” (with Levent Yilmaz), 2023, (Revise and Resubmit *Small Business Economics*)
33. “Intergenerational Transmission of Positional Behavior” (with Tewodros Tsemma and Peter Martinson), 2023, (Submitted)
34. “Do Positional Concerns Trigger Entrepreneurial Decisions? Evidence from Survey Experiments” (with Levent Yilmaz), (Revise and resubmit in *Frontiers in Psychology*)
35. “Effect of Global Terror on Happiness: What Can We Learn from Social Media?”, (Submitted)
36. “Happy Taxpayers? Income Taxation and Well-Being”, (with Olivier Bargain, Mathias Dolls, Dirk Neumann, Andreas Peichl and Sebastian Siegloch), *IZA Discussion Paper Series*, 2012, nr: 6999.
37. “Sundays Are “Blue”: Are Not They?” – The day-of-the-week-effect on Subjective well-being”, (with Peter Martinsson), *IZA Discussion Paper Series*, 2009, nr: 4563

38. “Wooldridge Method for the Initial Values Problem is Simple. What about Performance? Evidence from Dynamic Random-Effects Probit and Tobit Models”, *IZA Discussion Paper Series*, 2009, nr: 3943.
39. “Local Unemployment and the Earnings-Assimilation of Immigrant Men in Sweden: Evidence from Longitudinal Data, 1990-2000” (with Kerem Tezic), University of Gothenburg, Working Paper, nr: 277, 2007.
40. “Dynamics of Employment and Earnings Assimilation of First-Generation Immigrant Men in Sweden, 1990-2000”, University of Gothenburg, Working Paper, nr: 279, 2007.
41. “Monte Carlo Investigation of the Initial Value Problem in Censored Dynamic Panel data Models”, University of Gothenburg, Working Paper, nr: 278, 2007.
42. “Second Order Approximation for the Average Marginal Effect of Heckman's Two Step Procedure”, (with Elias Tsakas) University of Gothenburg, Working Paper, nr: 240, 2007.
43. “Economic Performance of Turkish Immigrant Men in the European Labor-Market: Evidence from Sweden”, (with Gökhan Karabulut and Kerem Tezic). University of Gothenburg, Working Papers, nr: 239, 2007.

4.3. Books and Book Chapters

44. “Mathematics for Economists”, 4th Edition, Turkmen Kitabevi, Istanbul, 2023 (Book in Turkish, with Enis Siniksaran and Aylin Aktukun).

5. Invited Presentations, Conferences, Workshops (only major ones)

1. Invited presentation, Kadir Has University, Istanbul, Turkey, “Waves of Fear: Global Terror and Brexit”, November, 2023.

2. Migration and Well-Being Conference, Istanbul, Turk-Alman University, “Non-Cognitive Skills and Immigrant Performance”, December, 2022.
3. Invited presentation, Brno University, Czech Republic, “Non-Cognitive Skills and Immigrant Performance”, September, 2022.
4. Invited presentation, University of Bordeaux, Lerafi, “Non-Cognitive Skills and Immigrant Performance”, May, 2021.
5. Invited presentation, Political Sciences, CeCar, Goteborg, “Everybody is a Victim! Global Terror and Well-being”, December, 2018.
6. Invited presentation, University of Bordeaux, Lerafi, “Everybody is a Victim! Global Terror and Well-being”, May, 2018.
7. Invited presentation, University of Gothenburg, General Economic Seminar, “Everybody is a Victim! Global Terror and Well-being”, March, 2017.
8. NCBEE Conference, “I Can’t Sleep: Relative Concerns and Sleep Behavior”, Gothenburg, 2017.
9. WBZ Conference on “Concerns for Social Status and Social Image”, “I Cannot Sleep: Relative Concerns and Sleep Behavior”, Germany, Berlin, June, 2017.
10. First BEGG Workshop on Behavioral and Experimental Economics group in Gothenburg “I Cannot Sleep: Sleeping and Positional Concerns” (with Peter Martinsson and Hilda Relmark), Sweden, Gothenburg, May, 2016.
11. Invited presentation, University of Gothenburg, General Economic Seminar, “Home Sweet Home? Macroeconomic Conditions in Home Countries and the Well-Being of Migrants” 2016.

12. Invited presentation, Boğaziçi University Seminars, March, Turkey, Istanbul, “Home Sweet Home? Macroeconomic Conditions in Home Countries and the Well-Being of Migrants”, 2016.
13. 8th IZA/World Bank Conference on Employment and Development, “Remittances and Relative Concerns in China”, Bonn, June, 2015.
14. 12th IZA Migration Meeting (AM²), Senegal, Dakar, Remittances and Relative Concerns in China”, May 2015.
15. ASEPELT, International Association Applied Economics, “Sundays Are “Blue: Are Not They? – The day-of-the-week-effect on Subjective well-being,” (with Peter Martinsson), Santander, Spain, June, 2011.
16. 10th IZA Migration Meeting (AM²), Israel, Jerusalem, “Relative Concerns of the Rural-to-Urban Migrants in China”, May, 2013.
17. 6th IZA/World Bank Conference on Employment and Development, “Relative Concerns of the Rural-to-Urban Migrants in China” (with Klaus F. Zimmermann and Oliver Bargain), Mexico City, June, 2011.
18. RUMICI conference, February, 2010, (Java, Indonesia). “Relative concerns of Rural-to-Urban Migrants in China: Status or Signal?” (with Klaus F. Zimmermann and Olivier Bargain).
19. 6th IZA Prize Conference on Frontiers in Labor Economics: The Economics of Well-Being and Happiness (Washington DC), October, 2009: "Sundays Are “Blue”: Are Not They?" – The day-of-the-week-effect on Subjective well-being, (with Peter Martinsson).
20. Economic Science Association World Meeting (Luiss University, Rome), June, 2007, Experimental economics annual meeting. Is there a Ramadan Effect on Cooperation? Experimental Evidence (with Gökhan Karabulut and Peter Martinsson).

21. Second Nordic Workshop in Behavioral and Experimental Economics, October, 2007. Does Relative Income Matter on Happiness for Poor? Evidence from Rural Ethiopia (with Peter Martinsson).
22. 8th IZA Annual Migration Meeting (AM²) and 3rd Migration Topic Week, May, 2011.
23. IZA Workshop: Sources of Well-Being, “What's Mine is Yours? Estimating Collective Models using Traditional versus Subjective Data”, (with Olivier Bargain), October, 2011.
24. IZA/World Bank Workshop: Institutions and Informal Employment in Emerging and Transition Economies, “The Persistence of Informality: Evidence from Panel Data”, (with Melanie Khamis), May, 2011.
25. Workshop on Happiness, (University of Navarra Pamplona), December, 2010.
26. IZA, DIW Berlin, DIW DC and World Bank, German Day on Development, October, 2010. Positional Concerns of Rural-to-Urban Migrants: Is it status or Signal? (with Klaus F. Zimmermann and Olivier Bargain), Washington DC.
27. 2nd CIER/IZA Annual Workshop: Research in Labor Economics, October, 2010. Positional Concerns of Rural-to-Urban Migrants: Is it status or Signal? (with Klaus F. Zimmermann and Olivier Bargain).
28. Paris School of Economics, Economics and Psychology Seminars, December, 2009. "Sundays Are “Blue”: Are Not They?" – The day-of-the-week-effect on Subjective well-being, (with Peter Martinsson).
29. 1st CIER/IZA Annual Workshop: Research in Labor Economics, September, 2009. Employment Assimilation of Immigrant Women in Sweden -Comparing Dynamic and Static Assimilation Models. Renmin University of China, Beijing.

30. Behavioral Labor Economics Conference, (IZA, Bonn-Germany), October, 2008. Does Relative Income Matter for the Very Poor? Evidence from Rural Ethiopia (with Peter Martinsson).
31. Workshop on Happiness, (University of Navarra Pamplona), May, 2009. Causality and Happiness (with Peter Martinsson).
32. 3rd Annual Meeting on the Economics of Risky Behaviors (AMERB), April, 2011, Bonn.
33. IZA/Volkswagen Foundation Workshop: Genes, Brains, and the Labor Market, November, 2009, Bonn.
34. IZA, DIW Berlin, DIW DC, World Bank: German Day on Development, October, 2009, World Bank, Washington DC.
35. IZA/ Volkswagen Foundation Topic Week: The Political Economy of Labor Market Reform in Transition and Emerging Economies, October, 2009.
36. 6th IZA Migration Meeting (AM²), May, 2009.
37. 2nd IZA Workshop: Child Labor in Developing Countries, May, 2009.
38. IZA Workshop (Transition and Emerging Economies Using Large Micro-Data Sets), November, 2008.

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6. Organization of Research Workshops and Conferences (only major ones)

1. Migration and Well-Being Conference, Istanbul, Turk-Alman University, (Co-organizer with Levent Yilmaz), December, 2022

2. 8th IZA/WB Employment and Development Conference: Bonn, Germany, August, 2013 (leading organizer and scientific committee member).
3. IZA/WB Conference on Activation and Active Labor Market Youth Employment Programs, Istanbul, Turkey, April-May, 2012 (leading organizer and Scientific committee member).
4. 7th IZA/WB Employment and Development Conference: New Delhi, India, November, 2012 (leading organizer and scientific committee member).
5. 3rd Child Labor Workshop: Mexico City, Mexico, June, 2011 (leading organizer and Scientific committee member).
6. 6th IZA/WB Employment and Development Conference: Mexico City, Mexico, May-June, 2011 (leading organizer and scientific committee member).
7. 5th IZA/WB Employment and Development Conference: Cape Town, South Africa, May, 2010 (leading organizer and scientific committee member).
8. IZA/World Bank Workshop: Evaluation of Labor Market Programs in Developing Countries, February, 2009, (leading organizer and scientific committee member).

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7. Grants

1. BAP funding, Turkish-German University (with Levent Yilmaz), 85,000 TRY for entrepreneurship, 2022 (1 year).
2. Bromanska Foundation funding on entrepreneurship. Project title “Positional Concerns and Entrepreneurship Transitions”, 285,000 SEK (1 year), 2021-2022.

3. Swedish Research Council through the project Poverty and Decision Making (no. 2019-03402), 4.5 Million SEK, 2019 (4 years)
4. Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, University of Gothenburg, Department of Economics, Sweden (Adlerberska stipendiefonden).
5. Research Associate, EUROCORES Programme: “HAPPINESS” (HAPPiness, Political Institutions, Natural Environment and Space), University of Gothenburg, Department of Economics, Sweden.
6. Swedish Research Council through the project Social Status, Social Preferences, and Public Policy (no. 2016-02371), 6.4 Million SEK, 2016 (3 years).

8. Selected Refereeing

Journal of Public Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Journal of Applied Econometrics, Journal of Environmental Economics and Management, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Socio-Economics, Journal of Economic Psychology, Migration Letters, Journal of Comparative Economics, Journal of Population Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Research in Labor Economics, Labor Economics, Applied Economics, International Journal of Manpower, IZA journal of Migration, Southern Economic Journal, Review of Economics of the Household, Demography, Empirical Economics, IZA Journal of Labor and Development, Economica, Empirical Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Economics Letters ++++++