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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Banking, Corporate Finance, International Economics, Labor-Finance

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Milano-Bicocca

Postdoctoral Researcher in Economics and Finance

Oct 2024 – Present

EDUCATION

KU Leuven

Ph.D. in Finance

Oct 2018 – May 2024

Research Master's in Economics

Sep 2017 – Sep 2018

Ghent University

Ph.D. in Finance (*joint with KU Leuven*)

Oct 2018 – May 2024

Tilburg University

MSc in Economics

Sep 2010 – Feb 2012

Visiting Student in Economics and Finance

Sep 2009 – Jan 2010

Middle East Technical University

BSc in Economics

Sep 2006 – Jun 2010

Minor in Mathematics

Sep 2008 – Jun 2010

PUBLICATIONS

The Real Effects of Banks' Corporate Credit Supply: A Literature Review *with O. Güler, M. Mariathan, & K. Mulier, *Economic Inquiry*, 59(3), 1252-1285, 2021.*

WORK IN PROGRESS

Heterogeneous Trade Outcomes of Sovereign Defaults (*with S. Marchesi & D. Essers*)

WORKING PAPERS

How Credit Availability and Production Technologies Shape Hiring: Evidence from a Plant Closure (*with M. Mariathan & K. Mulier*)

Mass Layoffs, Re-employment Preferences, and Firm Outcomes (*with M. Mariathan & K. Mulier*)

RESEARCH & POLICY EXPERIENCE

KU Leuven

Research Fellow, Research Group Finance

2022–2023

Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey

Researcher, Division of International Relations & Cooperation

2015–2017

Policy Officer, Division of Scientific Policy-making

2013–2015

Middle East Technical University

Undergraduate Assistant, Department of Economics

2008–2010

TEACHING & SUPERVISION EXPERIENCE

University of Milano-Bicocca

Teaching Fellow, Principles of Economics

2024–2025

KU Leuven

Thesis Supervision (*61 Graduate Students*)

2018–2022

Middle East Technical University

Teaching Assistant, Statistics for Economists II

2009–2010

Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Research Methods II

2008–2009

Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Research Methods I

2008–2009

GRANTS & HONORS

KU Leuven

Top Downloaded Paper, WILEY

2023

Fellowship, Research Center Finance

2022–2023

PhD Scholarship, Research Center Finance

2018–2022

Welcome Speech to International Graduate Students

2019

Welcome Speech to International Graduate Students

2018

Magna cum laude, Advanced Master's in Economics

2018

Tilburg University

Master's Scholarship & Fee Waiver for Excellence

2010–2012

Middle East Technical University

Erasmus Exchange Grant

2009–2010

Dean's List (*x6*)

2006–2010

Bachelor's Scholarship for Outstanding Academic Performance

2006–2010

Congratulations of the Rector

2007–2008

Top Student, Department of Economics

2007–2008

Pre-Bachelor's

Top 0.1%, Turkish Nationwide University Exam

2005

REFEREEING

European Association of Young Economists (EAYE)

PRESENTATIONS (incl. scheduled)

2025: 2nd Workshop on Sovereign Debt (Milano-Bicocca)

2024: 21st BENELUX Corporate Finance Days* (KU Leuven), 30th Annual Meeting of the German Finance Association* (RWTH Aachen), 18th Belgian Financial Research Forum (National Bank of Belgium), 36th European Association of Labor Economists Conference* (NHH Bergen), 10th IWH-FIN-FIRE Workshop* (IWH Halle), Ghent University Finance Seminars* (Ghent), KU Leuven Doctoral Seminars (KU Leuven)

2023: 71st Congress of the French Economic Association (Sciences Po), KU Leuven Doctoral Seminars (KU Leuven), World Finance Conference (Online)

*by co-authors

LANGUAGE & SOFTWARE SKILLS

Languages: Turkish (*Native*), English (*Fluent*), Italian (*Beginner*)

Software: Stata (*Advanced*), R (*Intermediate*), L^AT_EX, MATLAB (*Basic*), Dynare (*Basic*)

REFERENCES

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