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Education

Ph.D. in Economics, Duke University	2021 – 2027 (exp.)
M.A. Program in Economics, Koc University	2019 – 2021
Non-Degree, Columbia University	2017 – 2018
B.A. in Economics, Bogazici University	2014 – 2019
B.S. in Mathematics, Bogazici University	2014 – 2019

Research Interests

Applied Microeconomics, Economics of Innovation, Public Economics, Industrial Organization

Job Market Paper

"Lobbying for Innovation? Evidence from Revolving-Door Connections in Defense R&D"

Works in Progress

"Unfinished Innovation: Project Risk and the Design of R&D Grants"

"Allocative Efficiency of Public R&D: Evidence from NIH Funding" (with Matthias Kehrig and Daniel Yi Xu)

Honors & Awards

Duke Economics Summer Research Fellowship	2023, 2024
Duke Graduate School Fellowship	2022
Full Merit Scholarship, Koc University	2019, 2020
Salutatorian, Department of Economics, Bogazici University	2019

Research Experience (F: Fall, S: Spring)

Research Assistant for Daniel Yi Xu and Matthias Kehrig — F2022 – F2025
Assembled a dataset of government-funded R&D and its outcomes; managed RAs

Research Assistant for Daniel Yi Xu and Cosmin Ilut — S2023 – F2023
Modeled supplier-network formation under search frictions and ambiguity aversion

Teaching Experience (F: Fall, S: Spring, Su: Summer)

TA: Introductory Managerial Economics, MBA (James Anton)	Su2023 – Su2026
Intermediate Microeconomics I, ECON 201 (Peter Arcidiacono)	F2025
Head TA: Supervised the TA team; coordinated recitations	
TA: Ph.D. Microeconomics (Curtis R. Taylor)	F2022, S2023

Skills

Programming: Python, R, Stata, MATLAB, SQL, SAS, LaTeX

Languages: English (Fluent), French (Intermediate), Turkish (Native)

Committee

Daniel Yi Xu (Chair)
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