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## Current Appointments

Professor, Koç University, Department of Economics, 2018-present.

Professor, Nazarbayev University, Department of Economics, 2018-present.

## Previous Appointments

Assistant Professor, Columbia University, Department of Economics, 1999–2005.

Associate Professor, Columbia University, Department of Economics, 2005–2005.

Assistant Professor, Koç University, Department of Economics, 2005–2007.

Associate Professor, Koç University, Department of Economics, 2007–2018.

## Visiting Positions

Bogaziçi University, Department of Economics, 2013-2014.

INSEAD, Department of Economics, 2006.

Koç University, Department of Economics, 2003-2004.

INSEAD, Department of Economics, 2002.

Sabancı University, Department of Economics, 2002.

## Education

Ph.D. Economics, New York University, 1999.

M.A. Economics, New School For Social Research, 1994.

B.Sc. Economics, Middle East Technical University, 1987.

## Areas of Specialization

Game Theory, Microeconomic Theory, Contract Theory, Experimental Economics.

## Grants, Honors & Awards

Alfred P. Sloan Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, 1998-1999.

Dean's Dissertation Fellowship, New York University, 1998-1999.

Prize Fellowship, New School For Social Research, 1990-1993

Excellence in Teaching, Koç University, 2012, 2013, 2016, 2017.

## Research Grants

TUBITAK, "Sequential Debate and Information Aggregation," 2014-2015.

TUBITAK, "Strategic Communication and Governance when the Preferences of the Decision Maker is Uncertain," 2013-2014.

TUBITAK, "Litigation and Settlement under Judicial Agency," 2011.

TUBITAK, "Communication and Delegation with Externalities," 2010-2011.

Columbia University, The Program for Economic Research, 2004-2005.

Columbia University, The Humanities and Social Science Council, 2000-2001.

## Teaching

Game Theory (Ph.D., M.A., UG, MBA, Executive), Contract Theory (Ph.D., UG), Principles of Microeconomics, Intermediate Microeconomics, Managerial Economics, Mathematics for Economists, Economics Capstone.

## Publications

### *Journal Articles*

"The Role of Verifiability and Privacy in the Strategic Provision of Performance Feedback: Theory and Experimental Evidence." (with S. Ertac and D. Ozdemir), *Games and Economic Behavior* (2016), 100, 24-45.

"Commitment without Reputation: Renegotiation-Proof Contracts under Asymmetric Information," (with E. Gerratana), *Review of Economic Design* (2015), 19, 173-209.

"Litigation and Settlement under Judicial Agency," (with M. Usman), *International Review of Law and Economics* (2012), 32, 300-308.

"Strategic Effects of Incomplete and Renegotiation-Proof Contracts," (with E. Gerratana), *The B.E. Journal of Theoretical Economics (Advances)* (2012), 12:1.

"Bargaining and Exclusivity in a Borrower-Lender Relationship," (with S. Özerturk), *Review of Economic Design* (2007), 11, 53-68.

"Unobservable Contracts as Precommitments," *Economic Theory* (2007), 31, 539-552.

"Strategic Delegation by Unobservable Incentive Contracts," (with E. A. Ok), *Review of Economic Studies* (2004), 71, 397-424.

“The Strategic Advantage of Negatively Interdependent Preferences,” (with E. A. Ok and R. Sethi), *Journal of Economic Theory* (2000), 92, 274-299.

“Evolution of Interdependent Preferences in Aggregative Games,” (with E. A. Ok and R. Sethi), *Games and Economic Behavior* (2000), 31, 303-310.

“Negatively Interdependent Preferences,” (with E. A. Ok), *Social Choice and Welfare* (2000), 17, 533-558.

“Popular Support for Progressive Taxation in the Presence of Interdependent Preferences,” (with T. Mitra and E. A. Ok), *Economics Letters* (1998), 58, 69-76.

#### Articles in Edited Volumes

“Relative Income Hypothesis,” in William A. Darity (Ed.), *International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences*, 2nd edition (2008).

#### Working Papers

“Starting Small to Communicate,” (with A. Atakan and E. Kubilay) R&R at *Games and Economic Behavior*, 2016.

“Strategic Feedback in Teams: Theory and Experimental Evidence,” (with S. Ertac and M. Gumren) R&R at *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*, 2017.

#### Work in Progress

“Advisory versus Delegation: Which Type of Lead Supplier Arrangement is Worth the Trouble?” (with S. Esseghaier and A. Timoumi).

“Sequential Debate and Information Aggregation,” (with A. Atakan).

“Informed Experts and Information Transmission” (with O. Yilankaya).

#### Inactive Working Papers

“Liquidity, Credit and Output: A Regime Change Model and Empirical Estimations,” (with W. Semmler), 1999.

“Testing the financial accelerator using nonlinear time series methods,” (with W. Semmler), 1997.

“Interdependent Preference Formation,” (with E. A. Ok and R. Sethi), 1997.

“Factors Affecting Retention Behavior: A Model To Predict At-Risk Students,” (with W. E. Sadler and F. L. Cohen), 1997.

## Other Professional Activities

#### Refereeing

*American Economic Review, Econometrica, Theoretical Economics, Journal of Economic Theory, American Economic Journal: Microeconomics, Games and Economic Behavior, Economic Theory, International Economic Review, Economic Journal, Review of Economic Dynamics, Rand Journal of Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Law, Economics and Organization, B.E. Journals in Theoretical*

*Economics, Journal of Economics and Management Strategy, Canadian Journal of Economics, European Economic Review, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Social Choice and Welfare, Theory and Decision, Review of Economic Design, Mathematical Social Sciences, International Journal of Industrial Organization, Management Science, The Manchester School, Journal of the Japanese and International Economies, Research in Economics, National Science Foundation, The U.S.-Israel Binational Science Foundation, The Scientific and Technical Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK), Cambridge University Press, Wiley-Blackwell Publishing.*

### *Thesis Supervision*

#### **Ph.D. Thesis Advisor**

Elif Kubilay (Koç, 2016: *Senior Research Officer at Essex*), Shahin Baghirov (Koç, ongoing),

#### **Ph.D. Thesis Committee Member**

Alp Atakan (Columbia), Francisco Ciocchini (Columbia), Jennifer Lamping (Columbia), Gea Lee (Columbia), Dilek Caner (NYU), Zeynep Turgay (Koç, 2012), Ahmed Timoumi (Koç, 2015), Mehmet Emre Samci (Koç, ongoing).

#### **M.A. Thesis Advisor**

Ramazan Bora (Koç, 2010), Fatih Demirbas (Koç, 2013), Yagmur Dalman (Koç, 2013), Shahin Baghirov (Koç, 2016).

#### **M.A. Thesis Committee Member**

Basak Uysal (Koç, 2009), Fatih Tuluk (Koç, 2010), Selcen Cakır (Koç, 2010), Neslihan Sakarya (Koç, 2010), Erhan Aysan (Koç, 2011), Ergun Kotan (Koç, 2012), Arda Gitmez (Koç, 2013), Gokben Aydilek (Koç, 2015), Oguz Bayraktar (Koç, 2017), Oguzhan Celebi (Koç, 2017), Gokce Gokkoca (Koç, 2017).

### *Invited Talks*

1999: Princeton University, Columbia University, University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, University of Texas at Austin, Rutgers University.

2002: University of Toronto, INSEAD, Sabancı University.

2004: Koç University.

2006: INSEAD, Bogaziçi University.

2007: University of Brescia, Bilkent University.

2008: Marmara University.

2009: Toulouse School of Economics.

2010: Middle East Technical University.

2013: Belgrade University and National Bank of Serbia, Boğaziçi University.

2014: Bilkent University.

2015: Istanbul Technical University.

2016: Boğaziçi University.

2017: Marmara University, Nazarbayev University, Bilgi University.

### *Conference Presentations*

2006: Annual Conference of Association of Southern European Economic Theorists (Lisbon).

2007: Econometric Society European Meeting (Budapest), Annual Conference of Association of Southern European Economic Theorists (Padova).

2008: Workshop on Markets and Contracts, CORE, Université catholique de Louvain (Brussels).

2009: Econometric Society European Meeting (Barcelona), Summer Workshop in Economic Theory (Istanbul), The Second Israeli-Turkish Murat Sertel Memorial Conference on Economic Theory (Jerusalem), Annual Conference of Association of Southern European Economic Theorists (Istanbul).

2012: The 4th World Congress of the Game Theory Society (Istanbul), Econometric Society European Meeting (Malaga).

2013: 3rd Annual All-Istanbul Economics Workshop (Sabancı University).

2015: SED 2015 Conference on Economic Design (Istanbul).

2016: Econometric Society European Meeting (Geneva).

### *Conference Organization*

2002: Local Organizing Committee Member, SED 2002 Conference on Economic Design.

2006: Organizer, SWET 2006: Summer Workshop in Economic Theory at Koç University.

2009: Organizer, SWET 2009: Summer Workshop in Economic Theory at Koç University.

2009: Program Committee Member, Annual Conference of Association of Southern European Economic Theorists.

2012: Local Organizing Committee Member, The 4th World Congress of the Game Theory Society.

2012: Organizer, UniCredit-Yapı Kredi joint workshop on “The Euro area Crisis and its Impact on Turkey” (Istanbul).

2014: Organizer, UniCredit-Yapı Kredi-Koç joint workshop on “European Union and Turkey: Prospects and Challenges” (Istanbul).

2016: Co-Organizer, Winter Workshop in Economics, Koç University.

2017: Co-Organizer, Winter Workshop in Economics, Koç University.

### *Administrative Assignments*

Hiring Committee, Columbia University, Dept. of Economics, 1999-2000.

Microeconomic Theory Workshop Coordinator, Columbia University, Dept. of Economics, 2000-2002.

Graduate Admissions Committee, Columbia University, Dept. of Economics, 2000-2005.

Recruitment Committee, Koç University, Dept. of Economics, 2008-2009.

Curriculum Committee, Koç University, Dept. of Economics, 2008-2010.

Faculty Council, College of Administrative Sciences and Economics, Koç University, 2012-2014.

Executive Council, College of Administrative Sciences and Economics, Koç University, 2012-2013.

Executive Council, Graduate School of Social Sciences and Humanities, Koç University, 2012-2013.

Director of the Graduate Admissions, Koç University, Dept. of Economics, 2014-2015.

Executive Council, Graduate School of Social Sciences and Humanities, Koç University, 2015-present.

Director of the Graduate Studies, Koç University, Dept. of Economic, 2010-2013, 2015-2018.

Coordinator of Hiring Committee, Nazarbayev University, Dept. of Economics.

### *Other*

2011-present: Member of the Scientific Committee, UniCredit & Universities Foundation.