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Education

Ph.D., Economics (with distinction), Columbia University, 2003.

MA, Economics, Columbia University, 2000.

BS, Economics, University of Pennsylvania, 1993.

Academic Positions

Koç University, Department of Economics.

Assistant Professor, September 2011 to May 2015.

Associate Professor, May 2015 to current.

Northwestern University, Kellogg School of Management, Managerial Economics and Decision Sciences Department.

Assistant Professor, July 2003 to September 2011.

Editorial Positions

Member of the Editorial Board, Review of Economic Studies, January 2012-present.

Grants and Honors

Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society Member.

Distinction for Thesis at Columbia University 2003.

Donald Jacobs' Fellow, Northwestern University, 2003 - 2004.

Tubitak Grant No: 112K023, "Auctions, Actions, and Information Aggregation," 123,500 TL, October 2012 - October 2014.

Tubitak Grant No: 114K485, "Sequential Debate and Information Aggregation," 52,900 TL, October 2014 - August 2015.

Outstanding Faculty Award, Koc University, 2014.

ERC Consolidator Grant, Principal Investigator, €1,090,000, 2016-2021.

Fernand Braudel Senior Fellow. European University Institute, 2016.

Research Interests

Microeconomic Theory, Game Theory, Bargaining, Information Aggregation, Search and Matching, Repeated Games and Reputations, Labor Economics.

Teaching Interests

Undergraduate Teaching: Competition and Market Structure (upper year elective course).

Executive MBA and MBA Teaching: Microeconomics, Managerial Economics, Competitive Strategy and Market Structure, Game Theory.

MA and PhD Teaching: Mathematics for Economics, Advanced Microeconomic Theory, Game Theory, Optimal Control and Dynamic Programming.

Research

Publications

1. "Stochastic Convexity in Dynamic Programming," *Economic Theory*, September 2003, 22, 447 - 455.
2. "Assortative Matching with Explicit Search Costs," *Econometrica*, May 2006, 74(3), 667 - 681.
3. "Bargaining: Separately or Together?" *Review of Economic Design*, February 2008, 11(4): 295-319.
4. "Reputation in Long-run Relationships," (with Mehmet Ekmekci), *the Review of Economic Studies*, April 2012, 79(2), 451-480.
5. "A Two Side Reputation Result with Long Run Players," (with Mehmet Ekmekci), *the Journal of Economic Theory*, January 2013, 148, 376 - 392.
6. "Bargaining and Reputation in Search Markets," (with Mehmet Ekmekci), *the Review of Economic Studies*, January 2014, 81:1, 1-29.
7. "Auctions, Actions, and the failure of Information Aggregation" (with Mehmet Ekmekci), *the American Economic Review*, July 2014, 104:7, 2014 - 2048.
8. "Reputation with One-sided Imperfect Monitoring," (with Mehmet Ekmekci), forthcoming, *the Journal of Economic Theory*.

Working Papers

1. "Efficient Dynamic Matching with Costly Search," July 2008 (R&R at *the International Economic Review*).
2. "Reputation in Repeated Moral Hazard Games," (with Mehmet Ekmekci.)
3. "Competitive Equilibria in Decentralized Matching with Incomplete Information," July 2008.
4. "Market Selection and the Information Content of Prices," (with Mehmet Ekmekci).

5. “Optimal Delegation of Sequential Decisions: The Role of Communication and Reputation,” (with Levent Kockesen and Elif Kubilay).
6. “Auction, Ex-Post Investments and the Value of Information,” (with Vyacheslav Arbutov and Mehmet Ekmekci).
7. “Costly Information and Noisy Prices,” (with Mehmet Ekmekci)

Current Projects

1. “Fast Traders,” (with Emre Ozdenoren and Giovanni Cespa).
2. “Reputation without Commitment Types: Repeated Games with Incomplete Information,” (with Mehmet Ekmekci).
3. “Sequencing Information Revelation,” (with Levent Kockesen).
4. “Finitely Repeated Asynchronous Games,” (with Prajit Dutta).
5. “Reputation with Two-Sided Imperfect Monitoring” (with Mehmet Ekmekci and Olivier Gossner).

Professional Activities

Conferences and Seminar Presentations

Summer 2016: Second Occasional Workshop on Economic Theory, Graz, European University Institute, EEA-ESEM, Geneva (Programme Committee Member and Presenter), Game Theory World Congress, Maastricht (Programme Committee Member)

Spring 2016: University of Pennsylvania, Rice University.

Summer 2015: European Summer Symposium in Economic Theory, Gerzensee.

Spring 2015: London Business School, Bristol University, Yale University, Boston College, Washington University, St Louis, European University Institute.

Fall 2014: Sabanci University, Bocconi University, Collegio Carlo Alberto.

Summer 2014: European Summer Symposium in Economic Theory, Gerzensee; EEA-ESEM, Toulouse (Programme Committee and Presenter).

Spring 2014: UCL.

Fall 2013: Bilkent, Bonn, Prague (CERGE-EI), Aalto University Helsinki (Hecer).

Summer 2013: European Summer Symposium in Economic Theory; Gerzensee.

Summer 2012: Econometric Society’s North American Meeting-Northwestern University, Game Theory World Congress-Bilgi University, Istanbul.

Fall 2012: University of Oslo

Spring 2012: Bielefeld University.

Fall 2011: Koc University, Bilkent.

Summer 2010: Cowles Foundation Conference-Yale University.

Spring 2010: MWIEG Spring Meeting-Northwestern University, Canadian Economic Theory Conference-Montreal, CMS-EMS Bag Lunch Series-Northwestern University.

Winter 2010: University of Iowa.

Fall 2009: John Hopkins University.

Summer 2009: Society of Economic Dynamics-Istanbul, Cowles Foundation Conference-Yale University, Econometric Society-Barcelona.

Spring 2009: Canadian Economic Theory Conference-Toronto.

Summer 2008: Econometric Society-Milan.

Spring 2008: Arizona State University, CMS-EMS Bag Lunch Series-Northwestern University.

Fall 2007: University of Pennsylvania, Duke University, University of Wisconsin.

Summer 2007: Society of Economic Dynamics-Prague, Econometric Society-Budapest.

Spring 2007: University of British Columbia, Northwestern Institute for Complex Systems.

Fall 2006: Toronto University, Columbia University, CMS-EMS Bag Lunch Series-Northwestern University, University of Montreal.

Summer 2006: Summer Workshop in Economic Theory - Koc University, Society of Economics Design - Bodrum.

Summer 2005: Society of Economic Dynamics-Budapest.

Spring 2006: CMS-EMS Bag Lunch Series-Northwestern University.

Spring 2005: Koc University, University of Chicago.

Summer 2004: Game Theory World Congress-Marseille, Society of Economics Dynamics-Florence.

Spring 2003: Northwestern University, NYU Stern, University of Western Ontario, Queens University, Michigan State University, University of Iowa.

Conferences and Seminars Organized

[Second Occasional Workshop on Economic Theory](#), Graz, Co-Organizer

2016 EEA-ESEM, Geneva, Programme Committee Member.

Game Theory World Congress, Maastricht, Programme Committee Member.

2015 Econometric Society World Congress, Program Committee Member.

EEA-ESEM, Toulouse, Program Committee Member.

Economics Seminar, Koc University, Coordinator for the 2012 - 2013 academic year.

Matching: Findings, Flaws and Future Workshop, CMS-EMS, Northwestern University, Co-organizer, Winter 2011.

Midwest International Economics and Economic Theory Group (MWIEG) 2010 Spring Meeting, Northwestern University, organizer and local coordinator.

Conference in Honor of Ehud Kalai's 66th Birthday, Co-organizer, Fall 2008.

Economic Theory Workshop, Northwestern University, Coordinator for the 2005 - 2006 academic year.

Economic Theory Bag Lunch, Northwestern University, Coordinator for the 2004 - 2005 academic year.

M.A. and Ph.D. Students Supervised

Umberto Garfagnini, MEDS/KSM, Northwestern University, Ph.D. degree granted in 2011, Currently a Faculty Member at ITAM.

Kin Wong, MEDS/KSM, Northwestern University, Ph.D. May 2013.

Arda Gitmez, Economics Department, Koc University, M.A. May 2013, Currently a PhD Candidate at MIT.

Vyacheslav Arbuзов, Economics Department, Koc University, M.A. May 2014, Currently a PhD Candidate at Rochester.

Alexandr Capsuc, Economics Department, Koc University, M.A. May 2015, Currently a PhD Candidate at CalTech.

Emrecan Buyurucu, Economics Department, Koc University, M.A. December 2016 (Expected), Currently a PhD Candidate at CalTech.

Refereeing

Econometrica, Review of Economic Studies, American Economic Review, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Economic Theory, Games and Economic Behavior, Theoretical Economics, International Journal of Game Theory, Journal of Industrial Economics, Rand Journal of Economics, The B.E. Journal of Theoretical Economics, Theory and Decision, Review of Economic Dynamics, Review of Economic Design, The Economic Journal.

Professional Memberships

Member of the Econometric Society, American Economic Association, European Economic Association, Society for Economic Analysis.

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