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Research interests

Public economics, optimal taxation, and fiscal policy

Education

- exp. 2024 Ph.D. in Economics, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich
 Advisor: Prof. Dr. Dominik Sachs
 Thesis title: Towards optimal taxation: Designing tax systems and navigating fiscal challenges
- 2023 Visiting graduate student, University of Toronto
 Host: Prof. Dr. Burhan Kuruscu
- 2019 M.S. in Economics, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich
- 2017 B.S. in Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Bogazici University
- 2015 Exchange semester in Electrical Engineering, University of Pavia
- 2011 High School Diploma, Denizli Erbakir High School of Applied Sciences

Work experience

- since 2018 Research Assistant at the Center for Economic Studies at the University of Munich
- 2016 – 2017 Intern After-Sales Engineer at Mercedes-Benz Turk A.S.
- 2016 – 2017 Undergraduate Teaching Assistant at the Department of Economics at Bogazici University
- 2015 – 2016 Undergraduate Teaching Assistant at the Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering at Bogazici University
- 2014 Intern Development Engineer at SESTEK Speech Enabled Software Technologies

Publications

- "Who should bear the burden of Covid-19 related fiscal pressure? An optimal income taxation perspective," with Lea Fricke, Clemens Fuest and Dominik Sachs. 2023. *European Economic Review*, 153: 104381.

Work in progress

- "How should we tax capital? Interaction between capital taxes and saving motives."
- "Joint taxation of income and wealth," with Dominik Sachs.

Seminars and conferences

- 2023 University of Toronto Macro Brown Bag Seminar (Toronto, ON, Canada)
 Annual Congress of the IIPF (Logan, UT, USA)

- 2022 St. Gallen Public Economics Workshop (St. Gallen, Switzerland)
ZEW Public Finance Conference (Mannheim, Germany)
International Conference on Public Economic Theory (Marseille, France)
- 2021 Annual Congress of the IIPF (virtual)
EEA Annual Congress (virtual)
Mannheim Taxation Conference (virtual)
- 2020 Winter School on Inequality and Social Welfare Theory (Canazei, Italy)
CES Public Economics Seminar (Munich, Germany)
- 2019 Norwegian–German Seminar on Public Economics (Munich, Germany)

Teaching

Instructor for the *Tutorial for Public Economics* (Grad level) at LMU Munich.

Co-supervisor of 11 bachelor's and 4 master's theses at LMU Munich

Teaching assistant for *Topics in Empirical Public Finance* (Grad level), *The Economics of Tax Evasion* (Undergrad level), *International Taxation* (Grad level), *Optimal Taxation of Top Incomes* (Undergrad level), *The Economics of Tax Evasion* (Undergrad level), *COVID 19 – Economic Impact and Policy Responses* (Undergrad level), *Gender Inequality – Empirical Facts and the Role of Policies* (Undergrad level), *Optimal Taxation of Top Incomes* (Grad level), *Taxation and Inequality* (Grad level), *Arbeitsmarkt in Theorie und Praxis* (Undergrad level), and *The Political Economy of Redistribution* (Grad level) at LMU Munich.

Tutor for *Macroeconomics I* (Undergrad level) at Bogazici University.

Other academic activities

2022 – 2023 Academic coordinator of the Center for Economic Studies at the University of Munich

2015 – 2016 Member of the Student Council of Bogazici University

Grants and achievements

2017 DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) scholarship for a master's program in Germany

2015 ERASMUS exchange grant

2011 Bogazici University Excellence Scholarship

2011 Scholarship of the Turkish Prime Minister's Office for outstanding achievements

2011 12th rank in Turkey on the university entrance exam among 1.8 million students

Languages

Turkish (native), English (fluent), German (intermediate), Italian (intermediate)



Munich, 8 March 2024