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EDUCATION

Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich

Ph.D. in Economics

- Thesis: Towards Optimal Taxation
- Advisor: Prof. Dr. Dominik Sachs

Munich, Germany
2024

University of Toronto

Visiting Graduate Student

Toronto, ON, Canada
2023

Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich

M.S. in Economics

Munich, Germany
2019

Bogazici University

B.S. in Electrical and Electronic Engineering

Istanbul, Turkey
2017

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Center for Economic Studies at LMU Munich

Research Assistant

Munich, Germany
Mar 2018 – Aug 2024

- Conducted original research projects focused on evaluating the economic impact of key policy changes, including tax reforms and government spending adjustments.
- Applied econometric and structural modeling techniques to assess policy effectiveness, drawing on economic data sourced from government databases, national surveys, and public records.
- Presented research findings at conferences, seminars, and university workshops, contributing to informed academic discussions.
- Instructed the graduate-level Public Economics tutorials for 9 semesters, co-supervised 14 bachelor's and 4 master's theses, and assisted in 11 seminars at LMU Munich.

Mercedes-Benz Turk A.S.

After-Sales Engineer

Istanbul, Turkey
Jul 2016 – Jun 2017

- Analyzed customer and dealer feedback on technical issues with bus components, identifying unresolved or recurring problems. Generated detailed reports to prioritize issues for prompt resolution.
- Collaborated with a network of 30+ dealers to ensure timely and accurate application of technical solutions.

Bogazici University

Undergraduate Student Assistant

Istanbul, Turkey
Nov 2015 – Jan 2017

- Led weekly problem-solving sessions for Macroeconomics and Electrical Circuits courses.
- Assisted Assoc. Prof. Orhan Torul and Prof. Yagmur Denizhan on their academic research, contributing to literature reviews and preliminary analysis.

RESEARCH AND ACADEMIA

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.

Presentations (selected): University of Toronto, Annual Congress of the IIPF, ZEW Public Finance Conference, EEA Annual Congress, Norwegian–German Seminar on Public Economics

Other activities: Acted as the Academic Coordinator of the Center for Economic Studies at LMU Munich during the 2022 – 2023 academic year.

SKILLS

Languages: English (fluent), German (intermediate), Turkish (native)

Computer: MATLAB, Stata, R, Python, SQL, Fortran, LaTeX, Office

GRANTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) scholarship for a master's program in Germany
- ERASMUS exchange grant
- Bogazici University Excellence Scholarship
- Scholarship of the Turkish Prime Minister's Office for outstanding achievements
- 12th rank in Turkey on the university entrance exam among 1.8 million students