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## EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA – BERKELEY	Ph.D.	Agricultural and Resource Economics	May 2018
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA – BERKELEY	M.S.	Agricultural and Resource Economics	2013
MCGILL UNIVERSITY	B.Com	Economics	2008

## CURRENT POSITION

- 2022– Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Toronto
- 2022– Adjunct Professor, Department of Economics, Bahçeşehir University

## PAST POSITIONS and VISITING POSITIONS

- 2025 Short Term Visiting Scholar, Becker Friedman Institute for Economics, University of Chicago
- 2021-22 Visiting Assistant Professor, Yale University, Economic Growth Center and Jackson Institute for Global Affairs
- 2019-22 Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Essex
- 2018-19 Postdoctoral Fellow, Harvard University, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs
- 2018-19 Postdoctoral Fellow, International Crisis Group and Empirical Studies of Conflict

## AFFILIATIONS

- 2026– Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR) - Research Fellow, DEV and PE (Affiliate 2021–25)
- 2025– International Growth Centre Research Affiliate
- 2025– National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) Faculty Research Fellow, DEV and PE
- 2021– Abdul Latif Jameel - Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) Faculty Affiliate

## PUBLICATIONS

- “[The Agricultural Wage Gap Within Rural Villages](#)” (with M. H. Dar, K. Emerick, Z. Li, and E. Sadoulet), *Journal of Development Economics*, May 2024, 168, 103270.
- “[Persistent Polarizing Effects of Persuasive Communication: Experimental Evidence from Turkey](#)” *American Economic Review*, November 2022, 112(11): 3528-46.
- “[Building Social Cohesion in Ethnically Mixed Schools: An Intervention on Perspective Taking](#)” (with S. Alan, E. Kubilay, and M. Gumren), *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, March 2021, 136(4): 2147-2194.
- “[Non-Economic Factors in Violence: Evidence from Organized Crime, Suicides & Climate in Mexico](#)” (with M. Burke, F. Gonzalez, S. Hsiang, and E. Miguel), *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*, December 2019, 168, 434–452.
- “[Effect of High Ambient Temperature on Suicide Rates in the United States and Mexico](#)” (with M. Burke, F. Gonzalez, P. Baylis, S. Heft-Neal, S. Basu, and S. Hsiang), *Nature Climate Change*, July 2018, 8, 723–729.

## WORKING PAPERS

- “[Misperceptions and Demand for Democracy under Authoritarianism](#)” (with D. Acemoglu, C. Aksoy, C. Molina, and G. Zeki), *NBER Working Paper, 33018; CEPR Discussion Paper 19536*, March 2025. [[CEPR VoxEU and VoxDev](#)]
- “Demand for Gender Equality under Conservatism” (with C. Molina, A. Parades-Haz, and G. Zeki ) [*Draft available*].

## SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS

“Diversity, Refugee Integration, and Business Productivity” (with O. Altindag, L. Assouad, C. Molina, and M. Omurtak)  
[*In the field*].

“From Indoctrination to Diffusion: The Legacy of Women Combatants” with M. Sviatschi and N. Trinidad

## FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

2024 Dean’s Excellence Award, University of Toronto  
2024 SSHRC Insight Grant, Full study (PI)  
2023 JPAL Governance Initiative (x2), Pilot study (PI)  
2023 JPAL Displaced Livelihoods Initiative, Full study (PI)  
2023 Dean’s Excellence Award, University of Toronto  
2023 King’s College Global Engagement Partnership Fund (co-PI)  
2020 Innovations for Poverty Action Peace & Recovery Program, Full study (PI)  
2019 J-PAL European Social Inclusion Initiative, Full study (co-PI)  
2019 CEDIL & Small projects Exploratory Projects (PI) - cancelled  
2019 Innovation for Poverty Action Peace & Recovery Program, Pilot Study (PI)  
2018 J-PAL Crime & Violence Initiative, Full Study (co-PI)  
2018 Innovation for Poverty Action Peace & Recovery Program, Pilot Study (co-PI)  
2016 Mellon Research Grant and Stevens Scholar Program, UC Berkeley (PI)  
2016 J-PAL Governance Initiative Exploratory Research Grant (PI)  
2015 Al-Falah Program Grant, UC Berkeley (PI)  
2015 National Science Foundation and USAID Grant (PI)  
2013 BRAC-CEGA Travel Grant (co-PI)  
2012 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship (3 year)

## INVITED SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS (\*Scheduled)

2027 ESE Rotterdam\*; Tilburg\*  
2026 NYU (Comparative Politics); Paris School of Economics/Sciences Po; Kings’ College London; Princeton University\*  
2025 Bocconi University; University of Southern California  
2024 LSE STICERD-CEP; Wilfred Laurier University; University of Michigan; Dalhousie University; Northwestern Kellogg  
2023 Columbia University (Political Economy); Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México  
2022 Princeton University (Political Economy); Johns Hopkins University; Stanford GSB (Political Economy); University College London; UVA Batten; University of Toronto; University of Illinois at Chicago; University of Zurich; McGill University  
2021 Queen Mary, University of London; Yale University (Political Economy); Wharton (BEPP Applied Workshop); Royal Holloway, University of London; Boston University Global Development Policy Center; University of Maryland  
2020 TOBB University of Economic and Technology; Stockholm University; Sabanci University (cancelled)  
2019 Tufts University; University of Oxford  
2018 University of Essex; London School of Economics; World Bank Development Research Group; Stanford GSB (Political Economy); Koç University; IDinsight  
2017 University of San Francisco

## INVITED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (\*Scheduled)

2025 PolEconUK Webinar Series; The 8th Empirical Microeconomics Workshop (Banff); NBER Political Economy Fall Meeting (discussant)

- 2024 Warwick/Princeton/Yale/CEPR Polecon Symposium; CEA conference; Scaling up Social Impact Conference (Stockholm School of Economics); UBC/Berkeley Political Economy Conference (UBC); Transatlantic Political Economy Conference (McGill and HEC Montreal); International Growth Centre's State Fragility Workshop (London); NBER Political Economy Fall Meeting
- 2023 CESifo Venice Summer Institute (The Economic Analysis of Critical Junctures), J-PAL and IPA's Governance, Crime, and Conflict Initiative Conference (London)
- 2022 ASSA, CEPR WE\_ARE Seminar, Studying critical junctures in real time: Promise, challenges, and ethical dimensions (LMU)
- 2021 PacDev, UC San Diego; NBER Political Economy Meeting; European Economic Association; Experimental Social Science Workshop at Kent University
- 2020 ESOC Annual Meeting; JPAL Governance Initiative Conference (cancelled)
- 2019 Center for Global Development; LSE Workshop on Political Economy of Turkey; Navigating a Populism World: Responses to the Global Rise of Populism (Weatherhead Center for International Affairs at Harvard); Barcelona GSE Summer Forum; NEUDC (Northwestern)
- 2018 Northwestern Development Rookiefest; NYU-CESSE Experimental Political Science Conference (unable to attend); Populism's New Wave: Comparative and Historical Perspectives (UCLA Anderson School of Management); Political Economy of Undemocratic Politics, Western Political Science Association; PacDev (UC Davis)
- 2017 North East Universities Development Consortium (Tufts University)
- 2015 PacDev (UC San Diego)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Fall 2023– University of Toronto, *Political Economy* (MA/PhD)
- Fall 2022– University of Toronto, *Introduction to Data Analysis and Applied Econometrics* (Undergraduate)
- Spring 2022 Yale University, *Approaches to International Development* (Undergraduate)
- Spring 2020, 2021 University of Essex, *Economic Development Theory* (MA)
- Spring 2020, 2021 University of Essex, *Strategies of Economic Development* (Undergraduate)

## EDITORIAL SERVICE

American Economic Journal: Economic Policy; American Economic Review; American Economic Review: Insights; American Political Science Review; Journal of Development Economics; Econometrica; Economic Journal; Journal of Environmental Economics and Management; Journal of the European Economic Association; European Journal of Political Economy; Journal of Labor Economics; Journal of Political Economy; Journal of Public Economics; Public Opinion Quarterly; Quarterly Journal of Economics; Review of Economics and Statistics; Review of Economic Studies; the National Science Foundation; Swiss National Science Foundation

## SERVICE to PROFESSION, UNIVERSITY, & DEPARTMENT

### University of Toronto, Department of Economics

- 2025–26 Junior faculty search committee member
- 2024–26 External seminar organizer
- 2024–26 Student grant committee
- 2024–25 Pearson Scholar Faculty Mentor
- 2023–24 Senior faculty search committee member
- 2022–24 Junior applied economics workshop organizer

### J-PAL

- 2026 Conflict and Violence Initiative (Board)
- 2025 Displaced Livelihoods Initiative (Board)
- 2024 European Social Inclusion Initiative (Reviewer); Crime and Violence Initiative (Reviewer)
- 2022 J-PAL Governance Initiative (Reviewer)
- 2021 J-PAL Research Staff Training

## **Research in Color**

- 2022 Mentor  
**Yale University, Department of Economics**
- 2021–22 Undergraduate Thesis Supervisor  
**University of Essex, Department of Economics**
- 2020–21 Faculty Recruiting Committee
- 2020–21 External Seminar Organizer
- 2021 Panelist, International Women’s Day - Celebrating Women in Economics
- 2020–21 PhD Student Advisor
- 2019–21 Undergraduate and Masters Thesis Supervisor  
**UC Berkeley, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics**
- 2015–18 Leadership Board for Berkeley Economists for Equity
- 2014 Peer Mentor for BRAC-CEGA Visiting Fellow  
**Conference Organization**
- 2026 Scientific committee for European Association of Young Economists Annual Conference
- 2025 Scientific committee for the Transatlantic Political Economy Conference
- 2021 Race, Ethnicity, Gender, and Economic Justice Virtual Symposium, Yale University, co-organizer
- 2021 Experimental Social Science Workshop, University of Kent, co-organizer
- 2019 Navigating a Populism World: Responses to the Global Rise of Populism, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, co-organizer
- Teaching**
- 2025 Association for Comparative Economic Studies PhD Summer School

## **PREVIOUS PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- 2010–12 Research Assistant, Economic Growth Center Yale University
- 2010 Research Fellow, Center for International Development, Harvard University
- 2008–09 Research Associate, Centre for Microfinance, Chennai and Thanjavur, India

## **Ph.D. Candidates in Economics**

- Dina O’Brien (Co-Chair) (2026, exp.)
- Dario Toman (Committee Member) (2026, exp.)
- Alaina Olson (Chair) (2027, exp.)

## **PERSONAL**

- Citizenship: USA and Turkey
- Permanent Resident: Canada