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EDUCATION

Degree

Ph.D., Economics
UNIVERSITY OF SIENA, ITALY, 2005 – 2010

BA, Economics
BOGAZICI UNIVERSITY, TURKEY, 1999 – 2004

Non-degree

Visiting Researcher, SANTA FE INSTITUTE, SPRING 2011

Post-Doctoral Scholar, THE OSTROM WORKSHOP, INDIANA UNIVERSITY, FALL 2010

Visiting PhD Student, UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE, DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS, 2007 – 08

FIELDS

Development Economics
Political Ecology
Health Economics
Game Theory
Network Theory

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

September 2011 – Present

Assistant Professor of Economics, DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS AND COMMONWEALTH HONORS COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS, AMHERST.

September 2013 – Present

Faculty Associate, COMPUTATIONAL SOCIAL SCIENCE INSTITUTE, UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS, AMHERST.

PUBLICATIONS

- “The Political Economy of a Conservation Plan: The Case of Uluabat Lake, Turkey,” with Bengi Akbulut, and Fikret Adaman, in M. Göçek ed. *Contested Spaces in Turkey*, forthcoming.
- "The Effect of Public Health Expenditure on Infant Mortality: Evidence from a Panel of Indian States, 1983-1984 to 2011-2012," with Deepankar Basu and Andy Barenberg. *The Journal of Development Studies*, 1-20, 2016.
- “A Generalized Nash Equilibrium network model for post-disaster humanitarian relief,” with Anna Nagurney, Emilio Alvarez Flores. *Transportation Research Part E: Logistics and Transportation Review*, 95:1-18, 2016.
- "¿Tragedia o Cercamiento? Imaginar y Promulgar El Parque Gezi Como Bien Común" (Tragedy or Enclosure? Imagining and Enacting Gezi Park as Commons), with Bengi Akbulut. *Ecología política*, 45:43-47, 2013.
- “An Inquiry into Power and Participatory Natural Resource Management,” with Bengi Akbulut. *Cambridge Journal of Economics*, 36:1143-1162, 2012.

ADVANCED WORK IN PROGRESS

- The Political Economy of Power: A Critical Review. (Sole-authored. In preparation for submission to a journal)
- Power: An Ontological Inquiry. (Sole-authored. In preparation for submission to a journal)
- The Political Economy of Environmental Conflicts: Collective Action as Informal Regulation. (Sole-authored. In preparation for submission to a journal)
- Towards a Better Understanding of Land Grabbing (with Alfredo Rosete, Ph.D., UMass)
- Development Bank Structures and Environmental Sustainability Standards (with Rebecca Ray, PhD candidate, UMass, Alfredo Rosete, Ph.D., UMass)
- Social Networks, Heterogeneity, and Collective Action

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

- "Heterogeneity and Collective Action" Economic Theory Workshop, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Department of Economics, April 24, 2017.
- CeMENT- CSWEP Mentoring Workshop, Chicago, US, January 8–10, 2017.
- "The Effect of Public Health Expenditure on Infant Mortality: Evidence from a Panel of Indian States, 1983-1984 to 2011-2012." Eastern Economic Association Meetings, Washington DC, Feb 25-28, 2016.
- “Environmental Democracy and Participatory Natural Resource Management: The Case of Lake Uluabat, Turkey.” 3rd UNITAR-Yale Conference on Environmental Governance and Democracy, Yale University, New Haven, September 5-7, 2014.
- “Power Relations and Resource Management.” The Tragedy of Exclusion Workshop co- sponsored by the Center on Global Legal Transformation at Columbia University and Bogazici University held at Columbia University’s Global Center in Istanbul, Turkey, June 6-7, 2014.
- "Land Acquisitions and Collective Action." Economic Theory Workshop, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Department of Economics, April 23, 2014.
- “From Tragedy to Commoning: A Critical Reading of the Commons Literature.” Environmental Working Group, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Department of Economics, May 3, 2013.

- “The Political Economy of a Conservation Site: The Case of Uluabat Lake Basin, Turkey” ASSET Conference, Bogazici University, October 30-31, 2009.
- “An Inquiry into Power and Ecological Economics” (with B. Akbulut) Association for Heterodox Economics 10th Anniversary Conference Anglia Ruskin University, Cambridge, UK, July 2-6, 2008.
- “Prelude to Development: Democratizing Power” (with B. Akbulut) The Institutional and Social Dynamics of Growth and Distribution Conference, University of Pisa, Italy, December 10-12, 2007.

TEACHING AND ADVISING EXPERIENCE

University of Massachusetts Amherst, Department of Economics and Commonwealth Honors College, 2011-2017:

- Honors Thesis Seminar (undergraduate-senior level, chaired 28 honors theses as the sole advisor)
- The Political Economy of the Environment-Honors (undergraduate—small class)
- The Political Economy of the Environment (undergraduate—large lecture)
- Game Theory-Honors (undergraduate—small class)
- Game Theory (undergraduate—large lecture)
- Game Theory (graduate)
- Graduate Independent Study
- Undergraduate Independent Study

Bogazici University, 2009-2011:

- Post-Walrasian Microeconomic Theory (graduate level, co-taught with Samuel Bowles)
- Comparative Schools of History of Economic Thought (undergraduate level, co-taught with Fikret Adaman)

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- Lilly Teaching Fellow, 2017-18
- Honors Curricular and Faculty Development Grant, 2014. (\$2,000)
- University of Massachusetts at Amherst Sustainability Curriculum Initiative Grant, 2013 (with “People and Environment”, Econ 499C & Econ499D). (\$1,000)
- University of Massachusetts at Amherst, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Research Grant, 2013 (with Deepankar Basu, Professor of Economics at University of Massachusetts Amherst, for the “Distribution and Health Status in India” project). (\$6,000)

AWARDS

- 2016-2017, Lilly Fellowship
- 2005-2010, University of Siena, PhD fellowship.
- 2004, Demir Demirgil Award, Bogazici University, Economics Department’s award to the top ranked student in the graduating class.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Ad-hoc referee for: Nature Energy, Journal of Economic Surveys, Cambridge Journal of Economics, Review of Social Economy, Polish Journal of Environmental Studies. Ecological Indicators.

Co-convener of the Environmental Working Group at the Department of Economics, UMass Amherst.