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Education

Ph.D., Economics, Princeton University, 2006.

BSc, Industrial Engineering, Bogazici University, 2000.

Professional Experience

Senior Consultant, Compass Lexecon, 2025-Present

Boston College, Economics Department.

Professor, 2019 - present

Associate Professor (with Tenure), July 2014 - July 2019

University of Pittsburgh, Economics Department.

Associate Professor (with Tenure), August 2013 - July 2014

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

Assistant Professor, July 2007 to August 2013.

Donald P. Jacobs Scholar, July 2006 to July 2007.

Consulting Experience

Merger

Participated in various mergers and acquisitions across a wide range of industries, including semi-conductors, computer hardware, telecommunications, and internet platforms.

Served as a consulting expert, advising on economic modeling. Most recently, developed models to evaluate the parties' incentives to bundle products post-merger and whether such bundling would lead to denied scale for rivals.

Litigation

Retained in testifying capacity by a large telecommunications company on a matter involving bidding in auctions.

Developed models to show harm from co-ownership in sports leagues and streaming industry.

Extensive involvement in abuse of dominance and Standard Essential Patent (SEP) cases in various jurisdictions, including the US, EU, and China.

In SEP cases, developed economic models to analyze optimal licensing practices from a social welfare perspective.

In abuse of dominance cases, provided guidance on how to conduct analyses to evaluate market definition and theories of harm in the streaming media industry.

Auction

Served as an expert in various matters involving auction design and competitive procurement for satellite broadband.

Policy Work

Presented work to tech firm executives: Economic modeling and analysis of platform competition that sheds light on key policy debates such as interoperability requirements, market concentration, and analysis of platform mergers.

Received grants on AI, including the use of algorithms to determine pricing and potential collusion.

Published "Between Efficiency and Illegality: The Competitive Implications of Surveillance and Algorithmic Pricing," with Sencer Ecer in CPI Columns, August 2025

Editorial Roles

Associate Editor at Journal of Economic Theory, 2024-present

Associate Editor at International Journal of Game Theory, 2024-present

Research

Publications

1. "Platform Competition with Net Fees," with Alex White and Lingxuan Wu, Management Science, Accepted
2. "Cross-verification and Persuasive Cheap Talk," with Alp Atakan and Ludovic Renou, Journal of Economic Theory, December 2024, 222
3. "Reputational Bargaining with Ultimatum Opportunities," with Hanzhe Zhang, The Review of Economic Studies, May 2024
4. "Signaling Covertly Acquired Information," with Nenad Kos, Journal of Economic Theory, December 2023, 214
5. "Learning from Manipulable Signals," with Leandro Gorno, Lucas Maestri, Jian Sun, Dong Wei, American Economic Review, December 2022, 112 (2) 3995-4040
6. "Wait or Act Now? Learning Dynamics in Stopping Games," with Lucas Maestri. Journal of Economic Theory, October 2022, 205

7. "Market Selection and Information Content of Prices," with Alp Atakan. Econometrica, September 2021, 89 (5) 2049 - 2079.
8. "Information Aggregation in Poisson-Elections," with Stephan Laueremann. Theoretical Economics, 17, no. 1 (2022): 1-23
9. "Manipulated Electorates and Information Aggregation," with Stephan Laueremann. The Review of Economic Studies, 87, no. 2 (2020): 997-1033.
10. "Common Enrollment in School Choice, " with M. Bumin Yenmez. Theoretical Economics, 14, no. 4 (2019): 1237-1270.
11. "Information in Tender Offers with a Large Shareholder," with Nenad Kos Econometrica, January 2016, 84 (1) 87 - 139.
12. "Just Enough or All: Selling a Firm," with Nenad Kos and Rakesh Vohra AEJ: Micro, 8 (2016), 223-256.
13. "Reputation in the Long-Run with Imperfect Monitoring," with Alp Atakan, Journal of Economic Theory, May 2015, 553-605.
14. "Auctions, Actions and the Failure of Information Aggregation," with Alp Atakan, American Economic Review, July 2014, 104-7.
15. "Bargaining and Reputation in Search Markets," with Alp Atakan, The Review of Economic Studies, January 2014, 81(1) 1-29 (Lead Article).
16. "A Two-sided Reputation Result for Repeated Games with Long Run Players," with Alp Atakan, Journal of Economic Theory, January 2013, 148, 376 - 392.
17. "Reputation in Long-Run Relationships," with Alp Atakan, The Review of Economic Studies, (April 2012), 79(2) 751 - 780.
18. "Impermanent Types and Permanent Reputations," with Olivier Gossner and Andrea Wilson, Journal of Economic Theory, Vol. 147 (2012), pp. 142-178.
19. "Sustainable Reputations with Rating Systems," Journal of Economic Theory, Vol.146, No. 2. (March 2011), pp. 479-503.
20. "Manipulation Through Political Endorsements," Journal of Economic Theory, Vol. 144, No. 3. (May 2009), pp. 1227-1248.

Review/Survey Articles

1. "The Role of Information in Auctions," with Alp Atakan, Journal of Mathematical Economics, October 2024 (For JME's 50th Anniversary Literature)

Working Papers

"Informal Elections with Dispersed Information," with Stephan Laueremann.

"Fishing for a Veto," with Kailin Chen and Stephan Laueremann

"Information Aggregation in Auctions with Costly Information, " with Alp Atakan (Revise and Resubmit at Econometrica)

Honors and Grants

1. Mini Course at BPDEMS (Berlin Doctoral Programme), November 18-23, 2017.
2. Fernand Braudel Senior Fellowship, European University Institute, May 2016.
3. Donald Jacobs Scholar, Managerial Economics and Decision Sciences Department, Northwestern University, 2006-2007.
4. Princeton University, Graduate Fellowship, 2001-2004.
5. Stephen Goldfeld Research Fellowship, Princeton Economics, 2004.
6. Tubitak (Turkish Science Foundation) University Fellowship, 1996-2000.
7. Bogazici University Fellowship, 1996-2000.
8. Silver and Bronze medals at International Mathematical Olympiads, 1995 and 1996.
9. Bronze medal at Balkan Mathematical Olympiads, 1996.
10. Gold medal and Silver medal at Turkish National Mathematical Olympiads, 1994 and 1995.
11. Excellence in refereeing award for American Economic Review.

Long Visits

Yale University, Cowles Foundation and Department of Economics.

Visiting Assistant Professor, August 2010 to July 2011.

MIT, Economics Department.

Visiting Professor, January-July, 2017 and 2021.

Short Visits

European University Institute (EUI - Fernand Braudel Senior Fellow), May 2016-June 2016

Toulouse School of Economics, May 2014-July 2014.

Koc University, April 2012.

Teaching/Advising

Undergraduate -Game Theory, 2013-present.

MBA - DECS 434 (Statistical Methods for Management Decisions), 2006-2010.

MBA - MECN 430 (Microeconomic Analysis), 2011-2013.

PhD - MECS 461 (Contract Theory and Mechanism Design), 2007-2010.

PhD - Elective Course (Dynamic Games with Incomplete Information), 2011- present.

Ph.D committee member/chair for:

Nuh Aygun Dalkiran, (Bilkent University) Zafer Kanik, (Glaskow Business School) Ali Simsek, (Keystone), Pietro Dall'Ara (University of Naples)

Professional Activities

Refereeing

Econometrica, American Economic Review (Excellence in refereeing award), Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economic Studies, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Economic Theory, Rand Journal of Economics, Games and Economic Behavior, Theoretical Economics, International Journal of Game Theory, International Economic Review, Journal of Finance, Mathematics of Operations Research.

Miscellaneous

Member of the Econometric Society