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**APPOINTMENTS**

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Postdoc, DIW Berlin, Climate Policy Department	August 2022 - onward
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**EDUCATION**

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Ph.D. in Economics, Deakin University, Australia Dissertation Title: <i>The Cost of Natural Disasters on Households and Governments</i> Advisors: Mehmet Ulubaşoğlu, Ha Vu	2022
M.A. in Economics, Boğaziçi University, Turkey Thesis: <i>Substitution Elasticities in An Energy-Augmented CES Production Function: An Empirical Analysis for Turkey</i>	2017
M.Sc. in Finance, Grenoble Graduate School of Business, France Thesis: <i>Comparison of Effectiveness of Government Policies towards Promotion of Renewable Electricity Generation - A Case Study on Germany and the U.S.</i>	2014
B.Sc. in Mathematics, Boğaziçi University, Turkey	2012

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**PUBLICATIONS****In Progress**

“Paying Income Tax after a Natural Disaster: The Case of 2010-11 Queensland Floods”  
(with Mehmet Ulubaşoğlu). (Under Review) *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*

“Retirement Saving Decisions by Victims of Natural Disasters”  
(with Mehmet Ulubaşoğlu and Ha Vu). (Working Paper)

“Post-disaster Childcare Dynamics: Economic Policy Implications for Australia”  
(with Mehmet Ulubaşoğlu) (Work in Progress)

**Report Contributions**

OECD, 2016, [Assessing Regional Competitiveness in Turkey](#)  
OECD, 2016, [Strengthening the Spatial Dimension in the Sector Strategies of Turkey](#)

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**FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS & RESEARCH GRANTS**

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Drivers of residential energy use for heating and cooling and thermal retrofit decisions, €100,000, 2022 – 2024, DIW Berlin, Bridge Project Research Grant, Berlin, Germany	2022
2021 Casual Teaching Excellence Award, Department of Economics, Deakin University	2022
2021 Student Engagement Awards, Department of Economics, Deakin University	2022
Associate Fellow of Higher Education Academy	2021
Postgraduate Research Scholarship, Deakin University	2018 – 2022
Top-Up Scholarship, Deakin University	2018 – 2022
GMAT Merit Scholarship, Grenoble Graduate School of Business	2012
Undergraduate Fellowship. The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey	2007 – 2012

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**CONFERENCE ACTIVITY**

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“Paying Income Tax after a Natural Disaster: The Case of Queensland Floods”, ALife Conference/Inaugural Australian Workshop on Public Finance, Canberra, Australia	2021
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“Paying Income Tax after a Natural Disaster: The Case of Queensland Floods”, 7th Workshop on Natural Experiments in History: Development, Health, Labour, Melbourne, Australia 2020

## DEPARTMENTAL TALKS

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“Do Natural Disasters Affect Retirement Savings?” Brown Bag Seminar, Department of Economics, Deakin University 2021

“Paying Income Tax after a Natural Disaster: The Case of Queensland Floods”, Brown Bag Seminar, Department of Economics, Deakin University 2020

“Household Finance in the Aftermath of a Natural Disaster”, Geelong Economic Seminars, Department of Economics, Deakin University 2019

## RESEARCH & TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIP

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**Deakin University, Teaching Assistant** 2018 – 2022  
Competition and Industry (Term 1/2019/2020/2021/2022, Term 2/2020)  
Economic Principles (Term 1/2022, Term 2/2019/2020/2021, Term 3/2020)  
Business and Climate Change (Term 1/2022)  
Energy, Environment and Sustainability (Term 1/2022)  
Economic Strategy for Business (Term 2/2021)  
Economic Policy and Practice (Term 2/2020)  
Economics for Managers (Term 2/2018, Term 1/ 2019)  
Analytical Methods in Economics and Finance (Term 2/2021)

**Boğaziçi University, Teaching Assistant** 2015  
Mathematical Statistics I (Term 2/2015)

**Boğaziçi University, Research Assistant to Gürkan Kumbaroğlu** 2014 – 2015  
Electricity Demand Modelling for Turkey until 2035. Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey and the Turkish Ministry of Development.

## MEDIA APPEARANCES

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Natural disasters cost the nation: we’ve calculated the income tax revenue lost in their wake. 2022  
[The Conversation.](#)

## RELATED PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

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Programming/Typesetting Stata, R, EViews, LATEX  
Languages Turkish (Native), German (Fluent), English (Advanced/Fluent), French (Advanced/Fluent), Italian (Intermediate)

## INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

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Project Finance Specialist, Project Finance Division, Limak Investments, Turkey 2016 – 2018  
Policy Researcher & Advisor Consultant, Global Relations Secretariat, South-East Europe Division, OECD, France 2015 – 2016  
Management Trainee, International Talent Program, Structured Finance, ING Bank, Turkey 2013 – 2014

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS/AFFILIATIONS

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Economic Society of Australia 2020 – Current  
The Econometric Society 2020 – Current  
Centre for Disaster Resilience and Recovery 2019 – Current  
International Association for Energy Economics (IAEE), Student Member 2014 – 2016  
Enerji Ekonomisi Dernegi (Energy Economics Association) (EED), Student Member & Corporate Communication Assistant 2014 – 2016