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1. Education

2003-2008 **Ph.D in Economics**, University of Gothenburg, Department of Economics. Title of thesis: "*Essays on Microeconometrics and Immigrant Assimilation*".

2000-2003 **Ph.D. Studies in Econometrics**, Istanbul University, Department of Econometrics, Istanbul, Turkey.

1998-2000 **M.Sc. Istanbul University**, Faculty of Economics, Department of Econometrics, Econometrics Master, Istanbul, Turkey. Title of thesis: "*Spectral Analysis of Time Series in Economics and Mathematica Applications*".

1993-1998 **BA, Istanbul University**, Department of Economics, Istanbul, Turkey

2. Research Interests

- Microeconometrics and Monte Carlo Simulations
- Behavioral and Experimental Economics
- Economics of Happiness
- Labor Economics and Migration
- Development Economics

3. Professional Experience

2015- Associate Professor, University of Gothenburg, Sweden

2013-2015 Assistant Professor, University of Gothenburg, Sweden

2015-2016	Visiting Researcher, LISER, Luxembourg, Belval
2013-2016	Visiting Research Fellow, IZA, Germany, Bonn
2011-2013	Senior Research Associate, IZA, Germany, Bonn
2009-2013	IZA (Institute for the Study of Labor) Deputy Program Director of Environment and Development.
2008-2011	Research Associate, September, IZA (Institute for the Study of Labor).
2007-2008	Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, University of Gothenburg, Department of Economics, Sweden (Adlerberska stipendiefonden).
2008-2009	Research Associate, EUROCORES Programme: "HAPPINESS" (HAPpiness, Political Institutions, Natural Environment and Space), University of Gothenburg, Department of Economics, Sweden.
2003-2007	Research Assistant, University of Gothenburg, Department of Economics, Sweden.
1999-2003	Research and Teaching Assistant, Istanbul University, Department of Economics, Unit of Econometrics, Istanbul, Turkey.

3.1. Teaching

Graduate Level

2014- 2015	Econometrics I (first year PhD course), University of Gothenburg, Department of Economics
2015-2016	LISER, Luxembourg, Relative Concerns of Migrants: Envy or Ambition
2006-2007	Econometrics II (second year PhD course), (simulation based estimation), University of Gothenburg, Department of Economics

Undergraduate and Master Level

2015-2016	Applied Econometrics (second year master course), University of Gothenburg, Department of Economics
2013-2014	Basic Econometrics (third year undergraduate course), University of Gothenburg, Department of Economics
2013-2014	Applied Econometrics (second year master course), University of Gothenburg, Department of Economics
2010-2011	Health Economics II, University of Gothenburg, Department of Economics
2002-2003	Mathematical Statistics, Istanbul University, Department of Economics, Unit of Econometrics, Istanbul, Turkey
1999-2003	Mathematics for Economists Istanbul University, Department of Economics, Unit of Econometrics, Istanbul, Turkey, (tutorials),
1999-2003	Decision Making Techniques Istanbul University, Department of Economics, Unit of Econometrics, Istanbul, Turkey, (tutorials)

4. Peer-Reviewed Journal Publications

"Home Sweet Home? Macroeconomic Conditions in Home Countries and the Well-Being of Migrants" (with Olivier B. Bargain, Klaus F. Zimmermann), forthcoming in *Journal of Human Resources*, 2016.

"Dynamics of the Employment Assimilation", forthcoming in *IZA Journal of Migration*, 2016.

"Remittances and Relative Concerns in Rural China", (with Klaus Zimmermann, Olivier B. Bargain, Juan Robalino and Corrado Giulietti), *China Economic Review*, 2016, 37: 191-207.

"Cooperation and Punishment: The Effect of Religiosity and Religious Festival Economics Letters" (with Gökhan Karabulut and Peter Martinsson), *Economics Letters*, 2015, 130: 43-46.

"The Impact of Migration on the Well-Being of the Natives", (with Amelie Constant and Corrado Giulietti), *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization,* 2014, 103: 72-92.

"Positional Concerns Among the Poor: Does Reference Group Matter?-Evidence from Survey Experiments" (with Lisa Andersson, Peter Martinsson, and Haileselassie Medhin). *Journal of African Economies*, 2014, 1-27

"Remittances and Well-being among Rural-to-Urban Migrants in China", (with Juan Robalino, Corrado Giulietti and Klaus F. Zimmermann), *Review of Economics of the Household*, 2013, 1-30.

"Life Satisfaction and Air Quality In Europe", (with by Susana Ferreira Finbarr Brereton, Juncal Cuñado, Peter Martinsson, Mirko Moro), *Ecological Economics*, 2013, 88: 1-10.

"The Effect of Religiosity and Religious Festivals on Positional Concerns: An Experimental Investigation of Ramadan", (with Gökhan Karabulut and Peter Martinsson), *Applied Economics*, 2013, 45 (27): 3914-3921.

"Relative Concerns of the Rural-to-Urban Migrants in China" (with Klaus F. Zimmermann and Oliver Bargain), *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization,* 2012, 81: 421-441.

"Does Relative Concerns Matter in Poor Societies? Evidence from a Survey Experiment in Rural Ethiopia," (with Peter Martinsson and Haileselassie A. Medhin), *World Development*, 2012, 40(2): 428-435.

"Attitudes Toward Uncertainty Among the Poor: Evidence from Ethiopia", (with Stefan T. Trautmann, Peter Martinsson and Haileselassie A. Medhin), *Theory and decision*, 2012, 73(3): 453-464

"Persistence of Informality: Evidence from Panel Data", (with Melanie Khamis), *Research in Labor Economics*, 2012, 34: 229-255

"Finite Sample Comparison of Alternative Methods for Estimating Dynamic Panel Data Models", *Journal of Applied Econometrics*, 2011, 27 (7): 1189-1204.

"The Effect of Power Outages and Cheap Talk on Willingness to Pay to Reduce Outages", (with Peter Martinsson and Fredrik Carlsson), *Energy Economics*, 2011, 33(5): 790-798.

"Does Relative Income Matter for the Very Poor? Evidence from Rural Ethiopia", (with Peter Martinsson), *Economics Letters*, 2010, 110(3): 213-215.

"Asymptotic bias reduction for a conditional marginal effects estimator in sample selection models", (with Elias Tsakas), *Applied Economics*, 2008, 40(24): 1-7.

5. Working Papers

"Ethnic Diversity and Well-Being", (with Amelie Constant, Corrado Giulietti and Martin Guzi), IZA Discussion Paper Series, 2016, nr: 9726.

"Back to Bentham: Should We? Large-Scale Comparison of Decision versus Experienced Utility for Income-Leisure Preferences" (with Olivier Bargain and H. Xavier Jara), University of Gothenburg, 2015.

"Happy Taxpayers? Income Taxation and Well-Being", (with Olivier Bargain, Mathias Dolls, Dirk Neumann, Andreas Peichl and Sebastian Siegloch), IZA Discussion Paper Series, 2012, nr: 6999.

"Positional Concerns through the Life-Cycle", (with Peter Martinsson), IZA Discussion Paper Series, 2012, nr: 6342.

"Wooldridge Method for the Initial Values Problem is Simple. What about Performance? Evidence from Dynamic Random-Effects Probit and Tobit Models", IZA Discussion Paper Series, 2009, nr: 3943.

"Sundays Are "Blue": Are Not They?" – The day-of-the-week-effect on Subjective well-being", (with Peter Martinsson), IZA Discussion Paper Series, 2009, nr: 4563.

5.1. Old Working Papers

"Local Unemployment and the Earnings-Assimilation of Immigrant Men in Sweden: Evidence from Longitudinal Data, 1990-2000" (with Kerem Tezic), University of

Gothenburg, Working Paper, nr: 277, 2007.

"Dynamics of Employment and Earnings Assimilation of First-Generation Immigrant Men in Sweden, 1990-2000", University of Gothenburg, Working Paper, nr: 279, 2007.

"Monte Carlo Investigation of the Initial Value Problem in Censored Dynamic Panel data Models", University of Gothenburg, Working Paper, nr: 278, 2007.

"Second Order Approximation for the Average Marginal Effect of Heckman's Two Step Procedure", (with Elias Tsakas) University of Gothenburg, Working Paper, nr: 240, 2007.

"Economic Performance of Turkish Immigrant Men in the European Labor-Market: Evidence from Sweden", (with Gokhan Karabulut and Kerem Tezic). University of Gothenburg, Working Papers, nr: 239, 2007.

6. Books and Book Chapters

"Mathematics for Economists", 2nd Edition, Turkmen Kitabevi, Istanbul, 2011 (Book in Turkish, with Enis Siniksaran and Aylin Aktukun).

7. Presentations at International Conferences and Workshops (only major ones)

8th IZA/World Bank Conference on Employment and Development, "Remittances and Relative Concerns in China", Bonn, June, 2015.

12th IZA Migration Meeting (AM²), May, Senegal, Dakar, 2015.

ASEPELT, International Association Applied Economics, "Sundays Are "Blue: Are Not They? – The day-of-the-week-effect on Subjective well-being," (with Peter Martinsson), Santander, Spain, June, 2011.

6th IZA/World Bank Conference on Employment and Development, "Relative Concerns of the Rural-to-Urban Migrants in China" (with Klaus F. Zimmermann and Oliver Bargain), Mexico City, May-June, 2011.

RUMICI conference, February, 2010, (Java, Indonesia). "Relative concerns of Rural-to-Urban Migrants in China: Status or Signal?" (with Klaus F. Zimmermann and Olivier Bargain).

6th IZA Prize Conference on Frontiers in Labor Economics: The Economics of Well-Being and Happiness (Washington DC), October, 2009: "Sundays Are "Blue": Are Not They?" – The day-of-the-week-effect on Subjective well-being, (with Peter Martinsson).

Economic Science Association World Meeting (Luiss University, Rome), June, 2007, Experimental economics annual meeting. Is there a Ramadan Effect on Cooperation? Experimental Evidence (with Gökhan Karabulut and Peter Martinsson).

Second Nordic Workshop in Behavioral and Experimental Economics, October, 2007. Does Relative Income Matter on Happiness for Poor? Evidence from Rural Ethiopia (with Peter Martinsson).

8th IZA Annual Migration Meeting (AM²) and 3rd Migration Topic Week, May, 2011.

IZA Workshop: Sources of Well-Being, "What's Mine is Yours? Estimating Collective Models using Traditional versus Subjective Data", (with Olivier Bargain), October, 2011.

IZA/World Bank Workshop: Institutions and Informal Employment in Emerging and Transition Economies, "The Persistence of Informality: Evidence from Panel Data", (with Melanie Khamis), May, 2011.

Workshop on Happiness, (University of Navarra Pamplona), December, 2010.

IZA, DIW Berlin, DIW DC and World Bank, German Day on Development, October, 2010. Positional Concerns of Rural-to-Urban Migrants: Is it status or Signal? (with Klaus F. Zimmermann and Olivier Bargain), Washington DC.

2nd CIER/IZA Annual Workshop: Research in Labor Economics, October, 2010. Positional Concerns of Rural-to-Urban Migrants: Is it status or Signal? (with Klaus F. Zimmermann and Olivier Bargain).

Paris School of Economics, Economics and Psychology Seminars, December, 2009. "Sundays Are "Blue": Are Not They?" – The day-of-the-week-effect on Subjective well-being, (with Peter Martinsson).

1st CIER/IZA Annual Workshop: Research in Labor Economics, September, 2009. Employment Assimilation of Immigrant Women in Sweden -Comparing Dynamic and Static Assimilation Models. Renmin University of China, Beijing.

Behavioral Labor Economics Conference, (IZA, Bonn-Germany), October, 2008. Does Relative Income Matter for the Very Poor? Evidence from Rural Ethiopia (with Peter Martinsson).

Workshop on Happiness, (University of Navarra Pamplona), May, 2009. Causality and Happiness (with Peter Martinsson).

3rd Annual Meeting on the Economics of Risky Behaviors (AMERB), April, 2011, Bonn.

IZA/Volkswagen Foundation Workshop: Genes, Brains, and the Labor Market, November, 2009, Bonn.

IZA, DIW Berlin, DIW DC, World Bank: German Day on Development, October, 2009, World Bank, Washington DC.

IZA/ Volkswagen Foundation Topic Week: The Political Economy of Labor Market Reform in Transition and Emerging Economies, October, 2009.

6th IZA Migration Meeting (AM²), May, 2009.

2nd IZA Workshop: Child Labor in Developing Countries, May, 2009.

IZA Workshop (Transition and Emerging Economies Using Large Micro-Data Sets), November,2008.

8. Organization of Research Workshops and Conferences (only major ones)

8th IZA/WB Employment and Development Conference: Bonn, Germany, August, 2013 (leading organizer and scientific committee member).

IZA/WB Conference on Activation and Active Labor Market Youth Employment Programs, Istanbul, Turkey, April-May, 2012 (leading organizer and Scientific committee member).

7th IZA/WB Employment and Development Conference: New Delhi, India, November, 2012 (leading organizer and scientific committee member).

3rd Child Labor Workshop: Mexico City, Mexico, June, 2011 (leading organizer and Scientific committee member).

6th IZA/WB Employment and Development Conference: Mexico City, Mexico, May-June, 2011 (leading organizer and scientific committee member).

5th IZA/WB Employment and Development Conference: Cape Town, South Africa, May, 2010 (leading organizer and scientific committee member).

IZA/World Bank Workshop: Evaluation of Labor Market Programs in Developing Countries, February, 2009, (leading organizer and scientific committee member).

9. Selected Refereeing

Journal of Applied Econometrics, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Socio-Economics, Journal of Economic Psychology, Migration Letters, Journal of Comparative Economics, Journal of Population Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Research in Labor Economics, Labor Economics, Applied Economics, International Journal of Manpower, IZA journal of Migration, Southern Economic Journal, Review of Economics of the Household, Demography, Empirical Economics, IZA Journal of Labor and Development, Economica, Empirical Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Economics Letters +++