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Employment

2021 - Assistant Professor, New York University Abu Dhabi.
2020 - 2021 Post-Doctoral Associate, New York University.

Education

2020 Princeton University, Ph.D., Politics.
2014 Sabanci University, M.A., Economics.
2012 Sabanci University, B.A., Economics.

Research

Publications

Germán Gieczewski and Korhan Kocak (2024). "Collective Procrastination and Protest Cycles," accepted at the **American Journal of Political Science**.

Korhan Kocak and Özgür Kibris (2023). "Social Media and Press Freedom," **British Journal of Political Science** 53.1, pp. 140-162.

Scott F Abramson, Korhan Kocak, and Asya Magazinnik (2022). "What Do We Learn about Voter Preferences from Conjoint Experiments?" **American Journal of Political Science** 66.4, pp. 1008-1020.

Killian Clarke and Korhan Kocak (2020). "Launching Revolution: Social Media and the Egyptian Uprising's First Movers," **British Journal of Political Science** 50.3, pp. 1025-1045.

Laura Paler, Camille Strauss-Kahn, and Korhan Kocak (2020). "Is Bigger Always Better? How Targeting Aid Windfalls Affects Capture and Social Cohesion," **Comparative Political Studies** 53.3, pp. 359-398.

Working Papers

"Detecting Preference Cycles in Forced-Choice Conjoint Experiments" with Scott Abramson, Asya Magazinnik, and Anton Strezhnev.

"'I Alone Can Fix it:' The Strongman Narrative and Democratic Backsliding" with Carlo Horz.

"Provoking the Opposition."

"Sequential Updating: A Behavioral Model of Belief Change."

Book project

"Models all the Way Down" with Scott Abramson and Asya Magazinnik.

Work in progress

"Improving Preference Elicitation in Conjoint Designs using Machine Learning for Heterogeneous Effects," with Scott Abramson, Asya Magazinnik, and Anton Strezhnev.

"Ideology, Electability, and Valence" with Scott Abramson and Asya Magazinnik.

"Talking Points: A Bandit Theory of Political Agency."

Teaching

NYU
Abu Dhabi

POLSC-UH 2211: Data Analysis (Fall 2023)

POLSC-UH 2311: Political Economy of Institutions (Spring 2022, Fall 2022, Spring 2024)

POLSC-UH 2423: Media and Politics (Spring 2022, Fall 2022, Fall 2023)

Princeton
University

POL 575: Formal Political Analysis I; TA for Germán Gieczewski (Spring 2017, Spring 2018).

Politics Math Camp, Instructor (Summer 2017).

POL 349: Political Economy; TA for Thomas Romer (Fall 2016).

Sabancı
University

ECON 503: Macroeconomics I; TA for Remzi Kaygusuz and Hakki Yazici (Fall 2013).

ECON 201: Games and Strategies; TA for Ahmet Alkan (Fall 2011 - Fall 2012), TA for Ozgur Kibris (Spring 2013, 2014).

ECON 310: Game Theory; TA for Mehmet Barlo (Spring 2011).

Professional Activities

Presentations

2024: MPSA, Behavioral Models of Politics. 2023: Asian Polmeth, MPSA, PE of Democratic Backsliding, Theory in Methods, Emory, WUSTL, WTFNS, Euro Polmeth, EPSA, APSA, Yale, EUI. 2022: Uses of Formal Theory. 2021: LA Polmeth. 2020: SPSA, UdeM, NYU. 2019: SPSA, MPSA, PolMeth, APSA, NYUAD, Vanderbilt, UCL. 2018: MPSA, Behavioral Models of Politics, APSA. 2017: MPSA, EPSA, EITM Summer Institute. 2016: IPSA, APSA. 2015: MPSA. 2013: Bosphorus Workshop on Economic Design.

- Reviewer** American Economic Review, American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science, Economics Letters, Games and Economic Behavior, Journal of Experimental Political Science, Journal of Politics, Journal of Theoretical Politics, Mathematical Social Sciences, Party Politics, Political Analysis, Political Behavior, Political Science Research and Methods, Public Choice, Quarterly Journal of Political Science.
- Coordinator** NYU Abu Dhabi Political Science Seminar, 2023 - 2024.
Princeton Political Economy Research Seminar, 2016 - 2018.
- Organizer** Theory in Methods Workshop, April 20-21, 2023.

Research Assistantships

- Spring 2016 Matias Iaryczower and Gabriel Lopez-Moctezuma
 Fall 2014 Pinar Dogan and Dani Rodrik
 Fall 2014 Adam Meirowitz and Kris Ramsay
 Summer 2011 Izak Atiyas
 Summer 2011 Ayca Giritligil

Selected Honors, Grants, and Fellowships

- Spring 2023 Research Enhancement Fund, NYUAD
 Spring 2023 Conference Grant, NYUAD Institute
 Winter 2020 Bobst Graduate Travel Grant, Princeton
 Fall 2019 Grant, Research Program in Political Economy, Princeton
 2017, 2019 Dean's Fund for Scholarly Travel, Princeton
 2019 - 2020 Dean's Completion Fellowship, Princeton
 Summer 2019 NSF Travel Grant for the PolMeth Summer Meeting
 Summer 2017 NSF Travel Grant for EITM Summer Institute
 2015 - 2019 Q-APS Fellowship, Princeton
 2014 - 2019 Graduate Fellowship, Princeton
 2008 - 2014 Fellowship and Tuition Scholarship, Sabanci University
 2008 - 2012 Outstanding Success Scholarship, Türk Eğitim Vakfı
 2008 - 2012 Scholarship, Hisar Eğitim Vakfı
 2008 - 2012 Sakip Sabanci Scholarship, Sabanci University
 2008 - 2012 KYK Scholarship for outstanding success, Ministry of Youth
 2003 Medalist in TUBITAK National Mathematics Olympiad, Turkey