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### EMPLOYMENT

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**Consultant** **2016-Present**  
World Bank  
*Project Name:* “Son preference and the value of daughters in Georgia”

### EDUCATION

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**Ph.D. in Economics** **2012-Present**  
Koc University, Istanbul, Turkey  
*Thesis Advisor:* Assoc. Prof. Seda Ertac

**B.S. in Industrial Engineering** **2007-2012**  
Koc University, Istanbul, Turkey

**B.A. in Business Administration** **2007-2012**  
Koc University, Istanbul, Turkey

Izmir Science High School **2004-2007**

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Experimental Economics, Behavioral Economics, Field Experiments

### PUBLICATIONS

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“Cheating and Incentives in a Performance Context: Evidence from a Field Experiment on Children” (with Sule Alan and Seda Ertac) (*forthcoming, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*)

“Strategic Feedback in Teams: Theory and Experimental Evidence” (with Seda Ertac and Levent Kockesen) (*forthcoming, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*)

### WORKING PAPERS

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“Demand for Decision Autonomy and Willingness to Take Responsibility in Risky Environments: Experimental Evidence” (with Seda Ertac and M.Yigit Gurdal) (2018) (*revise and resubmit, Journal of Economic Psychology*)

### WORK IN PROGRESS

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“Exploring Creativity in Childhood: The Role of Incentives and the Social Environment” (with Sule Alan and Seda Ertac)

“Fostering Curiosity in the Classroom: A Randomized Educational Intervention” (with Sule Alan and Ipek Mumcu)

“Mitigating Social Exclusion of Refugee Children: Lessons from a Randomized Field Experiment” (with Sule Alan, Ceren Baysan, and Elif Kubilay)

“Corporate Culture and Productivity: Results from a Randomized Intervention on Firms” (with Sule Alan, Gozde Corekcioglu, and Matthias Sutter)

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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**Graduate Research Assistant** **2012-present**  
Graduate School of Social Sciences and Humanities (GSSSH)  
Koc University, Istanbul, Turkey

**Research Assistant**  
ING Bank Investing in Non-Cognitive Skills **2014-2016**  
ING Bank Financial Literacy Childhood Intervention Study **2013-2015**

**Undergraduate Research Assistant** **2011-2012**  
Koc University, Istanbul, Turkey

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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**Instructor** **Fall 2017**  
Intermediate Microeconomics (ECON 201)

**Teaching Assistant** **2012-Present**  
Experimental Economics (ECON 430/530), Advanced Econometrics (ECON 511)  
Intermediate Microeconomics (ECON 201), Introduction to Financial Management (MFIN 202)  
Corporate Finance (MFIN 301), Money and Banking (ECON 360)

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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Decision Making for Others, 2018, Radboud University, Nijmegen, Netherlands  
4<sup>th</sup> Turkish Workshop on Experimental and Behavioral Economics, 2018, Bogazici University  
The Lisbon Meetings in Game Theory and Applications, 2017, Lisbon School of Economics, Portugal  
Econometric Society European Winter Meeting, 2016, University of Edinburgh, Scotland  
1<sup>th</sup> Turkish Workshop on Experimental and Behavioral Economics, 2015, METU, Ankara  
All Istanbul Economics Workshop, 2012, 2013, Koc University, Istanbul.

## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

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Full Merit Scholarship, Graduate School of Social Sciences, Koc University, 2012-present  
TUBITAK 1001 Scholarship  
Vehbi Koc Scholar at Koc University (for achieving an SPA above 3.50/4.00), 2009, 2011  
Dean’s Honor Roll (for academic achievements)  
Full Merit Scholarship (based on National University Entrance Exam), Koc University, 2007 – 2012  
Ranked 1st in Private High School Exam, 2004

## **LANGUAGES and COMPUTING SKILLS**

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*Softwares:* Stata, z-Tree, LyX, Adobe Creative Suite, Opensesame  
*Languages:* English (fluent), Turkish (native), Spanish (intermediate)

## **PERSONAL**

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Date and Place of Birth: 28.12.1989, Konak, Turkey  
Citizenship: Turkish

## **REFERENCES**

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