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Research Fields: Banking, Corporate Finance, International Economics, Labor Economics

CURRENT POSITION

2024– **Postdoctoral Researcher**, University of Milano-Bicocca

EDUCATION

2018–2024 **Ph.D. in Business Economics** (joint degree), KU Leuven & Ghent University
2017–2018 **Advanced Master's in Economics**, KU Leuven
2010–2012 **M.Sc. in Economics**, Tilburg University
2009–2010 **Exchange Student in Economics**, Tilburg University
2008–2010 **Minor in Mathematics**, Middle East Technical University
2006–2010 **B.Sc. in Economics**, Middle East Technical University

PUBLICATIONS

1. “The Real Effects of Banks’ Corporate Credit Supply: A Literature Review” (with O. Güler, M. Mariathan & K. Mulier). *Economic Inquiry*, 59(3), 1252–1285, 2021.

WORKING PAPERS

1. “Sovereign Defaults and Trade: External vs. Domestic Creditors” (with D. Essers & S. Marchesi). Revise and Resubmit, *Journal of International Economics*.
2. “How Credit Availability and Production Technologies Shape Hiring: Evidence from a Plant Closure” (with M. Mariathan & K. Mulier).
3. “Mass Layoffs, Re-employment Preferences, and Firm Outcomes” (with M. Mariathan & K. Mulier).

WORK IN PROGRESS

1. “Sovereign Defaults, Bank Ownership, and Lending Outcomes” (with S. Marchesi & U. Panizza).

AWARDS AND HONORS

2018–2024 **PhD Scholarship & Fellowship**, KU Leuven
2018, 2019 **Welcome Speech to Graduate Students**, KU Leuven
2010–2012 **Master's Scholarship & Fee Waiver**, Tilburg University
2009–2010 **Erasmus Exchange Grant**, Middle East Technical University
2008 **Congratulations of the Rector; Top Student**, Middle East Technical University
2006–2010 **Dean's Highest Honors List; Scholarship for Outstanding Academic Performance**, Middle East Technical University
2005 **Ranked top 0.1%**, Turkish Nationwide University Entrance Exam
2004 **Selected Participant**, National Mathematics Olympiads

EXTRA TRAINING

2026 **Journal of International Economics Summer School**, Bocconi University
 2026 **Agentic Coding Workshop**, University of Milano-Bicocca

SEMINAR ORGANIZATION

2025– **DEMS ReLunch Seminars** (with G. Antonicchia), University of Milano-Bicocca

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2026 PDM Conference* (OECD); Workshop on Sovereign Debt (Milano-Bicocca); DEMS ReLunch (Milano-Bicocca)
 2025 DebtCON* (Georgetown); CefES Conference (Milano-Bicocca); ETSG Conference (Politecnico di Milano); Workshop on Sovereign Debt (Milano-Bicocca); DEMS ReLunch (Milano-Bicocca)
 2024 Corporate Finance Day* (KU Leuven); DGF Conference* (RWTH Aachen); BFRF Meeting (National Bank of Belgium); EALE Conference* (NHH Bergen); IWH-FIN-FIRE Workshop* (IWH Halle); Finance Seminars* (Ghent); KU Leuven Seminars (KU Leuven)
 2023 AFSE Meeting (Sciences Po); KU Leuven Seminars (KU Leuven); World Finance Conference (Online)

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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2025–2026 **International Financial Markets**, University of Milano-Bicocca
 2024–2026 **Principles of Economics**, University of Milano-Bicocca
 2018–2024 **MSc Thesis Supervision** (31 theses), KU Leuven
 2009–2010 **Statistics for Economists II**, Middle East Technical University
 2008–2009 **Introduction to Research Methods I & II**, Middle East Technical University

POLICY EXPERIENCE

2013–2017 **Policy Officer**, Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey

LANGUAGE AND SOFTWARE SKILLS

Languages: Turkish (native), English (fluent)

Software: Stata, R, L^AT_EX, Cursor

REFERENCES

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