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PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2026- Senior Lecturer in Political Economy, Institute for International Management & Entrepreneurship, LU London
- 2021- 2026 Lecturer, Institute for International Management & Entrepreneurship, LU London
- 01-09/2021 Lecturer in Globalisation, De Montfort University, UK
- 2019-2021 Postdoctoral Research Associate, Sheffield Political Economy Research Institute, Sheffield University, UK

ACADEMIC

- 2013-2018 Ph.D. in Economic Sociology; University of Cambridge, UK
- 2010-2011 M.Sc. in Comparative Social Policy; University of Oxford, Oxford, UK
- 2005-2010 B.A. in Economics; Koç University, Istanbul, Turkey
- B.Sc. in International Relations; Koç University, Istanbul, Turkey

GRANTS & AWARDS

- 2023 Loughborough University Joint Fund. *International Workshop on the Employment of Refugees*. ~£6,631
- 2022 British Academy/Leverhulme Small Research Grants. *Labour-intensive industries and development challenges: Dynamics of technology investment and refugees' employment in the Turkish textile industry*. £9,999
- 2018 Japanese Award for Outstanding Research on Development; Global Development Network. US\$22,500
- 2017 Early Career Researcher Workshop Paper Award; Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE). €1,000
- 2016 PhD Funding; Cambridge Political Economy Society (tuition fees and accommodation during PhD studies)
- 2014 PhD Funding; the Mexican Agency for International Development (fieldwork costs during PhD research)

PUBLICATIONS

Monograph

- 2022 *Global Production, National Institutions, and Skill Formation*. Oxford University Press: Oxford.

Peer-reviewed journals

- 2026 The political economy of growth regime adjustment: national populist neoliberalism in Türkiye and Hungary. *Capital & class*, with Tamas Gerocs and Gabor Scheiring.
- 2026 Industrial policy in turmoil: sectoral policy undone by macroeconomic instability and rising production costs in the Turkish garment industry. *Journal of Economic Policy Reform*, 29(3), 331–351.
- 2026 Industrial Policy beyond the Hegemon(s): Introduction to the Special Issue. *Journal of Economic Policy Reform*. (with Fulya Apaydin and Andreas Noelke)
- 2024 Vocational education and training: A pathway for refugees' integration in the labour market? Lessons from Syrian refugees in Tarsus, Turkey. *Industrial Relations Journal*, 55(6), 401-424. (with Tasli - Karabulut, V.). (Open Access)
- 2024 Why do national skill systems vary? The state's role in skill system institutions for maintaining growth models. *New Political Economy*, 29(3), 478-493. (Open Access)
- 2022 The varying use of online supplier portals in auto parts-automotive value chains: The case for the Mexican and Turkish suppliers. *Global Networks*, 22(4).
- 2020 Partisan politics of skills in middle-income countries: Insiders, outsiders and the vocational education system of Turkey. *Competition & Change*, 24: 3-4, 291-314.
- 2018 When politics gets in the way: domestic coalitions and the making of skill systems, *Review of International Political Economy*, 25:3, 340-363, with Isik D. Özel.

Book Chapters

- 2026 Vocational education and training, business, and government, in *Elgar Encyclopaedia of Business and Government*, Wilson, G. and Maguire, M. (eds), Edward Elgar Publishing. (accepted). By invitation

- 2025 Immigrants and Refugees in the Skill Systems of Late Industrialising Countries, In *Skills and Values: The Political Economy of Education in Latin America*, ed. Bogliaccini, J.A. and Madariaga, A. Oxford: Oxford University Press. *By invitation*
- 2020 “Finding skills: skilling strategies of local auto-parts suppliers in Mexico and Turkey” in Covarrubias A. V. and Ramirez, R. (eds.), *The new frontiers and geographies of the world automobile industry. Trends and Challenges*. Palgrave Macmillan. pp. 429-453. *By invitation*

Under review

(Mis)Alignment Between Economic Statecraft and Industrial Policy: The Case of Solar PV Strategies In India And Turkey. In R&R stage at *Review of International Political Economy*. With Bozkurt, M. and Schnyder, G.

Engaging with the Green Transition in the New World Order: The Impact of the Geoeconomic Risk on the Readiness to Embrace Strategic Asset Stranding, submitted to *Socio-Economic Review* as part of a Special Issue, with Arbnor Bajraliu, Cristian Nitou, Gerhard Schnyder.

In progress

Geopolitics and the Restructuring of Global Textile Industry: Evidence from Suppliers from Turkey and India, with Kadyan, S. and Schnyder G. (to be submitted to *Journal of Management Studies*)

Blog posts, policy and media

- 2025 [Does the British state have what it takes for its industrial strategy?](#), Encompass Europe, with Gerhard Schnyder
- 2023 [How Erdoğan framed his science and tech ‘great achievements’ as part of election campaign](#). *The Conversation*.
- 2023 [Report: Challenges of and opportunities for the employment of refugees in late industrialising countries](#), London, UK.
- 2020 [Restrictions to immigration and work in the UK construction industry”](#), Blog Series on Brexit, the Conservative Majority and the UK Political Economy, *SPERI Blog*.

LEADERSHIP, ENGAGEMENT AND IMPACT

Leadership

- 2025 **Reviewer** for British Academy Fellowship applications
- 2024- **Lead** for Power, Inequalities and Justice Research Hub, LU London
- 2022- **Lead organiser**, Geoeconomics Research Network, Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE)
- 2022-2025 **Senate Member**, Loughborough University Senate
- 2022-2024 **Deputy Chief Programme Director**, IIM, LU London
- 2018- present **Reviewer** for the *Socio-Economic Review*, *Review of International Political Economy*, *Global Networks*, *Competition & Change*, *Regulation & Governance*, *Turkish Studies*, *Work in the Global Economy*

PhD Supervision and Examination

- 2026 **External Examiner**, Jettawat Pravat, Kings College London
- 2025 **First supervisor**, Tieniola Ogunmokun (2nd year)
- 2024 **External Examiner**, José Antonio Cervantes Gómez, University of Glasgow
- 2023- **First supervisor**, Arbnor Bajraliu (3rd year)
- First supervisor**, Melike Bozkurt (3rd year)
- 2024- **Second supervisor**, Constance Iloghalu (1st year)
- 2022-2024 **Second supervisor**, Nicos Moushouttas (completed)

Engagement and Impact

- 2023 **Workshop Lead**, International Workshop on Refugees’ Employment and Integration, 16 June, Loughborough University London
- 05/2023- **Commentator for Al Jazeera English**
- 2023 **Invited keynote speaker** at Skills for a Just Transition Conference on 11-12 May 2023, organised by **International Labour Organisation**, **University of Witwatersrand Johannesburg** and **University of Education Zurich**.