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Education

- 2013-2019 Ph.D. in Economics, The University of Chicago
Advisors: Greg Kaplan, Thibaut Lamadon, Thomas Winberry
Thesis: Assortative Mating and Inequality
- 2009-2011 M.A. Economics, Sabanci University
- 2004-2009 B.S. Industrial Engineering, Bilkent University

Employment

- 2019- Department of Economics, American University of Beirut.

Working Papers

"Delay Marriage and Marry Your Like: Did It Contribute to Income Inequality?," submitted.

Abstract: Household income inequality in the U.S. has increased substantially since the 1970s, and the marriage age has risen considerably during this period. Using the access to legalized abortion by young single women as an instrument for marriage age, I find that increased marriage age contributed to income inequality significantly by increasing the level of spousal income correlation. I rationalize this finding with a model where individuals learn their income profiles better as they work more years and, therefore, more likely marry similar-income spouses as they delay marriage.

"Pairing Games and Markets", with Ahmet Alkan

Work-In Progress

"Marriage Market in the Macroeconomy"

Awards and Honors

University of Chicago, Munk Social Sciences Fellowship (2018-2019)

University of Chicago, Graduate Student Fellowship (2013-2018)

Teaching Experience

2019- Intermediate Macroeconomics at American University of Beirut

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