

# MEHMET AYDIN

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## Research Interests

Studying human decision-making by combining insights from behavioral and experimental economics, the logical precision and versatility of mathematical models, and real-world data using econometric and computational tools.

## Experience

Study Abroad Counselor September 2023 - today  
*Kant Akademi* *Turkey*

- Sharing experiences in applying and getting accepted to international universities, personal development, and living abroad with young bright minds.

## Education

Alma Mater Studiorum - University of Bologna September 2022 - July 2025  
*Bachelor in Economics, Politics and Social Sciences (GPA: 29.28/30)* *Bologna, Italy*

- Accepted as the first-ranking international student in the first call for applications.
- Selected as a student ambassador and promoted the university to and helped organize in-person and online events for international students.
- Volunteered for the International Conference on Political Sociology organized by the Italian Association of Sociology.
- Took charge of events and partnerships as associate and supervised operations as acting manager at the Relations & Events Desk of Unibo Fintech Society.
- The most renowned Italian public university for economics, politics, sociology, management, and law.

Kabatas Erkek High School September 2017 - June 2022  
*High school diploma (GPA: 94.76/100)* *Istanbul, Turkey*

- Held active leadership roles in the Design Club, Entrepreneurship Club, History Symposium, Young Leadership Club, Psychology Club, and Academy Club among others and did waltz.
- Lived with people from all around Turkey as a boarding student and contemplated the social dynamics of regions across the land.
- One of the most prestigious high schools in Turkey outdating the Republic and serving as an educational hub where exquisite teachers and elite students come together.

## Awards

Don Lavoie Fellowship 2024 - 2025  
*Mercatus Center at George Mason University*

- Online, semester-long program in the political economy of Austrian, Bloomington and Virginia schools accompanied by required readings and a stipend.

Student Membership 2024 - 2025  
*Mises Institute*

- Membership with benefits such as receiving complimentary magazines of the Institute.

Unibo Action 2 Study Grant 2022 - 2024  
*Alma Mater Studiorum - University of Bologna*

- Merit-based pre-determined payment to cover living expenses for a year that can be renewed once.
- Renewed as the first-place holder among bachelor's students.

Mises Book Club 2023 - 2024  
*Mises Institute*

- Online guided readings of libertarian staples with distinguished professors including a free of charge copy of the relevant book.
- Held on Murray N. Rothbard's For A New Liberty and F. A. Hayek's The Road to Serfdom.

Mises University 2023  
*Mises Institute*

- Exquisite summer scholarship program in the Austrian School composed of courses, seminars, and room & board.

- Train pass valid for a month in 33 countries with free of charge seat reservations given based on a competitive application.

### Invited Talks

Checklist for Enrollment: Get Ready for Arrival in Italy <i>Alma Mater Studiorum - University of Bologna</i>	July 2024 <i>Online</i>
Student Café - Economics, Politics and Social Sciences <i>Alma Mater Studiorum - University of Bologna</i>	February 2024 <i>Online</i>
Virtual Fair - Bachelor's Students <i>Alma Mater Studiorum - University of Bologna</i>	February 2024 <i>Online</i>
From Kabatas to Bologna: Being a Student in Europe <i>Kabatas Erkek High School</i>	December 2022 <i>Istanbul, Turkey</i>
Questions and Answers with Enrolling Freshmen <i>Kabatas Erkek High School</i>	September 2022 <i>Istanbul, Turkey</i>

### Articles

- Aydin, Mehmet. (Forthcoming). Spending at Home or Abroad: A Study of the Overvaluation and Undervaluation of the Turkish Lira
- Aydin, Mehmet. (2024). Studying the Stock Market via Unsupervised Machine Learning: How Well Do Sectors Align With Clusters?
- Aydin, Mehmet. (2024). Updated: Legal Systems and Individual Freedom
- Aydin, Mehmet. (2024). Party Performance in the 2024 Turkish Municipal Elections: Studying Votes Instead of Wins
- Aydin, Mehmet. (2023). Legal Systems and Individual Freedom: A Western Linear Model

### Technological Skills

Data Analysis <i>R, tidyverse, ggplot, and STATA.</i>	Typesetting <i>LaTeX, MathJax, and Quarto.</i>	Web Development <i>HTML5, CSS3, and Wordpress.</i>
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### Volunteering

- Greeter  
*International Greeter Association* October 2023 - today  
*Bologna, Italy*
- Helped more than 20 tourists, aged between 3 and 70, see the city through the eyes of a became-local, learn about the city's stories, and spend their free time the best they can.
- Graphic Designer  
*Kabatas Erkek High School Education Foundation* December 2019 - September 2021  
*Istanbul, Turkey*
- Designed media for communicating the goals, actions, and needs of the foundation pro-bono and for the newly opened school apparel shop.
- Student Representative  
*Turkey Design Council* December 2018 - March 2020  
*Istanbul, Turkey*
- Promoted the events and the vision of the Council in my high school and certain others.

### Languages

Turkish: <i>Mother Tongue</i>	Italian: <i>Intermediate</i>	Cyrillic, Greek, and Arabic:
English: <i>Advanced</i>	French: <i>Intermediate</i>	<i>Literate</i>

### Online Courses

- Yale University: *Introduction to Modern Social Theory, Game Theory, Introduction to Psychology, Introduction to Classical Music, and Roman Architecture.*
- Harvard University: *CS50's Introduction to Computer Science and CS50's Introduction to Artificial Intelligence with Python.*
- McMaster University and University of California San Diego: *Learning How to Learn: Powerful mental tools to help you master tough subjects.*