Melih İşeri

Curriculum Vitae

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Work Experience

2023- Assistant Professor of Mathematics (non-tenure track), University of Michigan

Education

2017–2023 Ph.D., University of Southern California, Mathematics

- Advisor: Prof. Jianfeng Zhang

2012–2017 B.S., Bogazici University, Physics

- Advisor: Prof. Muhittin Mungan

Research Interests

(Mean-Field) Games, Learning, Geometric Set-Valued Analysis, Stochastic Controls, Math Finance

Publications & Preprints

2025 M. İşeri, & E. Bayraktar. **The Learning Approach to Games**, *arXiv:2503.00227*

2023 M. İşeri, & J. Zhang. **Set Valued HJB Equations**, arXiv:2311.05727 (under revision at Annals of Probability)

2021 M. İşeri, & J. Zhang. **Set Values for Mean Field Games**, *Transactions of the American Mathematical Society*

2016 M. İşeri, D. Kaspar, & M. Mungan. **Depinning as a coagulation process.** *Europhysics Letters* (designated Editor's Choice, appeared on Highlights of 2016)

Award & Fellowship

2025 MIDAS Postdoctoral Affiliate

Michigan Institute for Data & Al in Society - University of Michigan

2022 USC Math Research Award Edward and Dolores Blum

Service

2025&2026 Admissions Committee

Quantitative Finance and Risk Management M.S. Program, University of Michigan

2025 Supervising Neil Mascarenhas on Algorithmic Collusion

Refereed for:

- Applied Mathematics and Optimization
- SIAM Journal on Financial Mathematics
- ESAIM: Control, Optimisation and Calculus of Variations
- Dynamic Games and Applications
- Stochastics and Dynamics
- Stochastics
- Numerical Algebra, Control and Optimization

Presentations

- 2025 SIAM, Financial Mathematics and Engineering, Set Valued PDEs and Games
- 2025 Byrne Conference, on Stochastic Analysis in Finance and Insurance, The Learning Approach to Games
- 2025 **Temple University**, Set Valued PDEs and Games
- 2025 University of Michigan, Financial and Actuarial Mathematics, The Learning Approach to Games
- 2024 Rutgers University, Equilibrium Summer School, Set Valued HJB Equations
- 2024 SIAM Annual Meeting, Set Valued HJB Equations
- 2024 **The University of British Columbia**, New Trends and Challenges in Stochastic Differential Games Workshop, *Set Valued HJB Equations*
- 2023 Florida State University, Financial Mathematics Seminar, Set Values of Mean Field Games
- 2023 University of Michigan, Financial and Actuarial Mathematics, Set Valued HJB Equations
- 2023 Western Conference on Mathematical Finance, Set Valued HJB Equations
- 2023 Columbia University, Mathematical Finance Seminar Series, Set Valued HJB Equations
- 2022 University of Michigan, Financial and Actuarial Mathematics, Set Valued HJB Equations
- 2022 University of Southern California, Probability and Statistics Seminar, Set Valued HJB Equations
- 2022 **Bilkent University**, Fifth International Conference on Set Optimization with Applications to Economics, Finance, Statistics and Game Theory, *Set Valued HJB Equations*
- 2021 University of Southern California, Probability and Statistics Seminar, Set Values for Mean Field Games
- 2021 **Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin**, 6th Berlin Workshop for Young Researchers in Math Finance, *Set Values for Mean Field Games*
- 2021 SIAM, Conference on Financial Mathematics and Engineering, Set Values for Mean Field Games
- 2016 **Institute of Theoretical Physics**, 6th Warsaw School of Statistical Physics, *Depinning as a Coagulation Process*, Poster presentation
- 2015 APS Mirror Conference, Istanbul, Depinning and the Smoluchowski Equation
- 2014 **21st Statistical Physics Days**, Kayseri, *Numerical Study of Avalanche Sizes in a Model Exhibiting Dynamic Criticality*
- 2014 APS Mirror Conference, Istanbul, Study of Avalanche Sizes in a Model Exhibiting Dynamic Criticality

Computer Skills

- Python Library D. Kaspar and M. İşeri. *kmtoy: Python package for 'Depinning as a coagulation process'*. (2016) , *DOI:* 10.7301/Z0668B3H
 - GitHub github.com/melihiseri

Teaching Experience

- Fall 2025 Instructor, Introduction to Stochastic Analysis for Finance (Math 474)
- Winter 2025 Instructor, Discrete State Stochastic Processes (Math 526)
 - Fall 2024 Instructor, Introduction to Stochastic Analysis for Finance (Math 474)
- Spring 2024 Instructor, Mathematics of Finance (Math 423)
- Winter 2024 Instructor, Mathematics of Finance (Math 423)
 - Fall 2023 Instructor, Discrete State Stochastic Processes (Math 526)
 - Fall 2022 Teaching Assistant, Fundamental Principles of Calculus
 - Fall 2020 Teaching Assistant, Calculus I
- Spring 2020 Teaching Assistant, Fundamental Principles of Calculus
 - Fall 2019 Teaching Assistant, Fundamental Principles of Calculus

Spring 2019 Teaching Assistant, Calculus III
Fall 2018 Teaching Assistant, Fundamental Principles of Calculus
Spring 2018 Teaching Assistant, Statistics (Psychology Department)
Fall 2017 Teaching Assistant, Calculus II