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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Information Economics, Financial Intermediation, Sustainability

REFERENCES

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EDUCATION			
• PhD, Economics, ESSEC Business School and CY Cergy Paris Université 20			2020 - Present

• M.Sc., Economics, University of Tehran

Thesis advisor: Prof. Anastasios Dosis

2016 - 2019

• B.Sc., Aerospace Engineering, Sharif University of Technology

2010 - 2015

JOB MARKET PAPER

Prosocial Disclosure and Contracts (JMP)

Full Paper (PDF)

Abstract:

This paper studies how regulations mandating the disclosure of prosocial outcomes (e.g., ESG performance) affect prosocial contracts (e.g., sustainability-linked loans). I develop a multitasking principal—agent model with limited liability and private agent types. The agent exerts costly effort on two tasks: one yielding an unverifiable outcome and another producing an outcome that can be verifiably disclosed at a cost. The agent's private type captures intrinsic utility over the outcomes. While mandatory disclosure can provide information that enables new contracts, it may either enhance or undermine the efficiency of contracts that would otherwise arise under a voluntary regime. Two mechanisms determine the direction of this effect. First, the principal may offer stronger incentives under voluntary disclosure to induce the agent's participation. Second, voluntary disclosure can serve a screening role, allowing the principal to identify intrinsically motivated agents. When the voluntary regime results in non-disclosure (full disclosure), mandating disclosure enhances (reduces) contracting efficiency. In cases where voluntary disclosure is partial, mandatory disclosure can reduce welfare when prosocial and financial objectives are strongly complementary, but improve welfare when principal free-riding weakens incentives for motivated agents.

WORKING PAPER

Collateral, Information and Welfare: Implications for Open Banking (with Anastasios Dosis)

Full Paper (PDF)

Abstract:

Data sharing (such as open banking initiatives) and improvements in data analytics enhance the capabilities of financial technology (fintech) companies and have the potential to reduce information asymmetries in credit markets. This is generally believed to alleviate adverse selection and improve welfare. Traditional lenders (such as banks), however, respond to increasing competition by offering more attractive products that involve costly collateral. We uncover a novel trade-off between improved information and destructive competition due to increased collateralization. For instance, we show that open banking or advances in data analytics may, under

certain conditions, harm not only social welfare but also fintechs themselves. We also examine alternative institutional arrangements—such as the allocation of property rights and the creation of data markets—that can outperform open banking. Our results contribute to the ongoing policy debate on the welfare implications of open banking and data-sharing initiatives.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Green Portfolio Choice Under Disclosure Regulation.

2024 - Present

TEACHING

Lecturer:

- Macroeconomics, Undergraduate, ESSEC, 2024-2025.
- Microeconomics, Graduate, ESSEC, 2025.

Teaching Assistant:

- Economics Of Financial Intermediaries, graduate, ESSEC, 2022-2023.
- Industrial Organization, Graduate, ESSEC, 2022.
- Industrial Organization,, Graduate, University of Tehran, 2018-2019.
- Political Economics, Graduate, University of Tehran, 2019.
- Microeconomics II, Graduate, University of Tehran, 2019.

CONFERENCES

- Econometric Society Asia Meeting, New York University, Abu Dhabi, January 2026 (forthcoming)
- Econometric Society European Winter Meeting, University of Cyprus, December 2025 (forthcoming)
- Action and Inaction versus Climate Change, EPFL, June 2025
- Future of Financial Information Conference, Stockholm Business School, May 2024
- Cardiff Fintech Conference, Cardiff Business School, November 2023

LANGUAGE

Persian (native), English (proficient), French (proficient)

OTHER EXPERIENCES

• Economic Journalist, Donya-e-Eghtesad Newspaper, Iran.

2019-2020

• Teacher in Mathematics, Tehran, Iran.

2013-2018