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Graduate Studies

Princeton University   *2019-present*

PhD Candidate in Economics

Expected Completion Date: May 2025

REFERENCES

Professor Leeat Yariv (main advisor)   Professor Pietro Ortoleva
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Prior Education

Università Bocconi   *2016-2018*

M.Sc. in Economic and Social Sciences (ESS)

Università Bocconi   *2013-2016*

B.Sc. in International Economics, Management, and Finance (BIEMF)

Fields

PRIMARY   Microeconomic Theory

SECONDARY   Political Economy, Behavioral Economics

Publications (including accepted & forthcoming)

1. "Information Avoidance in School Choice" *Games and Economic Behavior*, 2024.

Job Market Paper

"Redistricting with Endogenous Candidates"

I study partisan gerrymandering when district composition affects candidates' policy positions and, consequently, voters' behavior. In the U.S., primary elections determine which candidates compete in general elections, with a district's ideological composition shaping who emerges as the nominee. Thus, redistricting affects not only which party wins but also the ideology of competing candidates. I find that classical gerrymandering strategies can backfire when candidates emerge endogenously, particularly in districts where extreme voters may select non-viable candidates. However, when properly designed to account for both voter affiliation and preference intensity, gerrymandering can be a more powerful instrument than traditional approaches that consider only party affiliation. I show how methods from optimal transport theory can be used to characterize the optimal redistricting plan, which creates districts that maximize ideological distance between competing candidates. Using these findings, I analyze two implications for the U.S. House of Representatives: how gerrymandering contributes to political polarization and its consequences for minority representation.

Work in Progress

1. "Caution in the Face of Complexity", with Geoffroy de Clippel, Pietro Ortoleva, and Kareen Rozen. 2024.

2. "Reputation in a Committee with Multiple Principals: the Case of the FOMC", with Matias Iaryczower and Gabriel Lopez Moctezuma. 2024.

3. "Supply Responses to Redistricting", with Clément Herman and Nicolas Longuet-Marx. 2024.

Research Experience

2021   Research Assistant to Prof. Pietro Ortoleva

2020   Research Assistant to Prof. Roland Benabou

2018   Research Assistant to Prof. Pierpaolo Battigalli

Teaching

Princeton   ECO 300: Intermediate Microeconomics (TA, Fall 2021-2024, Spring 2022-2024)

Bocconi   Macroeconomics (TA, 2018)

Professional Activities

Presentations and Seminars (including scheduled)

2024   Caltech CTESS Workshop on Theory Based Experiments, 35th Stony Brook International Conference in Game Theory, North American Meeting of the Economic Science Association in Columbus.

2023   Caltech CTESS Workshop on Theory Based Experiments, 34th Stony Brook International Conference in Game Theory, SWEET Conference at Columbia University.

Refereeing

American Economic Review, Econometrica, International Journal of Game Theory.

University and Departmental Service

International Student Affairs Chair at GSG (Graduate Student Government) *2022-present*

Organizer of the Politcal Economy Student Seminar *2021-2022*

Honors, Scholarships, Fellowships, and Grants

Stephen Goldfeld Fellowship	*2023*
William S. Dietrich II Economic Theory Center Summer Grant	*2021–2024*
Princeton University Graduate School Fellowship	*2019-2024*
UniCredit Foundation 17th Crivelli Scholarship	*2019-2022*
Bocconi Graduate Merit Award	*2016–2018*

Languages

Italian (native), English

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