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## Graduate Studies

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**Princeton University** *2019-present*  
PhD Candidate in Economics  
Expected Completion Date: May 2025

### REFERENCES

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## Prior Education

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**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

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PRIMARY      Microeconomic Theory

SECONDARY    Political Economy, Behavioral Economics

## Publications (including accepted & forthcoming)

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

## Job Market Paper

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### “Redistricting with Endogenous Candidates”

*I study partisan gerrymandering when district composition affects candidates’ policy positions and, consequently, voters’ behavior. I show how traditional redistricting can backfire when voters favor extreme candidates in primary elections. However, sophisticated redistricting parties can leverage this dynamic and make gerrymandering an even more potent tool than previously thought. Using optimal transport theory, I characterize the optimal redistricting plan: create districts that drive ideological wedges between opponents, fostering extremism in primaries and turning voter diversity into electoral weakness. I use my results to investigate the impact of gerrymandering on polarization in the U.S. House of Representatives. By fostering the emergence of extreme opponents, gerrymandering creates a notable ideological gap in the distribution of district representatives. Notably, extreme candidates emerge in districts with many moderate voters, challenging the view that political extremism requires voter segregation.*

## Work in Progress

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1. “Caution in the Face of Complexity” With Geoffroy de Clippel, Pietro Ortoleva, and Kareen Rozen. 2024.
2. “Reputation in Committees: 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

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- 2021   Research Assistant to Prof. Pietro Ortoleva  
2020   Research Assistant to Prof. Roland Benabou

## Teaching

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- Princeton*   ECO 300: Intermediate Microeconomics (TA, Fall 2021-2024, Spring 2022-2024)  
*Bocconi*   Macroeconomics (TA, 2018)

## Professional Activities

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### Presentations and Seminars (including scheduled)

- 2024 Caltech CTESS Workshop on Theory Based Experiments, 35<sup>th</sup> 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, 34<sup>th</sup> 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 Political Economy Student Seminar *2021-2022*

## Honors, Scholarships, Fellowships, and Grants

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

## Languages

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Italian (native), English

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