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Graduate Studies

Princeton University   *2019-present*

PhD Candidate in Economics

Expected Completion Date: May 2025

References

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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. To do so, I embed a two-stage model of elections at the district level into an optimal redistricting problem. 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 an ideological gap in the distribution of district representatives.

Work in Progress

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

2. "Reputation in Committees 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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