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## EMPLOYMENT:

Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Central Florida, College of Business

Jan 2025 – Present

Senior Economist (AI/ML) at LinkedIn Corporation

Sep 2024 – Jan 2025

Postdoctoral Fellow (in Economic Theory) at Caltech

Aug 2021 – Aug 2024

## EDUCATION:

UC Berkeley

### DEGREE

Ph.D.

### DATE

2021

### FIELD

Economics

UC Berkeley

M.A.

2019

Statistics

McMaster University

M.A.

2015

Mathematics

Sharif University of Technology

B.Sc.

2013

Electrical Engineering (Minor in Mathematics)

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING FIELDS:

PRIMARY: Economic Theory; Econometrics and Machine Learning

SECONDARY: Industrial Organization; Financial Economics

## PUBLICATIONS:

1. *Binary Mechanisms under Privacy-Preserving Noise* (with Federico Echenique), 2025, Forthcoming at [Journal of Economic Theory](#).  
Appeared at WINE '23: [The 19th Conference on Web and Internet Economics, 2023](#)
2. Trading off Relevance and Revenue in the Jobs Marketplace: Estimation, Optimization and Auction Design, 2025, [39<sup>th</sup> Annual AAAI](#).
3. *Reputation, Learning and Externalities in Frictional Economies*, 2024, Forthcoming at [Economic Theory](#).
4. *The Hazards and Benefits of Condescension in Social Learning*, 2024, Forthcoming at [Theoretical Economics](#).  
(with Itai Arieli, Yakov Babichenko, Stephan Müller and Omer Tamuz)  
Accepted at EC '23: [Proceedings of the 24th ACM Conference on Economics and Computation, 2023](#)
5. *High Dimensional Decision Making, Upper and Lower Bounds*, 2021, [Economics Letters](#).
6. *Robust Experimentation in the Continuous Time Bandit Problem*, 2020, [Economic Theory](#).
7. *Risk Minimization and Portfolio Diversification* (with M. Kwak and T. A. Pirvu), 2016, [Quantitative Finance](#).

## WORKING PAPERS:

1. *Individual and Collective Welfare in Risk Sharing with Many States* (with Federico Echenique)
2. *The Impact of Connectivity on the Production and Diffusion of Knowledge* (with Gustavo Manso)  
Presented at: 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Network Science and Economics; Midwest Economic Theory 2022  
Informs ADA 2022; North American Summer Meeting of the Econometric Society 2022.  
Revise and Resubmit, *Games and Economics Behavior*.
3. *Delegated Learning and Non-Credible Communication* (with P. B. McCrory)
4. *Tail Probability Estimation of Factor Models with Regularly-Varying Tails: Asymptotics and Efficient Estimation* (with O. S. Solari)

## TEACHING:

*Instructor, Caltech HSS:*

Foundations of Economics (SS 205C) – first year Ph.D. course (Spring 2022, 23' and 24')

Theory of Value (EC 121a) – Intermediate Microeconomics (Fall 2021, 22' and 23')

*Graduate Student Instructor, UC Berkeley, first year Ph.D. courses:*

Mathematical Tools for Economists (Econ 204, GSI for Professor Chris Shannon, Fall 2017, 18', 19' and 20')

Game Theory (Econ 201B, GSI for Professor Shachar Kariv, Spring 2019)

Econometrics (Econ 240B, GSI for Professor Demian Pouzo and Professor Jim Powell, Spring 2017 and 18')

*Graduate Student Instructor, UC Berkeley, undergraduate courses:*

Economics Department: Financial Economics (Econ 136)

Haas School of Business: Investment (UGBA 133); Financial Markets (UGBA 132); Principles of Microeconomics (UGBA 101A)

**FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS:**

2020-21	Dissertation Completion Fellowship, UC Berkeley
2015-16	First- and Second-year PhD Fellowship, UC Berkeley, Center for Risk Management Research
2015	Ranked 1 <sup>st</sup> (GPA) among the 2015 M.A. and Ph.D. Graduates of Mathematics Department, McMaster University
2013-15	Two-year Graduate Fellowship, Mathematics Department, McMaster University
2007	Silver Medal in the 20 <sup>th</sup> Iranian National Physics Olympiad

**Programming Skills:**

Python, HTML and CSS, Mathematica, SQL – MATLAB, R and C++ (past experience)  
Python packages: numpy, scipy and scikit-learn, pandas, PyTorch

**Personal Information:**

US Permanent Resident

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**REFERENCES:**

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