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Education

Ph.D. Economics, University of Zurich	08/2018 - present
Expected Completion Date: 04/2024	
M.Sc. Econometrics and Mathematical Economics, Tilburg University	2016 - 2017
B.Sc. Economics, Mathematics, Statistics, Christ University	2013 - 2016

Research Visits

Visiting Student, Norwegian School of Economics	08/2022 - 01/2023
Visiting Student, University of California - Berkeley	08/2021 - 12/2021

Research and Teaching Fields

Primary fields: Behavioral Economics, Public economics
Secondary fields: Experimental Economics, Political Economy

Job Market Paper

“Who Should Get Money? Estimating Welfare Weights in the U.S.” (with Francesco Capozza)

Evaluating the desirability of a reform involves weighing the gains of the winners against the losses of the losers using welfare weights. Welfare weights measure the value society places on providing an additional dollar of consumption to individuals. Which welfare weights should be used to evaluate policies? We take a positive approach to answer this question by identifying the welfare weights assigned by the general population of the U.S. using a real-stakes experiment. These weights are general enough to capture various ideals, such as equality of opportunity or poverty alleviation, and can be directly used to evaluate Social Architects’ assessment of the desirability of reforms. We find that the average welfare weights of the general population are progressive, indicating a desire for additional redistribution beyond that achieved by the current tax and transfer system. The general population weights are more progressive than the weights implied by the tax and transfer policies in the U.S. but less progressive than the weights frequently used in the optimal policy literature.

Work in Progress

“Paternalism: Determinants of Demand and Supply” (with Björn Bartling)

“Who Deserves a Tax Break and Why? Evidence on Preferences for Taxing Personal Characteristics” (with Julien Senn)

“What Motivates Censorship?” (with Francesco Capozza)

Research Grants

UZH GRC Short Grant (with Julien Senn) - CHF 5000	2023
UZH URPP Equality of Opportunity Grant (with Francesco Capozza) - CHF 8680	2022
Russel Sage Foundation Small Grants (with Francesco Capozza) - \$7850	2018
UZH Director's Grant (with Francesco Capozza) - CHF 1500	2021

Scholarships:

UZH Doc.Mobility	2022
Departmental scholarship for Ph.D. students	2018 - 2024

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant at University of Zurich

Behavioral Public Economics (master's)	2022
Behavioral Economics (bachelor's)	2021
Introduction to Behavioral Economics (master's)	2020, 2021
The Economics of Paternalism (master's)	2020
Behavioral Theory (master's)	2019, 2020

Professional Activities

Refereeing: Journal of Public Economics

Presentations

EEA Conference, Annual Congress of the IIPF, Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences,	2023
Ludwig Erhard ifo Conference on Institutional Economics, Young Swiss Economist Meeting	
BREW-ESA, Spring School in Behavioral Economics (Poster), Fairness and the Moral Mind	2022
Workshop, In_equality Conference	

Summer Schools

briq Summer School in Behavioral Economics,	2023
Spring School in Behavioral Economics, HCEO-FAIR Summer School on Socioeconomic	2022
Inequality	

Personal Details

Date of birth	04 December 1994
Citizenship	Indian
Languages	English (Native)

References

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