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EMPLOYMENT

Postdoctoral Researcher, Yale University, 2019-
Economist, Chilean Antitrust Agency. Department of Mergers and Department of Collusion, 2011-2013
Economist, National Congress, Chile. Department of Advisors, Economics Division, 2010

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics, New York University, 2013-2019
M.Phil in Economics, New York University, 2013-2017
M.A. in Economics, University of Chile (Highest Honors), 2008-2010
B.A. in Economics, University of Chile (Highest Honors), 2004-2008

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Research Fields

Industrial Organization (theory and empirical), Competition Policy, Applied Microeconomics, Data Science and Machine Learning.

Diplomas and Certificates

Applied Data Science with Python, U. Michigan (*Topics*: Plotting, Machine Learning, Data Mining, Social Networks),

Data Science Pro Certificate, IBM (*Topics*: SQL and Python for Data Science, Data Analysis and Data Visualization, Machine Learning models)

Deep Learning Specialization, deeplearning.ai (*Topics*: Deep Learning, Convolutional Neural Networks, Artificial Neural Network, Tensorflow)
 Google Courses (*Topics*: Crash Course in ML, Problem Framing, Data Prep, Clustering, Recommendations, Testing and Debugging, GANs)

Teaching Experience (Lecturer)

Spring 2010 and 2011, Summer 2012	Industrial Organization (B.A. level), University of Chile
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Research Assistant Experience and Other Employment

Spring 2016-Present	R.A., Prof. Boyan Jovanovic, NYU
Summer 2018	R.A., Prof. Jess Benhabib, NYU
Fall 2009-Summer 2011	R.A., Prof. Aldo Gonzalez, University of Chile

Teaching Assistant Experience

NYU

Fall 2016, Fall 2017 and Fall 2018	Industrial Organization, GA (PhD. level)
Spring 2016 and Spring 2017	Advanced Micro Theory, GA (B.A. level)
Spring 2017	International Economics, Finance (B.A. level)

University of Chile

Fall 2009	Microeconomics II (M.A. and PhD. levels)
Spring 2009	Macroeconomics I (M.A. and PhD. levels)
Spring 2007 and Spring 2008	Operations Management (B.A. level)
Spring 2007	Econometrics I (B.A. level)
Spring 2006 and Fall 2008	Introduction to Macroeconomics (B.A. level)
Fall 2006	Statistics (B.A. level).

Honors, Scholarships and Fellowships

2013-2018	Henry McCracken Fellowship, Ph.D. studies, NYU
2009-2010	National Master's Scholarship. Advanced Human Capital Formation Program, Chilean National Commission of Research in Science and Technology (CONICYT), Government of Chile
2009-2010	Top Master Student, M.A. in Economics (Highest GPA), University of Chile
2006-2009	Top Undergraduate Student (Highest GPA), B.A. in Economics, University of Chile

Research Papers

The evolution of platform use and platform revenue: The case of Facebook (Submitted)

I investigate the effects of direct and indirect network effects on diffusion and the innovator's profits. The main result is the innovation diffuses faster, users pay lower prices and the platform earns higher profits when it faces a two-sided market. The platform wants to obtain a relevant number of adopters to earn profits from advertisers. Numerical solutions establish that the diffusion process is S-shaped when the utility of advertisers grows faster than the users'. Lastly, the model is tested fitting Facebook's historical

data. The model closely replicates the evolution of active users and the profits Facebook has earned due to advertising.

Pricing and Entry in an Environment with Network Effects and Switching Costs

Switching costs and network effects generate ambiguous effects when a dynamic environment is considered. Trade-offs between short and long term benefits and the interaction between both market frictions make the analysis complex. This paper develops a dynamic price competition model to assess how switching costs and network effects impact the sellers' prices and probability of entry. In the model, a continuum of buyers decide which firm will buy the product. Firms set prices taking into consideration that both market frictions affect the choices of their potential buyers. The model shows that switching costs and network effects reinforce each other. Omitting one of them in the analysis leads to an underestimation about the effects of the second. Results suggest that firms with higher market shares can set higher prices when market frictions are relevant. A large firm does not lose many customers setting higher prices since they are already locked-in. The model also confirms that market frictions make the entry and growth of small firms harder. Their future expected demand and value function are lower even when they set competitive prices. Lastly, numerical solutions conclude that the negative effects of market frictions on entry are stronger when the market is mature.

Loss Leading Strategy and Incentives to Collude (Submitted)

This article examines the incentives loss-leading strategy generates on retailers and manufacturers to collude using a hub-and-spoke scheme. In the model, loss-leading arises due to the existence of a positive complementarity between demands. To allow the possibility of a hub-and-spoke type of agreement, the model assumes that the upstream firm and retailers negotiate the wholesale price via a Nash Bargaining process. Results suggest the manufacturer and both retailers collude to impose a minimum resale price when the degree of complementarity between demands is high and when the degree of inter-brand competition in the core product belongs to an intermediate value.

Research in Progress

Competition Degree, Occupational Choice and Inequality

MNF, Competition and Search Platforms Market Power

Safe Seats and Pragmatic Policies

Democracy, Parties Strength and Economic Welfare

Others

IT's skills: Python, Matlab, Gauss, Stata, SQL, E-views, Office, Latex and Scientific Workplace

Languages: Spanish (Native), English (Fluent)