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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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### London School of Economics and Political Science

*2018*

M.Sc. in Economics and Philosophy

### Heidelberg University

*2017*

B.Sc. in Mathematics

## Fields

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PRIMARY      Microeconomic Theory

SECONDARY      Behavioral Economics, Political Economy

## Job Market Paper

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*“Rational Voter Learning, Issue Alignment, and Polarization”, 2024*

*We model electoral competition between two parties when voters can learn about their ideal points before voting through flexibly acquiring costly information. In equilibrium, learning creates aligned and polarized political preferences even when the true distribution of ideal points is independent across policy issues and unimodal. When party platforms are strategically chosen, voter and platform polarization are mutually reinforcing, and both increase as information becomes less costly.*

## Working Papers

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1. “[Attention and Regret](#)”, 2023, Revise and Resubmit at *Journal of Political Economy*.
2. “[Imprecision Attenuates Updating](#)”, 2024

## Work in Progress

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1. “Designing Image Incentives”, 2024
2. “Self-Control through Emotions: Guilt and Pride”, 2024

## Teaching

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*Princeton University*    ECO 500: Mathematics for Economists (TA, 2024)  
ECO 100: Introduction to Microeconomics (TA, 2022, 2023, 2024)  
*Heidelberg University*    Linear Algebra (TA, 2016)

## Professional Activities

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### External Presentations

2024    35th Stony Brook International Conference on Game Theory  
2023    European Winter Meeting of the Econometric Society, Bonn Microeconomic Theory Seminar  
2022    Calgary/SFU/UBC Theory Workshop

### Refereeing

*American Economic Review, Journal of Mathematical Economics*

## Fellowships, Awards, and Grants

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Stephen Goldfeld Summer Fellowship	2024
William S. Dietrich II Economic Theory Center Summer Grants	2021-2024
Global Priorities Fellowship, Forethought Foundation	2020
Hayek prize for best performance in the MSc Economics and Philosophy at LSE	2018
Scholarship by the German Academic Scholarship Foundation	2014-2018
Scholarship to study in China by the German Academic Exchange Service	2014-2015
Deutschlandstipendium scholarship	2013-2014

## Languages

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FLUENT    German (native), English  
BASIC    French, Spanish, Chinese

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