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Graduate Studies

Princeton University

2019-present

PhD Candidate in Economics

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REFERENCES

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Prior Education

London School of Economics and Political Science

2018

M.Sc. in Economics and Philosophy

Heidelberg University

2017

B.Sc. in Mathematics

Fields

PRIMARY Microeconomic Theory

SECONDARY Behavioral Economics, Political Economy

Job Market Paper

“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

1. “**Attention and Regret**”, 2023, Revise and Resubmit at *Journal of Political Economy*.

Work in Progress

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

Teaching

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

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

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

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

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