

Orestis Vravosinos

CONTACT INFORMATION Passeig de Pujades, 33 (+30) 697-2580-952
Barcelona, Spain 08018 orestis.vravosinos@barcelonagse.eu

EDUCATION **Barcelona Graduate School of Economics** (UPF) Sep. 2017 – June 2018
Master in Economics; Advanced-PhD Track
GPA: 8.15/10, among top students offered a place to continue to the **MRes Program** (GPEFM) at UPF
Editor in **Barcelona GSE Voice** online platform

University of Macedonia, Thessaloniki, Greece Sep. 2013 – July 2017
BSc in Finance
GPA: 9.65/10, 1st in class: top 0.69%

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE **IESE Business School** Mar. 2018 – present
Research Assistant for Professor **Xavier Vives**
Reviewing theoretical papers and mathematical proofs; running model simulations

Researcher (independently) Sep. 2016 – present
Working as a co-author with Professors **Theodore Panagiotidis** (University of Macedonia) and **Thanasis Stengos** (University of Guelph) in applied econometrics research

SCHOLARSHIPS, DISTINCTIONS & AWARDS

- Tuition waiver for Economics of Education course, taught by Professor **Derek Neal** at the 2018 Barcelona GSE Summer School
- Postgraduate scholarship (first among selected scholars), **George & Victoria Karelia Foundation**, 2017
- Postgraduate scholarship, **John S. Latsis Public Benefit Foundation**, 2017 (declined)
- 2nd prize in the 22nd **Economia** Student Research Competition (9.500€ scholarship)
- Honors from the rector of the University of Macedonia Prof. Achilleas Zapranis for performance in the 2016 CFA Institute Research Challenge
- Winner in the 2016 CFA Institute Research Challenge Greek National Final with the team representing the University of Macedonia; represented Greece in Chicago, Illinois, USA in April 2016
- Finalist in the 2014 Business Talents (national) competition in Greece
- Entered the BSc in Finance at the University of Macedonia with 4th highest grade in Panhellenic exams among 150 students enrolled (the program had the highest required grade for acceptance among all economics and business programs at Greek universities for that year)
- Distinctions in Mathematics and Physics competitions, Hellenic Mathematical and Physical Societies, 2009-2010

PUBLICATIONS *Co-authorship with professors:*

- **On the determinants of bitcoin returns: A LASSO approach**
In Press in Finance Research Letters. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.frl.2018.03.016>
Previously as Working Paper series 18-14, Rimini Centre for Economic Analysis. (with Theodore Panagiotidis and Thanasis Stengos)
- **The effects of markets, uncertainty and search intensity on bitcoin returns**
Under Review (with Theodore Panagiotidis and Thanasis Stengos)

Independent research endeavors as an undergraduate:

- **Asymmetric social distance effects in the ultimatum game**
Revise & Resubmit at Review of Behavioral Economics. Earlier versions presented at the 2nd Student Conference organized by the Department of Applied Informatics of the University of Macedonia and at the 1st International Conference of Young Economists organized by the Association of Economists of Thessaloniki, 2015. (with Kyriakos Konstantinou)
- **Financial literacy and the rationality of inflation expectations**
Work in progress
- **On the life and death of distance**
Theoretical and Applied Economics, 24(1): 207-214, 2017.
- **Financial literacy as a shield against contagion: Evidence from the global financial crisis**
3rd AMEF conference, University of Macedonia, 2017.
- **Venture capital and innovation: experience from Greece**
Empirical Economics Letters, 15(11): 1073-1083, 2016. (with Kyriakos Konstantinou)
- **Greece's greased squeaky wheel: public sector promoting entrepreneurship**
Paper awarded at the 22nd Economica Competition, June 2016.

PERSONAL SKILLS	<p><i>Language skills:</i> Greek (native), English (IELTS Academic Band 8, Michigan ECPE), German (B1 level)</p> <p><i>Software:</i> R, Stata, Eviews, Matlab, L^AT_EX</p>	
ACTIVITIES & INTERESTS	<p>Universitat Pompeu Fabra Choir September 2017 – present</p> <p><i>Bass</i></p> <p>Thessaloniki Centre of Music and Dance September 2004 – June 2017</p> <p><i>Diploma in Piano Performance</i></p> <p>Grade: 9.5/10, "Excellent"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual tuition scholarships after auditions for every year since 2013 • Concerts in Greece and Cyprus; masterclasses with Vassilis Varvaresos, Michael Davidov, Stephanos Thomopoulos, Dimitri Toufexi • 2004-2010: violin studies; 2009-2017: switched to piano <p>HANTH of Thessaloniki September 2007 – December 2013</p> <p><i>Tennis training</i></p>	
VOLUNTEERING EXPERIENCE	<p>Positive Voice and Checkpoint, Greece August 2015 – August 2017</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disseminated condoms and information material about safe sex, HIV and STDs • Raised awareness to fight HIV-related stigma • Member of the specialized Streetwork team disseminating condoms to and supporting socially vulnerable groups (e.g. street sexworkers and people with substance use disorder) • Volunteer of the month in Greece (countrywide), May 2017 	