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Education

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Cambridge, Massachusetts - USA

PH.D. ECONOMICS

June 2011

- Dissertation: "Investors' Horizon and Stock Prices in Financial Markets"
- Advisors: Victor Chernozhukov, George Marios Angeletos, Leonid Kogan, Guido Lorenzoni

Université Libre de Bruxelles

Brussels, Belgium

B.A. ECONOMICS

June 2004

Professional Experience

09/01/2020 - Present	Clinical Assistant Professor , New York University, Dept of Economics
09/01/2019 - 09/01/2020	Visiting Clinical Assistant Professor , New York University, Dept of Economics
09/01/2012 - 09/01/2019	Assistant Professor of Economics , Tufts University, Dept of Economics
Fall 2018- Spring 2019	Visiting Scholar, New York University Economics , New York University, Dept of Economics
Spring 2017- Spring 2018	Visiting Scholar , New York University, Stern School of Business
Spring 2016	Visiting Scholar , New York University, Wagner School of Public Policy
09/01/2014 - 09/01/2015	Visiting Scholar , New York University, Political Science Dept
08/01/2011 - 07/31/2012	Visiting Professor , Universidad de Los Andes, Dept of Economics

Publications

- Coming Out in America: Thirty Years of Cultural Change. The Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization, 00, 1–65. With Raquel Fernández and Martina Viarengo. April 2024. Media coverage: Vox.
- Gay Politics Goes Mainstream: Democrats, Republicans, and Same-Sex Relationships. Economica. 89, S86–109. With Raquel Fernández. June 2022.
- Political dynasties, term limits and female political representation: Evidence from the Philippines. Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, 182, 212–228. With Labonne, Julien, and Querubin, Pablo. February 2021. Media coverage: Research Brief in Economic Policy No. 2014, May 13, 2020, Cato Institute
- Information aggregation in a financial market with general signal structure. Journal of Economic Theory, 183, 594–624. With Lou, Youcheng, Ray, Debraj, Li, Duan, and Wang, Shouyang. September 2019.
- Redistributive choices and increasing income inequality: experimental evidence for income as a signal of deservingness. Experimental Economics, 20(4), 894–923. With Gee, Laura K., and Migueis, Marco. February 2017.

Working Papers/In Review

- Immigration, Science, and Invention: Evidence from the Quota Acts. Revision requested at Econometrica. With Petra Moser and Shmuel San. New Version 2024. Media coverage: New York Times, Washington Post, WSJ, Behavioral Scientist, and Marginal Revolution.
- Cultural Change through Writing Style: Gendered Pronoun Use in the Economics Profession. With Camilo García-Jimeno. 2024.
- Mentorship and the Gender Gap in Academia. With Anders Kjelsrud. 2024.
- The Persistence of Female Political Power in Africa. With Siwan Anderson, Sophia du Plessis and James Robinson. 2024.

Work In Progress

The Reducators: Political Persecution in Academia. With Petra Moser

On the East Asian Growth Miracle, With Melissa Dell.

Other Working Papers

It Takes Two To Misprice: Investor Horizons and Earnings Announcements.

Short-Term Traders, Learning and Informational Externalities.

Widows, Representation, and the (Ms.)appropriation of a Name. With Danielle Lupton and Steven Schuster.

From Winning an Election to Political Engagement.

Awards, Fellowships, & Grants

2018 - 2021	National Science Foundation , With Melissa Dell	\$336,360
2015 - 2017	IDRC grant: Female Political Institutions in Sub-Saharan Africa , With Siwan Anderson, Sophia du Plessis, and James Robinson	\$ 330,000
2016	Tufts University Award: “Yard-Sale” Inequality: The Ethics and Economics of a New Mathematical Model of Wealth Distribution , With Bruce Boghosian and Erin Kelly	\$ 50,000
	Tufts Faculty Research Awards Committee (FRAC) Research In Aid Award , With Laura Gee and Marco Migueis	\$ 1,480
	Tufts Faculty Research Awards Committee (FRAC) Research In Aid Award ,	\$ 1500
	Tufts Faculty Research Awards Committee (FRAC) Research In Aid Award ,	\$ 5000
2014	IGC grant: Gerontocracy and Attitudes Towards the Elder , With Pablo Querubin and James Robinson	\$ 30.000
2013	IGC grant: The Economic Implications of Hierarchy in Rural Sierra Leone’s Lineages , With Pablo Querubin and James Robinson (Cancelled due to Ebola Outbreak)	GBP 96.133
2005 - 2007	Presidential Fellowship , MIT	
2005 - 2006	Fellowship , BAEF	

Teaching Experience

New York University	Introduction to Econometrics , Undegraduate Students	Spring 2020-24; Fall 2020-24
	Microeconomics , Master Students	Spring 2020-24; Fall 2019-20
	Advanced Mathematics , Master Students	Fall 2019-24
Tufts University	Introduction to Econometrics , Undegraduate Students	2016 - 2018
	Introduction to Finance , Undegraduate Students	Spring 2015-17
	Introduction to Corporate Finance , Undegraduate Students	Fall 2012-13
	Empirical Macroeconomics and Finance , Undegraduate Students and Master Students	Fall 2012-13
Los Andes University, Bogota	Corporate Finance Corporate Finance , in Spanish Undegraduate Students	Fall 2011

Outreach & Professional Development ---

CONFERENCES

Conferences and seminars: Warwick University, Exeter, Baruch College, Hunter College, NEUDC, Queens College, Tufts University, MIT, HEC Lausanne, HEC Genève, McGill University, Science Po, Federal Reserve Board (DC), Galatina (Italy), NYU Stern, NYU, Graduate Institute Geneva, Oslo Workshop – Institutions, Policies, and Development. Southern Economic Association. Quarterly Journal of Economics. Annual Christmas Meeting of Belgian Economists. Exeter Economics. Ecole Normale Saclay (ENS).

Invited Lectures: Warwick Cage Summer School 2023 [Natural Language Processing: Core Ideas and Two Applications]; Ecole Normale Saclay (ENS) Winter School 2025 DEI in Academia [Gender and Representation in Academia].

REFEREES

AEJ Applied, American Economic Review, American Journal of Health Economics, American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, Eastern Economic Journal, Economica, Economics & Politics, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Economic History, Journal of Economics, Journal of Economics and Statistics, Journal of European Economic Association, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Political Economy: Microeconomics, Journal of Public Economics, Latin American Economic Review, World Development.

Skills ---

Languages: French (native), English (fluent), Spanish (fluent), Farsi (native, spoken)

Computer: Stata, Python and R