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Employment

Postdoctoral Researcher, Univ. Tübingen AI Center & Max Planck Institute for Biological Cybernetics, 2021-
Advisor: Peter Dayan

Education

PhD in Economics, New York University, 2015-2021

Thesis Title: *Information Constraints in Decision-Making*

Committee: Andrew Caplin, Paul Glimcher, Adam Brandenburger, Michael Woodford,
Andrew Schotter, Eero Simoncelli

MPhil in Economics, New York University, 2019 (en route)

MSc in Economics, London School of Economics and Political Science, 2015

MSc in Computational Science and Engineering, ETH Zürich (Dept. of Mathematics), 2013

Semester at Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (Blue Brain Project)

BSc in Computational Science and Engineering, ETH Zürich (Dept. of Mathematics), 2013

Semester at Ecole Normale Supérieure Paris (Dept. of Cognitive Science)

Invited Talks and Conference Presentations

*poster **presented by co-author

2023: U Chicago Becker Friedman Institute (Conference on Rational Inattention), AMA Summer Academic Conference*, Triennial Invitational Choice Symposium, Marketplace Innovation Workshop

2022: ASSA Meeting, Society for Neuroeconomics*

2021: NYU SoM Neuroscience Institute, Virtual Behavioral Economics Seminar**, Cosyne*, Society for Neuroeconomics*, Society for Neuroscience*, Swiss Economists Abroad

2020: Society for Neuroeconomics, NYU Economics Micro Theory Seminar, International Conference on Mathematical Neuroscience*

2019: Workshop on the Cognitive Foundations of Economic Behavior, NYU Shanghai Neuroeconomics Summer School, Society for Neuroeconomics*, Society for Neuroscience*

2018: Columbia Student Workshop in Experimental Economics Techniques, Society for Neuroeconomics*, Society for Neuroscience*, Swiss Economists Abroad

Other Professional Activities

Tübingen AI Center Council (elected representative), 2023

Reinforcement Learning Algorithms Club (founder & organizer), 2023

NYU GSAS Committee on Graduate Curriculum and Financial Aid (member), 2020

Workshop on PhD applications for students from low- and middle-income countries, 2022 & 2023

Refereeing: Nature Human Behavior

Awards, Fellowships, and Grants

2020-2021 NSF Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (\$40k)

2020-2021 NYU GSAS Dean's Dissertation Fellowship

2015-2020 NYU GSAS Henry M. MacCracken Fellowship

2015-2016 Fulbright Scholarship

2013 Ecole Normale Supérieure Sélection Internationale, ranked 7th (of 98)

2009-2019 Swiss Study Foundation

Publications

Bucher & Brandenburger (2022): “Divisive normalization is an efficient code for multivariate Pareto-distributed environments,” *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 119(40):e2120581119.

Working Papers

Inattention and Inequity in School Matching
with Andrew Caplin, NBER Working Paper 29586

Dynamics of base-rate neglect: Disregarding prior probabilities while accumulating evidence
with Paul Glimcher, SSRN

Teaching Experience

Spring 2021	Firms & Markets (Microeconomics), NYU Stern EMBA, TA for Simon Bowmaker
Summer 2020	NYU Shanghai Neuroeconomics Summer School (PhD), TA
Spring 2019	Applied Statistics & Econometrics II, NYU Master’s, TA for Banani Nandi
Fall 2018	Applied Statistics & Econometrics I, NYU Master’s, TA for George Lentzas
Spring 2017	Macroeconomic Analysis, NYU Undergraduate, TA for Giorgio Topa

Research Experience and Other Employment

2014	Swiss National Bank, Money Market and Foreign Exchange Unit
2013-2014	ETH Zurich Center for Law & Economics, RA to Prof. Daniel Chen (assisted in the development of the oTree.org platform for behavioral experiments)

References (in alphabetical order)

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