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Major Fields of Interest

Macroeconomics, Public Finance, Financial Markets, Contract Theory, Dynamic Games

Employment History

July 2016 - Present: Assistant Professor of Economics, Tepper School of Business, Carnegie Mellon University

July 2011 - June 2016: Assistant Professor of Finance, Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania

September 2011 - June 2012: Visiting Assistant Professor, New York University, Department of Economics

Other Employment

Summer 2014 - 2016: Visitor, Einaudi Institute for Economics and Finance, Rome, Italy

March 2012 - June 2016: Visiting Scholar, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia

September 2011 - May 2012: Visiting Faculty, Cowles Foundation for Research in Economics, Yale University

Education

PhD in Economics: University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 2012

Advisors: V. V. Chari, Larry E. Jones

MA in Economics: University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada, 2005

BS in Mechanical Engineering: Sharif University of Technology, Tehran, Iran, 2004

Research**Publications**

1. 'Optimal Contracting and Dynamic Altruism: Consumption and Family Size', with Roozbeh Hosseini and Larry Jones, September 2013, *Journal of Economic Theory*
2. 'Optimal Pension Systems with Simple Instruments', with Mikhail Golosov, Aleh Tsyvinski and Maxim Troshkin, May 2013, *American Economic Review: Papers and Proceedings*, 3, 502–507
3. 'Reputation and Persistence of Adverse Selection in Secondary Loan Markets', with V. V. Chari and Ariel Zetlin-Jones, December 2014, *American Economic Review*

Working Papers

1. 'Optimal Taxation of Wealthy Individuals'

2. 'Financial Frictions and the Reallocation of Capital over the Business Cycle: Measurement and Theory', with Ariel Zetlin-Jones
3. 'Providing Efficient Incentives to Work: Retirement Ages and the Pension System', with Maxim Troshkin
4. 'Political Economy of Sovereign Debt: Cycles of Debt Crisis and Inequality Overhang', with Alessandro Dovis and Mikhail Golosov
5. 'Screening and Adverse Selection in Frictional Markets', with Ben Lester, Venky Venkatweswaran, and Ariel Zetlin-Jones, *Revise and Resubmit at the Journal of Political Economy*
6. 'Retirement Financing: An Optimal Reform Approach', with Roozbeh Hosseini

Work in Progress

1. 'Taxation, Sorting and Redistribution: Theory and Evidence', with Mikhail Golosov, and Arash Nekoei
2. 'Efficiency and Adverse Selection: On the Role of Mutual Contracts', with V. V. Chari and Ariel Zetlin-Jones

Presentations

- 2016:** Toulouse School of Economics, University of Georgia, CMU, University of Rochester, Stern, Workshop on Adverse Selection and Aging, SED, EIEF, Barcelona GSE
- 2015:** Carnegie Mellon University, EIEF, SED, Political Economy Workshop - Stony Brook, Minnesota Macro Workshop, Summer Workshop on Money, Banking, Payments and Finance, Econometric Society World Congress, Ohio State University, Tepper-LAEF, National Tax Association Conference, EUI, Chicago Booth
- 2014:** ASU, EIEF, SED, Econometric Society North American Summer Meeting, Social Choice and Welfare Conference, Indiana University
- 2013:** ASSA Meeting, MIT, Rome Junior Conference on Macroeconomics, SED meeting, Bank of Canada Conference on Real-Financial Linkages, LAEF Conference on Dynamic Policy Design with Human Capital,
- 2012:** ASSA Meeting, Penn State, NYU, Stanford(2×), EF&G Research Meeting, St Louis Fed, Yale, New York Fed
- 2011:** Carnegie Mellon University, Yale, Northwestern, Wharton Finance, Princeton, Chicago Economics, Chicago Booth, Columbia GSB, UCLA, Annual Cowles GE Conference, NBER Summer Institute
- 2010:** ASU, Midwest Macro, Cowles Summer Conference, Iowa, Minneapolis Fed
- 2009:** SED, Minnesota Macro, Wisconsin Conference on Money and Banking

Honors and Awards

- Excellence in Refereeing Award, *American Economic Review*, 2012
- Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, University of Minnesota, 2010
- Gold Medal in International Mathematics Competition for University Students, Romania, 2003
- Silver Medals in International Mathematical Olympiad, 1999, 2000

Professional Activity

- Referee for *American Economic Review*, *Econometrica*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *Journal of Political Economy*, *Review of Economic Studies*, *Review of Economic Dynamics*, *Journal of Public*

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Economics, Journal of European Economic Association, Review of Economics and Statistics, International Economic Review, Quantitative Economics, European Economic Review, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Monetary Economics, Journal of Economic Theory, AEJ: Macroeconomics, AEJ: Microeconomics, Economic Journal

Discussions

- 'Equilibrium Bank Runs Revisited' by Ed Nosal, Wisconsin Conference on Money, Banking and Asset Markets, November 2011
- 'Why do we Redistribute so Much but Tax so Little? The principle of equal sacrifice and optimal taxation' by Matthew C. Weinzierl, NBER Summer Institute, July 2012
- 'Optimal Estate Taxation with Heterogeneous Altruism' by Emmanuel Farhi and Ivan Werning, ASSA meeting, January 2013
- 'Credit Crunches and Credit Allocation in a Model of Entrepreneurship' by Marco Bassetto, Marco Cagetti, and Cristina De Nardi, Conference on Money, Credit, and Financial Frictions at Federal Reserve Bank of St Louis, December 2013
- 'A Learning Model of Search and Matching' by Sebastian Di Tella and Pablo Kurlat, Search and Matching Conference at the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, September 2014
- 'Fertility, Social Mobility, and Long Run Inequality' by Juan Carlos Cordoba, Xiying Liu, and Marla Ripoll, Carnegie-Rochester-NYU Conference on Public Policy, April 2015
- 'Firm Leverage and Unemployment during the Great Recession?' by Xavier Giroud and Holger Mueller, July 2015
- 'Benchmarks in Search Markets' by Darrell Duffie, Piotr Dworczak, and Haoxiang Zhu, September 2015
- 'Social Insurance, Information Revelation, and Lack of Commitment' by Mikhail Golosov and Luigi Iovino, December 2015
- 'Debt Constraints and the Labor Wedge' by Patrick Kehoe, Virgiliu Midrigan and Elena Pastorino, January 2016
- 'The Growth of Emerging Economies and Global Macroeconomic Stability' by Vincenzo Quadrini, February 2016