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ACADEMIC POSITIONS:      Associate Professor (tenured), Dept. of Economics, UT Austin, 2019-  
Assistant Professor, Dept. of Economics, UT Austin, 2011-2019  
Visiting Faculty, Toulouse School of Economics, May-July 2024  
Visiting Faculty, HEC Paris, May-July 2023  
Visiting Faculty, Cowles Foundation, Yale, Sep-Dec 2016  
Visiting Faculty, London School of Economics, Aug-Dec 2013  
Deutsche Bank Member, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, 2012-2013

EDITORIAL POSITIONS:      Associate Editor for the Journal of Mathematical Economics, January 2020-

AFFILIATIONS:      Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR), Research Fellow, 2020-

EDUCATION      Ph.D., Economics, University College London, 2011  
M.Sc., Economics, University College London, 2004  
B.A., Philosophy and Economics, University College London, 2003

RESEARCH INTERESTS      Microeconomic Theory, Game Theory, Information Economics, Political Economy

PUBLICATIONS      - Strategic Experimentation with Congestion, (2021) **American Economic Journal: Microeconomics**, Volume 13, Pages 1-82  
- Stopping with Congestion and Private Payoffs, (2020) **Journal of Mathematical Economics**, Volume 91, Pages 18-42  
- Rational Quagmires: Attrition, Learning, and War (with Colin Krainin and Thomas Wiseman), (2020) **Quarterly Journal of Political Science**, Volume 15, Issue 3, Pages 369-400  
- Experimentation with Reputation Concerns - Dynamic Signalling with Changing Types (2019), **Journal of Economic Theory**, Volume 179 (January 2019), Pages 366-415  
- Community Enforcement of Trust with Bounded Memory (with V. Bhaskar) (2019), **Review of Economic Studies**, Volume 86, Issue 3, May 2019, Pages 1010-1032  
- The Culture of Overconfidence (with V. Bhaskar) (2019), **American Economic Review: Insights**, Volume 1, Issue 1, June 2019, Pages 95-110  
- Strategic Experimentation in Queues (with Martin Cripps) (2019), **Theoretical Economics** Volume 14, Issue 2, May 2019, Pages 647-708

- *N*-dimensional Colonel Blotto Game with Asymmetric Battlefield Values (2017), **Economic Theory**, Volume 65, Issue 3, 509-544
- An Evolutionary Theory of Suicide (2013), with Balázs Szentes, Special Issue “*Advances in Evolutionary Game Theory and Applications*”, Editor: Theodore C. Bergstrom, **Games, MDPI, Open Access Journal**, vol. 4(3), pages 426-436.
- On the Folk Theorem with One-Dimensional Payoffs and Different Discount Factors (2011), with Yves Guéron and Thibaut Lamadon, **Games and Economic Behavior**, 73, 287-295

WORKING  
PAPERS

- Social Choice under Gradual Learning (with Yiman Sun and Takuro Yamashita)
- Vaccine Hesitancy (with Shaofei Jiang)
- Phishing v. Fishing (with Faheem Gilani)

INVITED  
PRESENTATIONS

**2024 (including scheduled):** Toulouse, U Arizona, CMU/Pittsburgh;  
**2023:** HEC Paris, Princeton;  
**2022:** Northwestern, University of Pennsylvania, Seminar in Economic Theory (online), NYUAD;  
**2021:** Notre Dame, Indiana University, VSET (online), Pennsylvania State University;  
**2020:** Baylor;  
**2019:** Michigan State, Michigan;  
**2018:** Harvard-MIT, U Illinois, Rice, Rochester;  
**2017:** Toronto, Western Ontario, Toulouse;  
**2016:** Seoul National University; Stanford; Yale;  
**2015:** National University of Singapore; Stochastic Methods in Game Theory, Workshop on Congestion Games, Institute for Mathematical Sciences, Singapore;  
**2014:** Texas A&M, Université de Montréal, Southern Methodist; Topics in Contracting Theory Conference, Arizona State University;  
**2013:** Michigan; Chapman; IAS Princeton; Pittsburgh; Cornell; Oxford (Nuffield College); London School of Economics; Kansas Workshop on Economic Theory; CIREQ Economic Theory Conference: Economics of Persuasion and Communication with Applications to Political Economics, Montréal; Workshop on Advances in Experimentation, Université Paris II, LEMMA;  
**2012:** Rice; Carlos III, Madrid; Duke/UNC; U Illinois; Fuqua;  
**2011:** Colorado at Boulder; Carlos III, Madrid; Bristol; UT Austin; Stanford GSB; Temple; Bocconi, Milan; Oxford; HECER, Helsinki; Pennsylvania State.

CONFERENCES

**2024** Women in Economic Theory Conference (discussant), NYC; UCL Alumni conference, London, UK;  
**2023** Society for the Advancement of Economic Theory (SAET) Conference, Paris, France;  
**2019** Society for the Advancement of Economic Theory (SAET) Conference, Ischia, Italy;  
**2018** Canadian Economic Theory Conference;  
**2017** North American Summer Meeting of the Econometric Society, St Louis; Society for the Advancement of Economic Theory (SAET) Conference, Faro, Portugal; Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics (SITE) Summer Workshop;  
**2016** Theoretical Research in Development Economics (ThReD) Conference, Duke; ESSET 2016, Gerzensee; Games 2016, Maastricht;

**2015** Society for the Advancement of Economic Theory (SAET) Conference, Cambridge, UK; Econometric Society World Congress, Montréal, Canada;  
**2013** North American Summer Meeting of the Econometric Society, Los Angeles; Society for the Advancement of Economic Theory (SAET) Conference, Paris, France; European Meeting of the Econometric Society, Gothenburg, Sweden;  
**2012** ESSET 2012, Gerzensee; Games 2012, Istanbul;  
**2011** The 22nd Stony Brook Game Theory Festival.

REFEREEING American Economic Review, American Economic Review: Insights, American Economic Journal: Microeconomics, American Political Science Review, Econometrica, Economic Inquiry, Economic Theory, European Economic Review, Games and Economic Behavior, International Journal of Game Theory, Journal of Economic Theory; Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization; Journal of Mathematical Economics, Journal of Public Economic Theory, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of the European Economic Association, Mathematics of Operations Research, Operations Research, RAND Journal of Economics, Review of Economic Studies, Social Choice and Welfare, Theoretical Economics.

PHD DISSERTATION COMMITTEE Yihang Zhou (2024, UT Economics), Assistant Professor of economics, Nankai University.  
 Shaofei Jiang (co-chair, 2022, UT Economics), Post-doc at Hausdorff Center for Mathematics and the Institute for Microeconomics at the University of Bonn.  
 Sangwoon Choi (2021, UT Economics), Senior Researcher at Luohan Academy, Alibaba Group.  
 Xue Li (co-chair, 2020, UT Economics), Applied Scientist at Uber.  
 Yiman Sun (co-chair, 2019, UT Economics), Assistant Professor of Economics at CERGE-EI, Prague. First placement: Post-doc at Toulouse School of Economics.  
 Adam Winegar (2017, McCombs Finance), Assistant Professor of Finance at BI Norwegian Business School.  
 Swagata Bhattacharjee (2016, UT Economics), Assistant Professor of Economics at Ashoka University.  
 Sunjoo Hwang (2015, UT Economics), Fellow at Korea Development Institute.  
 Benjamin Sperisen (2015, UT Economics), Senior Economist at RAND Corporation. First placement: Assistant Professor of Economics at Tulane University.

TEACHING 2023-present Applications of Game Theory II (PhD)  
 2020-present Game Theory (Undergraduate)  
 2020-2022 Micro Theory PhD Writing Workshop (PhD)  
 2013-2022 Microeconomics II (PhD)  
 2011-2018 Intermediate Microeconomic Theory (Undergraduate)  
 2007-2011 Microeconomic Theory (MPhil/PhD) (UCL)  
 2006-2008 Microeconomics (MSc) (UCL)

AWARDS 2018-2019 Student Council Endowed Teaching Award

ACTIVITIES Organizing Committee, Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics (SITE) – Dynamic Games Session (2020)

Organizing Committee, NSF/NBER/CEME Mathematical Economics Conference (3-5  
Nov 2017)  
Co-organiser of UT Austin Theory Seminar (2011-2016)

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