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Education

Princeton University, Ph.D. in Economics (expected May 2010)
Princeton University, M.A. in Economics (May 2006)
Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM), M.A. in Economic Theory (June 2004)
University of Notre Dame, B.B.A. in Business Administration with Finance Concentration (May 2000)

General Examination

Political Economy and Microeconomic Theory (May 2006)

Research Interests

Political Economy, Formal Political Theory, Game Theory, Microeconomic Theory

Job Market Paper

Reputation and Accountability in Repeated Elections

Abstract: This paper studies a model of infinitely repeated elections in which voters attempt simultaneously to select competent politicians and to provide them with incentives to exert costly effort. Voters are unable to incentivize effort if they base their reelection decisions only on incumbent reputation. However, equilibria in which voters use reputation-dependent performance cutoffs (RDC) to make reelections decisions exist and support positive effort. In these equilibria, politicians' effort is decreasing in reputation, and expected performance is decreasing in tenure. Like the equilibria in Ferejohn 1986, RDC equilibria rely on voters being indifferent between reelecting incumbents and electing challengers. I show that this voter-indifference condition is closely related to weak renegotiation-proofness (Farrell and Maskin 1989).

Other Working Papers

"Super Tuesday: Campaign Finance and the Dynamics of Sequential Elections"

"Preference for Variety: A Representation Theorem and Implications for Industrial Organization" with Karen Kaiser

"Recruiting, Elections, and the Quality of Government"

Other Research Experience

Research Assistant for Prof. Roland Benabou, Princeton University (2007)
Research Assistant for Prof. Sangeeta Pratap, ITAM (2002-2004)

Teaching Experience

Undergraduate courses at Princeton University:

ECO 300 Microeconomic Theory, Teaching Assistant and Grader for Prof. Smita Brunnermeier (Fall 2009)

Junior Summer Institute, Woodrow Wilson School, Tutor and Grader for Statistics and Microeconomics (Summer 2009)

ECO 350 American Economic History, Teaching Assistant and Grader for Prof. Elizabeth Bogan (Spring 2007)

ECO 418 Strategy and Information, Teaching Assistant and Grader for Prof. Dilip Abreu (Spring 2007)

ECO 385 Ethics and Economics, Grader for Prof. Thomas Leonard (Fall 2006)

Other teaching experience:

Grader for MBA Microeconomics course, ITAM (2003)

English as a second language instructor, Polish University of Lithuania (Summer 1997)

Professional Experience

Equity Research Analyst, EFG Hermes (2001-2002)

Financial Advisor, Prudential Apolo (2000-2001)

Cairo, Egypt
Aguascalientes, Mexico

Honors and Awards

Fellowship of Woodrow Wilson Scholars (2007-2009)

Princeton University Graduate School Fellowship (2004-2007)

ITAM Merit Scholarship (2002-2004)

Magna Cum Laude, University of Notre Dame (2000)

Languages

Fluent English and Spanish

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