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Personal Details

Date of Birth November 15, 1982
Nationality Belgian
Languages French (native), English (fluent), Spanish and Dutch (beginner)

Academic Positions

2009-Present Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Boston University
Fall 2011 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Government, Harvard University

Education

2006-2009 PhD in Economics, ECARES, Université libre de Bruxelles
Spring 2008 Pre-Doctoral Fellow of the Program on Political Institutions, Harris School, University of Chicago
2004-2006 Master Degree in Economics, Université libre de Bruxelles
2000-2004 Licence Degree in Economics, Université libre de Bruxelles

Research Interests

Political Economy, Microeconomics, Public Economics

Refereed Journal Publications

One Person, Many Votes: Divided Majority and Information Aggregation (with Micael Castanheira), *Econometrica*, 80(1), 2012, pp. 43-87 (also see CEPR Discussion Paper 6695)
Redistributing Income under Fiscal Vertical Imbalance (with Marjorie Gassner and Vincenzo Verardi), *European Journal of Political Economy*, 24(2), 2008, pp. 317-328

Other Publications

La théorie économique du fédéralisme budgétaire (with Vincenzo Verardi), in Decoster, A. and Valenduc, C., Ed., *L'impôt et la politique fiscale en Belgique*, 2011, Collection Economie, Brussels : Editions de l'ULB

The Condorcet-Duverger Trade-Off: Swing Voters and Voting Equilibria (with Micael Castanheira), in Aragonés, E., Beviá, C., Llavador, H., Schofield, N., Eds., *The Political Economy of Democracy*, 2009, fundacion BBVA, Spain

Working Papers

A Theory of Strategic Voting in Runoff Elections, R&R *American Economic Review* (also see IED Discussion Paper 210, 2010)

Good Rankings are Bad – Why Reliable Rankings can Hurt Consumers (with Georg Kirchsteiger), IED Discussion Paper 222, 2011 (also see CEPR Discussion Paper 8702)

Research in Progress

Divided Majority and Information Aggregation: a Laboratory Experiment (with Micael Castanheira, Aniol Llorente-Saguer, and Jean-Benoit Pilet)

Runoff Elections: Sincere Voting, Push-Over and the Vote Against (with Gabriele Gratton)

Information Aggregation and Veto Power (with Frederic Malherbe)

Instant-Runoff with Strategic Voters (with Micael Castanheira)

Articles in the Press

Réduire les inégalités par les réformes institutionnelles, *L'Echo*, January 2009 (with Marjorie Gassner and Vincenzo Verardi)

Fédéralisme, vecteur de tensions, *La Libre Belgique*, March 2006 (with Denis Herbaux)

Teaching Experience

Fall 2011 Political Economy and Collective Choice (Graduate), Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Formal Political Theory (Graduate), Harvard University

2009-2011 Advanced Microeconomic Theory (Graduate), Boston University (co-taught with Bart Lipman)

Public Finance (Graduate), Boston University (co-taught with Christophe Chamley)

Government, Business and Labor (Undergraduate), Boston University

2007-2009 Advanced Microeconomics, Teaching Assistant to Prof. Mathias Dewatripont

2004-2008 Advanced Public Economics, Teaching Assistant to Prof. Françoise Thys-Clément

2003-2004 Introductory Economics, Teaching Assistant to Prof. Robert Plasman

Honors and Awards

Selected for the 2008 Econometric Society European Winter Meeting, Econometric Society

Mini-ARC doctoral grant (4 years), Université libre de Bruxelles

Nominated for the best thesis in economics award 2004, ASPEBr, Université libre de Bruxelles

Diploma of honour for excellent academic achievement, Université libre de Bruxelles

Seminars and Conferences

Invited Seminars (include scheduled)

2012 John Hopkins University (Carey), London Business School, London School of Economics, University of Pennsylvania, Warwick University

2011 Georgetown University, Harvard/MIT (Theory workshop), MIT (Theory lunch), New York University, University of British Columbia

2010 Brown University, Harvard/MIT (Political Economy), Princeton University, UC Berkeley, University of Connecticut

- 2009** Boston University, HEC Montreal, Northwestern University (MEDS), Universidad Autonoma de Barcelona (2x), Universidad Carlos III, University of Montreal, University of Toronto,
- 2008** Ecole Polytechnique, Universidad Carlos III, University of Chicago (Harris School)

Conferences (include scheduled)

- 2012** Rotterdam Workshop in Political Economy – Rotterdam, Netherlands (invitation)
- 2011** Econometric Society North American Winter Meeting – Denver, USA
- 2010** Midwest Economic Theory Meeting – University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA
- 2009** SED Conference on Economic Design – Maastricht University, Netherlands
 ECORE Summer School, Market Evolution and Public Decision – ECARES, Université libre de Bruxelles, Belgium
 Fourth PhD Presentation Meeting – University College London, UK
- 2008** XXXIII Simposio de Analisis Economico – Universidad de Zaragoza, Spain
 Econometric Society European Winter Meetings – Cambridge University, UK
 IAP Day, Economic Policy and Finance in the Global Economy: Equilibrium Analysis and Social Evaluation – ECARES, Université libre de Bruxelles, Belgium
 Arne Ryde Symposium, Mechanism Design: Properties of Allocation Mechanisms and Voting Rules – Lund University, Sweden
 ENTER Jamboree – Universidad Carlos III, Spain

Professional Activity

Referee for

American Economic Review, American Economic Journal: Microeconomics, Brussels Economic Review, European Economic Review, European Journal of Political Economy, Games and Economic Behavior, International Journal of Game Theory, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Economic Theory, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Industrial Economics, Journal of Public Economic Theory, Quarterly Journal of Political Science, Theoretical Economics, Social Choice and Welfare

Discussant

Political Institutions and Economic Policy, 2011: Ansolabehere, Meredith, and Snowberg (2011)
 Princeton Conference on Political Economy, 2011: Casella, Llorente-Saguer, and Palfrey (2010)

Department Service

- 2010-Present** Ph.D. Admissions and Financial Aid Committee
2009-Present Junior Recruitment Committee, Boston University
 Undergraduate Instruction Committee

Ph.D. Thesis Supervision

Main advisor

Gabriele Gratton, 2011 – University of New South Wales (Economics)

Committee member

Andrew Ellis, 2013 (expected)

Francisco Pino, 2012 (expected)
Guillem Riambau, 2012 (expected)
Chien-Yuan Sher, 2012 (expected)

References

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