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Employment:

Full professor. Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Department of Economics. 2025-present.
Associate (tenured) professor. Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Department of Economics. 2016-2025.
Affiliated professor. BSE. 2010-present.
Assistant professor. Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Department of Economics. 2010-2016 (tenure-track).

Undergraduate Studies:

BS in Physics and in Mathematics, Minor in Economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology. June 2001.

Masters Level Work:

Research Msc. in Economics, London School of Economics. June 2004.

Graduate Studies:

University of Pennsylvania, PhD. May 2010.

Teaching and Research Interests:

Primary fields: Microeconomic Theory, Decision Theory, Behavioral Economics, Game Theory, Experimental Economics.
Secondary fields: Applied Microeconomics, Political Economy.

Teaching Experience:

Universitat Pompeu Fabra and Barcelona School of Economics:

Fall 2017	Research Seminar short module (BSE MRes)
Fall 2015-present	Advanced Microeconomics I (BSE Masters, PhD track)
Fall 2011-present	Topics in Microeconomics (BSE MRes)
Spring 2011	Advanced Microeconomics II for MSc. In Economics
Fall 2010, Spring 2011-2015	Microeconomics II

University of Pennsylvania Economics Department:

Spring 2009	Main Instructor, Introduction to Microeconomics (LPS).
2005-2008	TA/recitation instructor, various courses.

Previous Employment:

2001 - 2003	Software Developer at Rocket Software.
1999 - 2001	Researcher at the MIT Center for Space Research.

Invited Seminars and Conference Presentations:

Seminars:

Princeton University, University of Pennsylvania (Duckworth lab), CREST-Ecole Polytechnique, Bocconi University, CERGE, EUI, Bonn University, University of Edinburgh, Dauphine University, Maastricht University, University of Mannheim, Paris School of Economics, Collegio Carlo Alberto, Boğaziçi University, Toulouse School of Economics, University of Barcelona, University of Ottawa, University of St Andrews, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Royal Holloway University of London, Bilkent University, University of Mainz, University of Pennsylvania, University of Melbourne, University of Technology Sydney, University of New South Wales, Sussex University, Erasmus University Rotterdam, University of Oxford, University of Alicante, UCL, Ghent University, University of Vienna, HKBU-NTU-Osaka-Kyoto-Sinica Seminar, Berlin Behavioral Economics seminar., Queen Mary University of London, HEC Lausanne, CREST, NYU Abu Dhabi, University of Glasgow, Durham University, University of Naples Federico II., University of Navarra.

Presentations:

University of Chicago (Conference on Assessing Skills Conference), University of Cologne and Konstanz, Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics, Socrates workshop, Annual Meeting of the Association of Southern European Economic Theorists, Economic Science Association World Meetings, Society for the Advancement of Economic Theory Conference (multiple), World Congress of the Game Theory Society, International Meeting on Experimental and Behavioral Economics, Southern Europe Experimentalists Meeting, Risk, Uncertainty and Decision, Econometric Society European Meeting North American Summer Meeting of the Econometric Society, IDGP workshop (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona), Barcelona JOCS, BSE Summer Forum, BSE Winter Workshop, Foundations of Risk and Uncertainty, Experimental Economics Workshop (Bogazici University), Royal Economic Society conference, UM6P workshop, Lisbon Game Theory Conference, RISlab workshop, Time, Uncertainty and Strategies (Paris) conference, Paris Bounded Rationality workshop.

Short Visits:

Northwestern Kellogg (MEDS), January to March 2014.
St Andrews, August 2013.

Refereeing Activity:

American Economic Review, Econometrica, Review of Economic Studies, Journal of Political Economy, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Journal of Economic Theory, Theoretical Economics, American Economic Journal: Microeconomics, Economic Journal, Management Science, International Economic Review, Games and Economic Behavior, Experimental Economics, International Journal of Game Theory, Review of Network Economics, European Economic Review, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Theory and Decision, Series, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Editorial Boards:

- 2022 to present: Associate Editor, Theory and Decision.
2026 to present: Associate Editor, SERIEs.

Honors, Scholarships, and Fellowships:

- 2018-2023 ARP at the Barcelona School of Economics
2017-2022 Ramon y Cajal scholarship.
2021-2022 Fundación BBVA Leonardo Grant
2019 Economic Journal referee prize
2015-2016 Formación posdoctoral (Juan de la Cierva).
2011-2012 Comença grant.
May 2008 Hiram C. Haney Fellowship Award in Economics for best third year research paper.
May 2007 Joel Popkin Graduate Student Teaching Prize in Economics.
May 2006 Rodin Scholarship.

Departmental Service and Thesis Committees:**Departmental committees:**

- 2025-present Recruiting Coordinator of the Microeconomics and Theory Group.
2020-2021 Chair of the Economics and Finance Recruiting Committee (junior candidates)
2021-present PhD Admissions committee
2018-present European Doctoral Programme student exchange coordinator
2018-present BSE research committee
2017-2018 Recruiting Coordinator of the Microeconomics and Theory Group.
2012-2013 Secretary of the Economics Recruiting Committee (department-wide).
2010-2011 Recruiting Coordinator of the Microeconomics and Theory Group.
2018 AEA meetings recruiting (Philadelphia), SAE meetings recruiting (Barcelona).
2014 AEA meetings recruiting (Philadelphia).
2013 AEA meetings recruiting (San Diego).
2013 SAE meetings recruiting (Santander).
2012 AEA meetings recruiting (Chicago).

Seminar Organization:

- 2022-2024 microeconomics seminar co-organizer.
2015-2017 Barcelona JOCS seminar co-organizer.
2015-2020 Internal Micro and Behavioral Economics seminar organizer.
2010-2015 Internal Micro and Behavioral Economics seminar co-organizer.

Thesis Committees:

- External PhD committees F. Cerigioni (UAB), P. Louis (UAB), J. Buckenmaier (Cologne).
Internal (BSE) PhD advising K. Janezic (co-advisor, placement: University of Oxford), D. Sanchez (co-advisor, placement: ESADE), D. Puig (co-advisor, placement: University of Navarra), Evangelia Spantidaki (advisor, placement: University of Vienna), Horia Guias (current advisor), Charlotte Hervy (current advisor).

BSE MRes Multiple.
BSE Masters Multiple.
UPF Undergraduate (IBE) thesis: Multiple.

Workshop Organization:

2018-present BSE Summer Forum: Preferences, Bounded Rationality, and Strategic Interactions workshop, co-organizer and committee member.

2026 Bounded Rationality in Choice workshop, co-organizer.

2024 BSE Summer Forum: Choices and Morality workshop, co-organizer and committee member.

2023 EEA-ESEM 2023 local committee

2019-2022 EEA meetings programme committee EEA-ESEM 2023 local committee

2019 African Econometric Society Conference program committee

2017 UPF Behavioral Sciences Workshop co-organizer and committee member. Barcelona GSE Summer Forum: Limited Reasoning, Cognition and Coordination Workshop, co-organizer and committee member.

2016 Barcelona GSE Summer Forum: Limited Reasoning, Cognition and Coordination Workshop, co-organizer and committee member.

2015 Barcelona GSE Summer Forum: Limited Reasoning and Coordination Workshop, co-organizer and committee member.

2014 Bounded Rationality in Choice workshop, co-organizer.

Languages:

Fluent in English and French (native),
Catalan accreditation, Advanced Spanish.
Conversational Arabic.

Research Papers:

Published and (conditionally) accepted papers:

“Endogenous Depth of Reasoning”, joint with Antonio Penta. (Review of Economic Studies, vol 83, issue 4 (2016): 1297-1333).

“Predestination and the Protestant Ethic”, joint with Alvaro Sandroni. (Journal of the European Economic Association, vol 16, issue 1 (2018): 45-76).

“Boundedly Rational Expected Utility Theory”, joint with Daniel Navarro-Martinez, Graham Loomes, Andrea Isoni and David Butler (Journal of Risk and Uncertainty, vol 57 (2018): 199-223).

“Time Scarcity and The Market for News”, joint with Fabrizio Germano (Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, vol. 174 (2020): 173-195)).

“Reasoning over Others’ Reasoning”, joint with Antonio Penta and Katharina Janezic (Journal of Economic Theory, vol 189, issue (2020)).

“Know When to Fold 'Em: The Grit Factor”, joint with Christian Fons-Rosen (European Economic Review, vol. 136 (2021)).

“Cost-Benefit Analysis in Reasoning”, joint with Antonio Penta (Journal of Political Economy , vol 130, num 4 (2022)).

“Attitudes towards Failures and Success”, joint with Antonio Penta (AEJ:micro, February 2026).

“Coordination and Sophistication”, joint with Katharina Janezic and Antonio Penta (Journal of the European Economic Association, 2026).

Working papers and work in progress:

“What’s in a u”, joint with Antonio Penta.

“Expected Utility with Reference Dependence: Individual-Level Experimental Analysis”, joint with Charlotte Hervy, Shachar Kariv and Antonio Penta.

“Lying and Information Avoidance”, joint with Katharina Janezic.

“The Game of Arguments”, joint with Alex Frug.

“Experiences in Time”, joint with Jose Apestequia and Alex Frug.

“Stability of Preferences, Noisy Decision-Making and Fasting”, joint with Yassine Kaouane and Ferdinand Viedier.

“Endogenous Depth of Reasoning and Response Time, with an application to the Attention-Allocation Task”, joint with Antonio Penta.

“The Value of Useless Information”.

“Ignorance and the Preservation of Self-Image”.

“Deliberating over Rationales”, joint with Antonio Penta.