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Personal Information:

Date of Birth: November 1986
 Place of Birth: Patras, Greece
 Citizenship: Greek

Academic Employment:

Assistant Professor, <i>Department of Economics, University of Cyprus</i>	2019 – pres.
Lecturer, <i>Department of Economics, University of Cyprus</i>	2015 – 2019
Postdoctoral Research Fellow, <i>SUTD-MIT IDC, Singapore University of Technology and Design</i>	2014 – 2015
Teaching Fellow, <i>Department of Economics, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid</i>	2009 – 2014

Education:

Ph.D. in Economics, <i>Universidad Carlos III de Madrid</i> (with Distinction) Thesis Title: “On the Role of Imitation in Social Networks” Dissertation Advisor: Antonio Cabrales Committee: Coralio Ballester, Syngjoo Choi, Ignacio Ortuño	2011 – 2014
Master in Economic Analysis, <i>Universidad Carlos III de Madrid</i>	2009 – 2011
Diploma in Civil Engineering (combined B.Eng and M.Eng.), <i>University of Patras</i>	2004 – 2009

Academic Visits:

Visiting Scholar, <i>University of Cambridge</i>	Summer 2014
Visiting PhD Student, <i>University College London</i>	Fall 2013
Exchange Student, <i>Technical University of Denmark (DTU)</i>	2008 – 2009

Research Interests:

Microeconomics, Experimental Economics, Game Theory, Social and Economic Networks, Industrial Organization

Publications:

- Coordination with preferences over the coalition size (with Philippos Louis, Orestis Troumpounis and Dimitrios Xeferis)
Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization (2022), 194, 105-123
- Noisy Persuasion (with Elias Tsakas)
Games and Economic Behavior (2021), 130, 44-61
- Stress-Testing the Runoff Rule in the Laboratory (with Dimitrios Xeferis)
Games and Economic Behavior (2021), 128, 18-38
- Resisting Persuasion (with Elias Tsakas and Dimitrios Xeferis)
Economic Theory (2021), 72, 723-742
- Information Aggregation with Runoff Voting (with Dimitrios Xeferis)
Journal of Economic Theory (2021), 191, 105130
- Social Capital, Communication Channels and Opinion Formation (with Christos Mavridis)
Social Choice and Welfare (2021), 56, 635-678
- Vote-trading in Power-sharing Systems: A Laboratory Investigation (with Dimitrios Xeferis and Nicholas Ziros)
The Economic Journal, (2021), 131(636), 1849-1882
- On Decay Centrality
The B.E. Journal of Theoretical Economics (2019), 19(1)
- The Effect of Entry on R&D Networks (with Emmanuel Petrakis)
The RAND Journal of Economics (2018), 49(3), 706-750
- Electoral Competition with Third Party Entry in the Lab (with Dimitrios Xeferis)
Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization (2018), 148, 121-134
- Diffusion by Imitation: The Importance of Targeting Agents
Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization (2017), 139, 118-151

12. Beatable Imitation in Symmetric Games with Perturbed Payoffs
Mathematical Social Sciences (2015), 74, 34-40
13. Imitating the Most Successful Neighbor in Social Networks
Review of Network Economics (2013), 12(4), 403-435

Working Papers:

1. The Last Temptation: Is Group-Based Voting Resilient to Zero-Hour Pivotal Considerations? (with Dimitrios Xefteris)
2. Communication and the Emergence of a Unidimensional World (with Philippos Louis and Orestis Troumpounis)
3. Selten's Horse: an experiment on sequential rationality (with Asha Sadanand)
4. Optimal Influence under Observational Learning

Other Publications / Policy Papers:

Promoting cycling: development aspects in two different cities, Copenhagen and Patras (with I. M. Bernhoft and E. Matsoukis), in *The Sustainable City VI: Urban Generation and Sustainability*, 2010, WIT Press, ISBN: 978-1-84564-432-1

Grants and Scholarships:

Internal (competitive) Grant, <i>University of Cyprus</i> , PI, (51000€)	2021 – pres.
Starting Grant, <i>University of Cyprus</i> , PI, (30000€)	2016 – 2019
IDC Grant 2013, <i>SUTD – MIT International Design Center</i> , participant	2014 – 2015
FPI Research Grant, <i>Ministry of Science and Innovation, Government of Spain</i> , (≈41000€)	2013 – 2014
Research Grant ECO2012-34581, <i>Ministry of Education, Spain</i> , participant	2013 – 2014
PIF Research Grant, <i>Universidad Carlos III de Madrid</i> , (≈28800€)	2011 – 2013
Full Scholarship for Master Studies and Tuition Waiver, <i>Universidad Carlos III de Madrid</i> , (≈33000€)	2009 – 2011
Full Scholarship for Studies Abroad, <i>Greek State Scholarship Foundation</i> , (3000€)	2008 – 2009
Admission Scholarship, <i>Greek State Scholarship Foundation</i> , (1500€)	2004 – 2005

Awards:

Departmental Paper Award, <i>Dept. of Economics, University of Cyprus</i> , (2000€)	2021
Departmental Paper Award, <i>Dept. of Economics, University of Cyprus</i> , (2000€)	2021
Departmental Paper Award, <i>Dept. of Economics, University of Cyprus</i> , (2000€)	2020
Departmental Paper Award, <i>Dept. of Economics, University of Cyprus</i> , (2000€)	2020
Departmental Paper Award, <i>Dept. of Economics, University of Cyprus</i> , (3000€)	2018
Extraordinary PhD Award, <i>Universidad Carlos III de Madrid</i>	2014
Dean's Letter for Teaching Excellence, <i>Universidad Carlos III de Madrid</i>	2011, 2013
Qualification for Greek National Mathematical Olympiad	2001, 2002
Award, <i>Hellenic Mathematical Society</i>	2001, 2002
Commendation, <i>Hellenic Mathematical Society</i>	2001, 2002, 2003, 2004

Conference Committees

Oligo Workshop 2022 (organizing committee)	Nicosia, Cyprus (<i>scheduled</i>)	2021/22
PhD Summer School on Applied Microeconomics (organizing committee)	(<i>online</i>)	2020/21
ASSET Conference 2020 (scientific committee)	Rethimno, Greece	
ASSET Conference 2016 (scientific committee)	Thessaloniki, Greece	2016/17

Invited Talks:

(2020/21) American University of Beirut, (2018/19) 2019 SAET Conference (*invited talk*), (2017/18) 2018 SAET Conference (*invited talk*), University of Crete, (2016/17) Workshop on Networks: Dynamics, Info, Centrality and Games (*invited talk*), Lancaster University Management School, (2014/15) University of Cyprus, University of Cologne, Maastricht University, National University of Singapore, (2013/14) Cambridge – INET Institute, Lancaster University Management School, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Université Libre de Bruxelles, University of Essex (2012/13) Tilburg University (2011/12) Maastricht University

Conference and Workshop Presentations:

(2019/20) ASSET Conference 2019, (2016/17) ASSET Conference 2016, (2015/16) GAMES 2016 (5th World Congress of Game Theory Society), CRETE 2016 (15th Conference on Research on Econ Theory and Econometrics), Oligo Workshop 2016, ASSET Conference 2015, (2014/15) Oligo Workshop 2015, SUTD-MIT International Design Center Summit, RES Meeting, Workshop on Networks in Economics and Finance, (2013/14) Workshop on Economics of Science and Innovation (GSE Summer Forum), Madrid Microeconomics Workshop, XXXVIII Symposium of the Spanish Economic Association, (2012/13) CRETE 2013 (12th Conference on Research on Econ Theory and Econometrics), Workshop on Dynamic Decisions

(GSE Summer Forum), ENTER Jamboree, PhD Workshop Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, (2011/12) GAMES 2012 (4th World Congress of Game Theory Society), ENTER Jamboree, Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Conference, (2010/11) Sustainable City 2010 (6th Conference on Urban Regeneration & Sustainability)

Refereeing:

B.E. Journal of Theoretical Economics, Computing, Economica, European Journal of Operational Research, Games and Economic Behavior, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control, Journal of Economic Theory, Journal of Evolutionary Economics, Journal of Politics, Mathematical Social Sciences, Metroeconomica.

Teaching Experience: with average evaluations of five most recent versions (out of 5) – taught in English, Greek and Spanish

(B.Sc.) Game Theory	2021 – pres.
(Ph.D.) Microeconomic Analysis II (4.85, 4.81)	2018 – pres.
(M.Sc.) Economics of Innovation and R&D Spending, University of Cyprus (4.62, 4.43, 4.19, 4.89, 4.55)	2016 – pres.
(B.Sc.) Topics in Microeconomics, <i>University of Cyprus</i> (4.28, 4.51, 4.50, 4.70, 4.65)	2016 – pres.
(B.Sc.) Strategy and Structure of Firms, <i>University of Cyprus</i> (4.06, 4.84)	2015 – 2018
(B.Sc.) Mathematics for Economics II, <i>University of Cyprus</i> (4.30, 4.11, 4.34, 4.27)	2015 – 2018
(B.Sc.) Industrial Organization, <i>University of Cyprus</i> (4.12, 4.44)	2015 – 2017
(B.Sc.) Probability (T.A.), <i>Singapore University of Technology and Design</i>	2014 – 2015
(B.Sc.) Mathematics for Finance and Accounting (T.A.), <i>Universidad Carlos III de Madrid</i>	2012 – 2014
(Ph.D.) Microeconomics I (T.A.), <i>Universidad Carlos III de Madrid</i>	2011 – 2014
(B.Sc.) Mathematics for Economics I (T.A.), <i>Universidad Carlos III de Madrid</i>	2010 – 2012
(B.Sc.) Mathematics for Economics II (T.A.), <i>Universidad Carlos III de Madrid</i>	2010 – 2012

Other Supervising Activities (Bachelor and Master):

(x25) Bachelor in Economics, <i>University of Cyprus</i>	2016 – pres.
(x4) Bachelor in International European and Economic Studies, <i>University of Cyprus</i>	2016 – 2021
(x1) Master in Economic Analysis, <i>University of Cyprus</i>	2019 – pres.
(x9) Master in Business Economics, <i>University of Cyprus</i>	2017 – pres.
(x2) Master in Monetary and Financial Economics, <i>University of Cyprus</i>	2016 – pres.

PhD Supervision:

Koula Lysi (Co-Advisor), <i>University of Cyprus</i>	2020 – pres.
Efthimios Lykopoulos (Committee Member), <i>University of Cyprus</i>	2020 – pres.

Current Administrative Duties and Other Academic Activities:

Ph.D. Programme Coordinator, <i>Dept. of Economics, University of Cyprus</i>	2021 – pres.
Committee of Postgraduate Studies, <i>Dept. of Economics, University of Cyprus</i>	2021 – pres.
Board Member of the Centre for Teaching and Learning, <i>University of Cyprus</i>	2019 – pres.
Co-director of UCY Lab for Experimental Economics, <i>Dept. of Economics, University of Cyprus</i>	2016 – pres.

Past Administrative Duties:

Founder of UCY Lab for Experimental Economics, <i>Dept. of Economics, University of Cyprus</i>	2016
Committee of Undergraduate Studies, <i>Dept. of Economics, University of Cyprus</i>	2019 – 2021
Erasmus Program Academic Coordinator, <i>Dept. of Economics, University of Cyprus</i>	2019 – 2021
Co-organizer of the Department's Seminar Series, <i>Dept. of Economics, University of Cyprus</i>	2016 – 2020
Committee for the Restructuring of Bachelor Programs (ad hoc), <i>Dept. of Economics, University of Cyprus</i>	2017 – 2019
UCY Summer School Departmental Organizing Committee (ad hoc), <i>University of Cyprus</i>	2016 – 2018
Committee of Undergraduate Studies, <i>Dept. of Economics, University of Cyprus</i>	2016 – 2017
ENTER Network Student Coordinator, <i>Universidad Carlos III de Madrid</i>	2012 – 2014
Delegate of Master's Students, <i>Universidad Carlos III de Madrid</i>	2009 – 2010

Computer Skills:

Matlab, Mathematica, Stata, z-Tree, LaTeX

Language Skills:

Greek (native), English, Spanish (fluent), French (basic)