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RESEARCH FIELD: Political Economy

CURRENT POSITION: Assistant Professor,
Department of Economics, Université du Québec à Montréal.

EDUCATION:

- 2002-2005 University of Toulouse, Ph.D. in Economics, *highest distinction*
- 2001-2002 University of Toulouse, Diplôme Européen d'Economie Quantitative Approfondie.
- 2000-2001 University of Toulouse (MPSE), Master in Economics (DEA), *high distinction*.
- 1996-1998 New Economic School, Master of Arts in Economics.
- 1990-1996 Moscow State University, Department for Mathematics and Mechanics,
Master of Science, *summa cum laude*

RELEVANT POSITIONS HELD:

- 2005-2006 CORE at Université catholique de Louvain, Postdoctoral Fellow in Economics.
- 1998-2000 Russian-European Centre for Economic Policy, Junior Economist.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

- 2007-present Industrial Organization; Intermediate microeconomics; Introductory microeconomics, Game Theory (Université du Québec à Montréal)
- 2003-2005 Teaching assistant in Microeconomics (University of Toulouse)
- 1998, 2000 Teaching assistant in Labour Economics and Industrial Organization, (New Economic School).

RESEARCH PAPERS:

Electoral endorsements and campaign contributions.

The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis & Policy (Contributions): vol. 11, iss. 1.

This paper shows that private campaign finance helps voters transmit information when their interests are sufficiently divergent.

“Informative Campaign Promises,” working paper (submitted).

This paper shows that candidates for office can signal their ideologies through campaign talk without a commitment.

“A passion for democracy,” working paper (new).

This paper proposes a dynamic model of voting with asymmetric information in which being among the majority provides a voter with a positive feedback on his voting decision, increasing his self confidence, hence, his warm glow from voting in the future.

“A Model of Media Pandering,” dissertation chapter (submitted).

This paper concerns the quality of information reported by the media. It finds that competition may encourage or discourage news quality depending on the coverage content.

“The Coherence of Political Action: A Case Against Independence,” dissertation chapter.

This paper shows that agency relationship between politicians and the voters may explain the observed variations in public provision of goods.

“Insider Privatization and Careers - Study of a Russian Firm in Transition,”

The Analysis of Firms and Employees, Stefan Bender, Julia Lane, Kathryn Shaw, Fredrik Andersson, and Till von Wachter (eds.), NBER, University of Chicago Press, 2008. This paper describes changes in human resource policy of a Russian heavy industry firm after Gaidar’s reforms, using set of personnel files of 1538 white-collar workers from 1984 to 2000.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Refereeing:

Review of Economic Studies, American Political Science Review,
Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization, International Journal of Game Theory.

Organizational activities:

Montreal study group in microeconomics.

UQAM Department seminar, fall 2009-summer 2010.

Conference “Political Economy: Theory and Experiment”, CIRANO, Montreal, October 2008.

Presentations:

- 2010 Canadian Economic Association (Quebec); Social Choice and Welfare (Moscow), seminars at: University of Toulouse (Toulouse), New Economic School (Moscow), Max Planck Institute (Bonn).
- 2009 Societe Canadienne de Sciences Economique (Sainte-Adele); Public Economics: Theoretical and Experimental Approaches (Lyon).
- 2008 Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago), Canadian Economic Theory (Vancouver), Canadian Economic Association (Vancouver), Third World Congress of the Game Theory Society (Chicago), seminars at: Simon Fraser University, University of Victoria, and University of Pittsburgh.
- 2007 Annual Meetings of American Economic Association (Chicago), CIRPEE Annual Conference, seminars at: NES (Moscow), Université de Montréal.
- 2006 Annual Meetings of American Economic Association (Boston), Canadian Economic Association (Montreal), European Economic Association (Vienna).
- 2005 Econometric Society World Congress (London), Public Policy Symposium (London).
- 2004 ASSET-2004 (Barcelona), SITE seminar (Stockholm).
- 2002 European Economic Association (Venice).
- 1999 European Economic Association (Santiago de Compostela).

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED:

- 2001-2004 Research Scholarship for Graduate Studies, University of Toulouse.
- 1998-1999 Grant of Economics Education and Research Consortium.
- 1993-1996 Grants of: Soros Foundation, INTAS, and Russian Foundation for Fundamental Research.

LANGUAGE SKILLS: English (fluent), French (fluent), German (passive), Russian (native).

REFERENCES:

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