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## RESEARCH FIELDS

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Political Economy; Game Theory; Organizational Economics

## POSITIONS

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**FRS-FNRS | ECARES (ULB)**

Research Fellow

*Feb. 2026 - ...*

**ETH Zurich | Chair of Political Economy and eDemocracy**

Postdoctoral Researcher

*Oct. 2022 - Jan. 2026*

## EDUCATION

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**Paris School of Economics | EHESS**

Ph.D. in Economics

*Sept. 2018 - Jan 2023*

Jury: T. Verdier (supervisor), P. Boyer, J. Fox, A. Macé, S. Wolton, G. Zudenkova

**Paris School of Economics | EHESS**

MA in Analysis and Policy in Economics (APE)

*2016 - 2018*

**Hebrew University of Jerusalem**

BA in Economics and Political Science

*2012 - 2016*

## PUBLISHED PAPERS

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- [Voter Information and Distributive Politics](#)

American Economic Journal: Microeconomics, 18(2), 2026, pp. 293-312. [\[ungated\]](#)

- [Policymaking under Influence](#)

The Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization, 42(1), 2026, pp. 129-158. [\[ungated\]](#)

- [Political Agency and Implementation Subsidies with Imperfect Monitoring](#)

The Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization, 39(3), 2023, pp. 775-800. [\[ungated\]](#)

## WORKING PAPERS

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- [Pandering to the Future](#)

(This paper subsumes "[Environmental Policymaking with Political Learning](#)")

- [Reciprocity and Democratic Accountability](#) (with Salvatore Nunnari)

- [Informational Lobbying and Implementation Standards](#)

## SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS

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- Bundling under Influence

- Policy Sequencing and Credit Attribution

- Policy Learning with Endogenous Compliance

## GRANTS

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### **FNRS Research Project**

2026 - 2029

Project contributor (work package leader & project co-author)  
with L. P. Merlino (PI) & M. Castanheira (co-PI), ~400k€

### **ADRES Conference Participation Grant**

2021

## RESEARCH STAY

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### **Department of Government, London School of Economics**

March 2025

Host: S. Wolton

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### *Université Libre de Bruxelles*

Lecturer for Advanced Topics in Political Economics (G; 2027)

### *ETH Zürich*

TA for Game Theory (G; 2023) & Political Economy (G; 2024 and 2025)

### *Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne*

TA for Microeconomics (U; 2020 and 2021)

### *Paris School of Economics*

TA for International Trade (G; 2019) & Microeconomics II (G; 2020, 2021, and 2022)

### *Ecole des Ponts ParisTech*

TA for Introduction to Economics (U; 2019)

### *Université Paris Descartes*

TA for Microeconomics (U; 2017) & Macroeconomics (U; 2018)

## PRESENTATIONS (including scheduled)

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**2026:** SEMINAR: UBarcelona.

CONFERENCE: SIOE.

**2025:** SEMINARS: ECARES/ULB, UParis Dauphine, UParis 2.

CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS: UniCatt Political Economy Workshop, LAGV @ AMSE, EPSA, EAYE, QMUL Junior Workshop, NICEP, UVienna PolEconEnv.

**2024:** SEMINARS: POLECONUK, UParis 2, ETH, PSE, UniCatt Milano.

CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS: EEA, SSCW, LAGV @ AMSE, EAYE, ifo Conference on Institutional Economics.

**2023:** SEMINAR: ETH & UZH (joint)

CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS: UniCatt Political Economy Workshop, Bocconi/Collegio Carlo Alberto/Cornell Political Economy Workshop, ENS Lyon Junior Workshop, EEA, SIOE, SAET, Money in Politics Conference (CBS), Workshop on Democracy (ETH), Workshop on the Political Economy of Polarisation and Policymaking (EUI), RGS Doctoral Conference, EPCS, ADRES Conference.

**2022:** SEMINARS: PSE ( $\times 2$ ), LSE.

CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS: EWMES, EPSA, PET, IOEA, RES, MPSA, RGS Doctoral Conference, Formal Theory Virtual Workshop (APSA Formal Theory Section) ( $\times 2$ ), ADRES Conference.

**2021:** SEMINARS: AMSE, PSE ( $\times 2$ ), LSE.

CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS: PhD Workshop in Economics (Collegio Carlo Alberto & Unito), Workshop on Interest Groups (Columbia & UQAM & CSDC), Junior Scholar Symposium (APSA Formal Theory Section), LAGV @ AMSE, AFSE, Formal Theory Virtual Workshop (APSA Formal Theory Section), MPSA, RGS Doctoral Conference.

**2020:** SEMINARS: PSE ( $\times 2$ ).

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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**Conference Organization:** lead organiser of the 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> ETH & CEPR Workshop on Democracy (2024, 2025, 2026); lead organiser of the 5<sup>th</sup> Benelux PECO (2027); co-organiser of the 6<sup>th</sup> ETH & CEPR Workshop on Democracy (2023); co-organiser of the 4<sup>th</sup> Benelux PECO (2026)

**Refereeing:** American Economic Journal: Microeconomics ( $\times 3$ ); American Journal of Political Science ( $\times 2$ ); American Law and Economics Review; Economic Journal ( $\times 2$ ); Economics of Governance; European Economic Review ( $\times 4$ ); European Journal of Political Economy; Games and Economic Behavior ( $\times 3$ ); Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization; Journal of Legal Studies; Journal of Mathematical Economics; Journal of Political Economy: Microeconomics; Journal of Politics ( $\times 2$ ); Journal of Public Economic Theory; Journal of the European Economic Association; Political Science Research and Methods ( $\times 2$ ); Quarterly Journal of Political Science ( $\times 2$ ); Review of Economic Studies; Scandinavian Journal of Economics; Social Choice and Welfare; EAYE (2025, 2026); SIOE (2025).

**Discussions:** EPSA (2022 and 2025); ETH & CEPR Workshop on Democracy (2023, 2025, and 2026); QMUL Junior Workshop (2025); ZPESS @ ETH & UZH (2025); EPCS (2023); MiP CBS (2023); RGS Doctoral Conference (2021, 2022, and 2023) ; IOEA (2022).

**Departmental Service:** ECARES Brainstorming & Reading Group, co-organiser, 2026-...

**University Service:** Career Seed Awards Panel (Fall 2025), ETH Zürich

## REFERENCES

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