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Curriculum Vitae

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Education:

Ph.D. in Economics, University of Pennsylvania, expected May 2009
M.S. in Economics, London School of Economics, 2003
M.S. in Economics, Athens University of Economics and Business, 2002
B.S. in Economics, Athens University of Economics and Business, 2001

Dissertation: “Directed Search and Optimal Production”

Abstract: I consider a model of directed search where strategic sellers advertise general trading mechanisms. A mechanism determines the number of buyers that will get served and the side payments as a function of ex post realized demand. After observing these advertisements buyers simultaneously visit exactly one seller. Each buyer’s expected utility depends on the visiting decisions of other buyers. This dependence becomes especially interesting since the buyers cannot coordinate their visiting strategies. Despite the presence of strategic interaction among the sellers all symmetric equilibria are constrained efficient but not payoff equivalent. Therefore, authorities should intervene in this type of market only to redistribute surplus and not to improve efficiency. As markets grow infinitely large all equilibria yield the same profit. For the large market case I provide conditions under which only a very simple class of mechanisms is posted in equilibrium.

Committee: Randall Wright (Chair), Kenneth Burdett, Philipp Kircher, and Andrew Postlewaite

Research Interests:

Applied Theory, Macro/Monetary Theory, Search Theory, Economics of Information

Teaching Interests:

Major: Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Search Theory
Minor: Game Theory, Labor Economics, Monetary Economics

Publications:

“Asset Prices and Monetary Policy”, joint with Juan Licari and Jose Suarez Lledo,
Review of Economic Dynamics, Vol. 10, Issue 4, October 2007, 761-779

Working Papers:

“Directed Search and Optimal Production” (job market paper)

“Asset backed Securities”, joint with Juan Licari and Jose Suarez Lledo, in progress

Honors and Awards:

University of Pennsylvania

2008 Dean’s Award for Distinguished Teaching by Graduate Students

School of Arts and Sciences Dissertation Completion Fellowship (nominated), Spring 2008

London School of Economics

Honorable Prize for excellent performance in the summer course “Mathematical Requirements for Economists”

Athens University of Economics and Business

Award for Graduation with the 2nd Best Academic Record, spring 2001

Scholarship and Special Prize from the Hellenic Republic State Scholarships Foundation (IKY) during academic years 1997-98 and 1999-2000

Research and Teaching Experience:

Undergraduate Recitation Instructor, Introductory Macroeconomics with Professor Gwen Eudey,
University of Pennsylvania, Spring 2008 (Honors Section)

Undergraduate Recitation Instructor, Introductory Microeconomics with Professor Rebecca Stein,
University of Pennsylvania, Fall 2004, 2005, 2006, Spring 2007

Undergraduate Recitation Instructor, Introductory Economics for Wharton students with Professors
Rebecca Stein and Gwen Eudey,
University of Pennsylvania, Fall 2007

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Macroeconomic Theory I with Professor Jose Victor Rios-Rull,
University of Pennsylvania, Spring 2005, Spring 2006

Professional Activities:

Mentor and supervisor for the College of Liberal and Professional Studies (former College of
General Studies) Economics courses,
University of Pennsylvania, Summer 2008, Fall 2008, Spring 2009

Additional Skills:

Extensive programming experience in: FORTRAN, MAPLE, MATLAB, GAUSS and EViews

Employment Interests:

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