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EDUCATION

- 2019 - Present **PhD in Economics, European University Institute**
Supervisors: Edouard Challe, Russell Cooper
- 2022 **Visiting Student, New York University**
Host: Simon Gilchrist
- 2016 - 2017 **MSc in Economics, Barcelona Graduate School of Economics**
- 2012 - 2016 **BSc in Economics, Vienna University of Economics and Business**
Erasmus Exchange: Nova School of Business and Economics (2014-2015)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

International Macro-Finance, Household Finance, Behavioural Macroeconomics

PUBLICATIONS

The reliability of equilibrium exchange rate models: A forecasting perspective, with M. Ca'Zorzi, A. Cap and M. Rubaszek, International Journal of Central Banking, 2022

WORKING PAPERS

Marginal propensities to consume with behavioural agents

Abstract: The empirical literature studying marginal propensities to consume (MPCs) has identified a set of puzzles that are difficult to reconcile with traditional theories of consumption behaviour. This paper develops a model of dissaving-averse households, a behavioural feature consistent with mental accounting, that addresses several of these puzzles at once. The model generates low MPCs out of wealth, low MPCs out of income news, and high MPCs out of income gains for households that are not liquidity-constrained. Beyond that, the model also produces asymmetric MPCs, i.e. stronger consumption responses to income losses than to income gains. It does so irrespectively of the household's position in the wealth distribution or the degree of liquidity constraints, which is a distinctive feature of this class of models. In support of this prediction, I provide empirical evidence for the existence of broad-based MPC asymmetries. I show through the lens of a quantitative life-cycle model with mental accounting preferences that asymmetric MPCs dampen the effectiveness of redistributive fiscal policy.

The macroeconomic implications of coholding, with M. Boutros

Abstract: We study the role that the joint distribution of liquid assets and credit card debt plays in the macroeconomy. The presence of liquid debt dampens the marginal propensity to consume out of positive income shocks. We show that coholders, who simultaneously hold credit card debt and liquid assets, and hand-to-mouth households, who have large consumption responses, have similar net positions but very different gross positions. Confounding these two groups of households has important implications for fiscal and monetary policy. We build a quantitative model which generates the coholding of liquid assets and debt observed in the data and matches the empirically observed marginal propensities to consume and repay debt. Fiscal transfers are more effective in stimulating demand if targeted at low gross instead of low net wealth households, while debt relief is overall less effective in the short-run but achieves large consumption gains in the long-run.

Domestic inequality and global imbalances, with J. Mazza

Abstract: We document that higher income inequality is associated with higher current account balances for a large set of countries. This co-movement is driven by changes in domestic savings, but not investment rates. Decomposing income inequality suggests that permanent income differences as opposed to income risk are the relevant margin for current accounts. We develop a two-country heterogeneous agent model and show that, all else equal, capital flows from unequal to equal countries. Non-homothetic preferences generate increasing saving rates across the distribution of permanent income which translate into current account surpluses under international capital mobility. Cross-country differences in financial development, however, can offset the effects of inequality and induce current account deficits in unequal countries such as the United States.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Monetary policy communication and the media, with F. De Fiore, A. Maurin and D. Sandri
Equity duration and monetary policy transmission, with J. Graeb

POLICY PUBLICATIONS

Services trade liberalisation and global imbalances: a critical review of the empirical evidence, with G. Georgiadis, ECB Economic Bulletin Box, Vol. 5, 2019

WORK EXPERIENCE

2023	Senior Associate, Bank for International Settlements Monetary and Economic Department
2019 - 2021 (with gaps)	Research Analyst, European Central Bank Directorate General International, International Policy Analysis
2018 - 2019	Trainee, European Central Bank Directorate General International, International Policy Analysis
2017 - 2018	Policy Assistant/Trainee, European Commission Directorate General Economic and Financial Affairs
2017	Research Assistant, Banco Sabadell Macroeconomic and Financial Markets Research
2016	Intern, i5invest Corporate Development and Mergers & Acquisitions
2015 - 2016	Intern, Raiffeisen Bank International Mergers & Acquisitions
2015	Research Assistant, Vienna University of Economics and Business WU Institute for International Economics
2015	Intern, UBS Data & Document Management, Accounting

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2023	Macroeconomics II - New Keynesian Economics Teaching Assistant for Edouard Challe
2023	Advanced Monetary Economics Teaching Assistant for Edouard Challe
2021, 2023	Econometrics III - Time Series Analysis Teaching Assistant for Jesus Bueren

PRESENTATIONS

2024	European Central Bank, IPA Economic Meeting
2023	European Central Bank, IPA Economic Meeting; Bank for International Settlements Research Seminar; Vigo Workshop on Dynamic Macroeconomics; European Economic Association; European Meeting of the Econometric Society; Naples School of Economics PhD and Post-Doctoral Workshop
2022	4th Behavioural Macroeconomics Workshop; 53rd Annual Conference of the Money, Macro and Finance Society; CEPR European Conference on Household Finance; 15th VPDE PhD Workshop; NOeG Winter Workshop
2021	International Symposium on Forecasting
2019	European Central Bank, DG-I/IPA Research Seminar

HONORS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND VOLUNTEERING

2022	US department visiting grant, EUI
2019 - 2022	PhD Scholarship, Austrian Agency for International Cooperation in Education and Research
2014 - 2015	WU Top League, Honours programme, Vienna University of Economics and Business
2014	Erasmus Scholarship, European Commission
2014	National Merit Scholarship, Austrian Government
2013 - 2014	Volunteer, Caritas
2013	National Merit Scholarship, Austrian Government

OTHER

Languages:

English (fluent), German (fluent), Croatian (fluent), Spanish (intermediate), Italian (basic)

Software:

Matlab, Stata, Julia, Python, Latex