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I. Education

March 2000: PhD in Economics (Université Libre de Bruxelles)
1992-1994: MSc in Econometrics (Université Libre de Bruxelles)
1987-1992: BA in Business Economics (Vrije Universiteit Brussel)

II. Employment

Aug 2006 Assistant Professor at ITAM (Mexico-city)
2002-2006: Lecturer in Economics, University of Leicester.
1999-2002: Post-Doctoral Fellow, Institut d'Anàlisi Econòmica (Barcelona).
1995-1999: Teaching Assistant, Université Libre de Bruxelles.
1994-1995: Research Assistant, DULBEA (Departement d'Economie Appliqué de l'Université Libre de Bruxelles).
Econometrics on the demand for telecommunications services.
Project financed by Belgium's telecommunications company (Belgacom).
1992-1994: Research Assistant, Université Libre de Bruxelles.
Econometrics on the pricing of agricultural products.
Project financed by the World Bank.

III. Research

Published Papers

Herd Behaviour as an Incentive Scheme, Economic Theory, **26** (3), October 2005, pp. 517-539

Informational Cascades Elicit Private Information (joint with Olivier Gossner), International Economic Review, **47**(1), February 2006, pp. 297-325

Equilibria in a Dynamic Global Game: The Role of Cohort Effects (joint with Paul Heidhues), Economic Theory, **28** (3), August 2006, pp. 531-557

Corruption, Extortion and the Boundaries of the Law (joint with Svetlana Andrianova), Journal of Law, Economics & Organization, **25** (2), October 2009, pp. 442-471

Work in Progress

Bidding and Drilling on Offshore Wildcat Tracts, mimeo, March 2009 (submitted)

On Bid Disclosure in OCS Wildcat Auctions, mimeo, June 2009 (submitted)

Technology Adoption, Social Learning, and Economic Policy, mimeo, September 2009
(joint with Paul Heidhues)

IV. Other Research Activities

Refereeing

Bulletin of Economic Research, Economic Theory, Estudios Económicos, European Economic Review, International Journal of Industrial Organization, Journal of Economic Theory, Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics, Journal of the European Economic Association, Rand Journal of Economics, Social Choice & Welfare, EARIE conferences in 2004 and 2005 and the *Money and Macro Finance* conference in 2005

Conferences and Seminar Presentations

ESEM (Berlin, 1998), EEA (1999, 2003), Econometric Society World Congress (Seattle, 2000), European Summer Symposium in Economic Theory (Gerzensee, 2000, 2005), CEPR-conference (Brussels 2002), ESRC Research Seminar in Game Theory (Warwick, 2004), Workshop on Social Learning (Copenhagen, 2005), LACEA (2006), ITAM-Texas UT Workshop (Austin 2006), ALEA (2008), El Colegio de México (2008), Society for Economic Design (2009)

Papers presented at staff seminars in the following institutions: DELTA (Paris, 1998), Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (1999), GREMAQ (Toulouse, 1999), Center (Tilburg, 2001), Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin (2000, 2002), Universitat Pompeu Fabra (2002), University of Keele (2003), UCD (Dublin, 2003), Southampton (2004), CIDE (2006), El Colegio de México (2006), Guanajuato (2008)

Grants and Awards Received

'97 – '99: Scholarship from the Belgian Government (Contract PAI P4/28).
'99 – '02: Scholarship from the European Commission through its Training and Mobility of Researchers program.
2004: Award, University of Leicester (University-wide bonus scheme, 1000£)
2008: Sistema Nacional de Investigadores (level I)
2008: CONACYT (Project 79741: 243,500 MXN)

Visiting Positions

ECARES (Brussels, December 2004, June 2008), Institut d'Anàlisi Econòmica (July 2003, April 2004), Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin (April 2003, December 2002, April 2002), University of Bonn (July 2007, July 2008)

External examiner, PhD thesis, University of Oxford (2005)

V. Teaching Experience

Econometrics I: (1995 - 1999) Teaching assistant, Université Libre de Bruxelles.

Industrial Organization: (Sept 2000 – July 2002) PhD course at Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona.

Management Science: (Sept 2002 – July 2006) 3rd year undergraduate module, University of Leicester.

Managerial Economics: (Sept 2002 – July 2006) 3rd year undergraduate module, University of Leicester.

Corporate Finance: (Sept 2005 – July 2006) MSc in Financial Economics, University of Leicester.

Economía IV: (2006 – present) 4th semester undergraduate course at ITAM (taught in Spanish, introduction to general equilibrium, game theory and industrial organization).

Auction Theory: (2007 – present) PhD and Masters course at ITAM.

Organización Industrial: (2006 – 2008) 5th semester undergraduate course at ITAM.

VI. Administrative Duties

External seminar organizer (2000), Library Liaison Officer (2002 – 2004), Careers Tutor and PDP (Personal Development Planning) implementer (2004-2006), Coordinator of the departmental course “ECO IV” (2007-present)

VII. Languages

French, Dutch, English, Spanish, German and Greek.