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PERSONAL INFORMATION

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RESEARCH FIELDS AND INTERESTS

MAIN: Labor Economics, Economics of Education
SECONDARY: Applied Econometrics

POSITIONS

The University of Queensland Aug 2016 -
Lecturer (Assistant Professor) in Economics *Brisbane, Australia*

EDUCATION

PhD in Economics Sept 2010 - June 2016
University of Warwick *Coventry, UK*

Thesis Title: "Three Essays in Economics of Education"

Advisors: Prof. Victor Lavy and Assc. Prof. Fabian Waldinger

MSc in Economics and Econometrics Oct 2008 - Oct 2009
University of Essex *Colchester, UK*

BSc in Economics Oct 2005 - Jul 2009
National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Valedictorian *Athens, Greece*

OTHER AFFILIATIONS

Research Affiliate May 2016 -
Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA) *Bonn, Germany*

PUBLICATIONS AND WORKING PAPERS

- "Knowing who you are: The effect of feedback on short and long term outcomes" with Sofoklis Goulas (*Under Review*)
- "Persistency in Teachers' Grading Biases and Effect on Longer Term Outcomes: University Admission Exams and Choice of Field of Study" with Victor Lavy
- "Swine Flu, Class Attendance, and School Performance. Should we force students to go to class?" with Sofoklis Goulas (*Under Review*)
- "Which degrees do students prefer during recession?" with Sofoklis Goulas, **Empirical Economics**, June 2018, page 1–33, [link to the paper](#)
- "Marathon, Hurdling, or Sprint? The effects of exam scheduling on academic performance" with Sofoklis Goulas (*Under Review*)

WORK IN PROGRESS

- “Feedback, Ranking and Performance: Evidence from a randomized natural experiment” with Isabella Dobrescu, Marco Faravelli and Alberto Motta
- “Does the Girl Next Door affect your Academic Performance and Career Choices?” with Sofoklis Goulas and Yi Zhang
- “The impact of scholarships and bursaries on academic success in University and the Labor Market”
- “Does the Gender Composition Matter in Justice? Evidence from the Supreme Judicial Court”
- “May I be excused? Identification of returns to absences and class peer effects” with Sofoklis Goulas
- “Class size and performance: At what cost?” with Kala Krishna and Sergey Lychagin
- “The Effect of the Exposure to Refugees on Crime Activity. Evidence from the Greek Islands.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Applied Econometrics for Microeconomics (postgraduate level)
Instructor, *The University of Queensland* 2017-present
Evaluation 2017-2018: 4.3/5
- Foundations in Microeconomics (postgraduate level)
Instructor, *The University of Queensland* 2017-present
Evaluation 2017-2018: 4.5/5
Distinguished Teaching Award, Large Postgraduate class
- Economics 1 (undergraduate level)
Teaching Fellow, *University of Warwick* 2012-2016
Evaluation 2015-2016: 4.7/5
Evaluation 2014-2015: 4.7/5
Evaluation 2013-2014: 4.7/5
Evaluation 2012-2013: 4.7/5
Nominated for Teaching Award (WATEPG)

CONFERENCES AND INVITED SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

2017-2018 Monash University, WZB-Berlin, American Economics Association 2018 Annual Meetings in Philadelphia, Royal Economic Society Conference in Sussex, LEER Conference on Education Economics in Leuven, 3rd CSDA workshop Applied Economics Papers workshop in Auckland, 9th International Workshop on Applied Economics of Education in Catanzaro (scheduled), XXVII Meeting of the Economics of Education Association in Barcelona (scheduled), European Population Conference 2018 in Brussels (scheduled)

2016-2017 Rising Star session at the conference for the 80th Anniversary of the Economics department at the University of Belgrade, University Technology Sydney, Melbourne Institute, Asian and Australasian Society of Labour Economics at ANU, Natural Experiments in History: Development, Health, and Labour workshop at Deakin University, Public Choice Conference at Deakin University, Applied Econometrics Workshop at Victoria University of Wellington in New Zealand, Labour Econometrics Workshop at the University of Auckland in New Zealand, XX Applied Economics Meetings in Valencia, Conference on Research on Economic Theory and Econometrics at AUEB, International Panel Data Conference at the University of Macedonia, Australian Conference of Economists (ACE), Seventh Italian Congress of Econometrics and Empirical Economics in Messina

2015-2016 University of New South Wales, University of Cyprus, Athens University of Business and Economics, University of Piraeus, Asian Pacific Institute of Advanced Research in Melbourne, 2016 IEEA conference, University of Milano-Bicocca, Belgrade Young Economists at the University of Belgrade, PhD meeting in Economics at the University of Macedonia, Conference in Economics and Econometrics, University of Athens, University of Queensland, Norwegian school of Economics, University of Essex, Bogazici University

2014-2015 European Winter Meeting of the Econometric Society at the University of Bocconi, 40th Symposium of the Spanish Economic Association (SAEa), PhD Conference at the University of Leicester, 30th Annual Congress of the European Economic Association, University of Mannheim, XXIV Meeting of the Economics of Education Association, Autonomous Univ. of Madrid, 2nd Applied Econometrics IAAE, University of Macedonia, Conference in Economics and Econometrics-University of Athens (AUEB) 18th IZA European Summer School in Labor Economics in Munich, LEER Workshop on Education Economics in Leuven, Royal Economic Society at the University of Manchester, RSS Seminar Presentation at the University of Essex, Conference in Economics and Econometrics-University of Athens (AUEB)

HONOURS, AWARDS AND MEMBERSHIPS

- 2016-2017: **Unicredit & Universities Young Economist Prize** for best paper presented at the Belgrade Young Economist Conference
- 2016-2017: **Best paper in Social Science Award** for best paper presented at the Asian Pacific Institute of Advanced Research, Melbourne
- 2015-2016: **Varvaresou Outstanding Research Award**, University of Athens
- 2014-2016: Part-time Teaching Fellowship, University of Warwick, UK
- 2012-2015: **Varvaresou Award for Excellence**, University of Athens (unique award for top performance after written exams in 6 subjects)
- 2011-2014: Warwick Departmental Scholarship, University of Warwick, UK
- 2011-2012: Student Excellence Scholarship, University of Warwick, UK
- 2008-2009: Ministry of Education, Valedictorian, University of Athens
- 2008-2009: **Pantia-Ralli Prize**: “Academic excellence award for the top student of the School of Law, Economics and Political Studies of the University of Athens” (Average year grade: 9/10), University of Athens
- **Travel Awards**: 2016 IAAE, IZA, RES, CAGE, AUEB, Grants Fundacion Ramon Areces for Sae 2015

GRANTS

- University of Queensland Faculty New Staff Research Start-Up Fund (\$5,000)
- University of Queensland Early Career Researcher Grant (\$8,000)

SERVICE

- 2016-present: Applied Economics Seminars Coordinator, The University of Queensland
- 2016-2017: Liaison Committee, Junior Faculty Recruiting, The University of Queensland
- 2018-present: PhD Admission Committee, The University of Queensland
- 2017-present: Committee member of Women Economics Network (WEN)

SKILLS

- Microsoft Office, Stata, E-views, SPSS, FrontPage, Visual Basic, ArcGIS
- Greek (native), English (fluent), German (basic, Mittelstufe)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Referee for *Journal of Population Economics* (2)

OTHER EXPERIENCE

University of Warwick

2012-2014

Data collection for the 2014 Research Excellence Framework (REF). In particular, I interviewed the University of Warwick faculty members about the non-academic impact of their research.

Interviews and data management, Project Supervisor: Prof. Gregory Crawford

University of Warwick

2013-2017 (summer term)

MSc Econometrics Helpdesk for Masters students: Supervision of the Stata parts of MSc students' dissertations. Assisting students with the theoretical models and/or empirical specifications/estimation of their models in Stata

MEDIA IMPACTS AND APPEARANCES

- “How young Greeks changed their degree choices as the economy crashed” at the Conversation
- “Job prospects drive college major preferences amidst Crisis” in Kathimerini Daily Newspaper
- “The crisis changed (students’) preferences” in The Ethnos Daily Newspaper

Member of *American Economic Association, The Econometric Society*

REFERENCES

Professor Victor Lavy, University of Warwick, UK
Assoc. Professor Fabian Waldinger, LSE, UK
Professor Sascha Becker, University of Warwick UK
Professor Robin Naylor, University of Warwick UK
Professor Kala Krishna, Penn State University, US
Professor Dan Bernhardt, University of Illinois, US