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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2017 – present **Caltech**, Division of Humanities and Social Sciences: Full Professor
2010 – 2017 **Caltech**, Division of Humanities and Social Sciences: Assistant Professor

EDUCATION

2004-2010 New York University, New York, NY, USA: M.A. and Ph.D. in Economics, May 2010
2001-2004 Tel Aviv University, Ramat Aviv, Israel: M.A. in Economics, June 2003, Magna cum Laude
1995-1999 St. Petersburg State Technical University, St. Petersburg, Russia: B.A. in Economics, June 1999

PUBLICATIONS

"Social Learning in Groups: an Experimental Study" (with G. Lopez-Moctezuma, P. Strack and O. Tamuz)
Journal of Economic Theory, 2026

"Paying to Match: Decentralized Markets with Information Frictions" (with Ahrash Dianat, Larry Samuelson, and Leat Yariv), accepted in *Review of Economic Studies*.

"Communication in Games," in *Handbook of Experimental Economics Methods* (edited by Erik Snowberg and Leat Yariv), 2025, Elsevier.

"Information Aggregation in Stratified Societies" (with Ran Eilat and Konstantin Sonin), accepted in *Economic Journal*.

"Trust Me: Communication and Competition in Psychological Games" (with U. Dasgupta and A.Schotter)
Journal of European Economic Association, 2025, vol. 23 (1).

"A Comment on "Testing Models of Social Learning on Networks: Evidence from Two Experiments" (with B. Gillen and D. Persitz),
Econometrica, 2024, vol. 92(5), pp. 1-6.

"Communication in Stag Hunt Games: When Does It Really Help?"
Economic Letters, 2024, vol. 244.

"Coordination with Differential Time Preferences: Experimental Evidence" (with J. Kim and L.Yariv)
AER: Insights, 2023.

"Bargaining in the Shadow of Uncertainty" (with H. Eraslan and C. Tergiman)
AEJ: Microeconomics, 2024.

"Ranges of Randomization" (with P. Ortoleva)
Review of Economics and Statistics, 2023, pp. 1 - 44

"Stable Randomization" (with P.J. Healy and K. Nielsen)
Economic Journal, 2023, vol. 133, pp. 2553-2579.

"Legislative Bargaining Experiments" chapter in *Bargaining: Current Research and Future Directions*, edited by Emin Karagozoglu and Kyle Hyndman, Palgrave Macmillan 2022.

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“Revealed Preferences for Randomization: An Overview” (with P. Ortoleva)
AEA: Papers and Proceedings, 2022, 112: 426 - 430.

“The Importance of Social Norms against Strategic Effects: the case of COVID-19 Vaccine Uptake” (with M. Elliott and P. Ortoleva)
Economics Letters, 2021, vol. 206 (C).

“Deterrence Effects of Enforcement Schemes: an Experimental Study” (with A. Buyalskaya)
Management Science, 2021, vol. 68(5).

“Commitment and (In)Efficiency: a Bargaining Experiment” (with M. Elliott)
Journal of the European Economic Association, 2020, vol. 19(2).

“The Effects of Income Mobility and Tax Persistence on Income Redistribution and Inequality” (with T. Palfrey)
European Economic Review, 2020, Vol. 123.

“Persistence of Power: Dynamic Multilateral Bargaining” (with C. Cotton and C. Tergiman)
Journal of Public Economics, 2020, Vol. 184: pp. 104-126.

“Communication in Bargaining Games with Unanimity” (with C. Tergiman)
Experimental Economics, 2019, Vol. 22(2): pp. 350-368.

“Collusion through Communication in Auctions” (with L. Yariv)
Games and Economic Behavior, 2018, Vol. 107: pp.93-108.

“What Makes Voters Turn Out: the Effects of Polls and Beliefs” (with J. Goeree, J. Romero and L. Yariv)
Journal of the European Economic Association, 2018, Vol. 16(3): pp. 825-856.

“Stochastic Choice and Preferences for Randomization” (with P. Ortoleva)
Journal of Political Economy, 2017, Vol. 125 (1): pp. 40 – 68.

“Static and Dynamic Underinvestment: an Experimental Investigation” (with G. Frechette, T. Palfrey and E. Vespa)
Journal of Public Economics, 2016, Vol. 143: pp.125 – 141.

“Flip-flopping, Intense Primaries and the Selection of Candidates”
AEJ: Microeconomics, 2016, Vol. 8(2): pp. 61-85.

“Equilibrium Tax Rates and Income Redistribution: A Laboratory Study” (with T. Palfrey)
Journal of Public Economics, 2015, Vol. 130, pp. 45-58.

“Naïve Play and the Process of Choice in Guessing Game” (with A. Caplin and C. Tergiman)
Journal of Economic Science Association, 2015, Vol. 1(2), pp. 146-157.

“Communication in Multilateral Bargaining” (with C. Tergiman)
Journal of Public Economics, 2014, Vol. 118, pp. 75-85.

“An Experimental Study of the Impact of Competition for Other People’s Money: the Portfolio Manager Market” (with A. Schotter and A. Bisin)
Experimental Economics, 2014, Vol. 17(4), pp. 564-585.

“Language and Government Coordination: An Experimental Study of Communication in the Announcement Game” (with A. Schotter)
Journal of Public Economics, 2013, Vol. 104, pp. 26-39.

“Incentives and Compensation Schemes: an Experimental Study” (with C. Tergiman)
International Journal of Industrial Organization, 2013, Vol. 31(3), pp. 238-247.

“Beliefs and Endogenous Cognitive Levels: an Experimental Study” (with E. Potamites, A. Schotter and C. Tergiman)
Games and Economic Behavior, 2012, Vol. 75, pp. 449-463.

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“Ignorance is Bliss: An Experimental Study of the Use of Ambiguity and Vagueness in the Coordination Games with Asymmetric Payoffs” (with A. Schotter)
AEJ: Microeconomics, 2012, Vol. 4 (2), pp. 77-103

COMPLETED PAPERS

“Deciphering Suboptimal Updating: Complexity, Sequencing, and Framing” (with P. Reshidi)
R&R at Quantitative Economics

“Strategic Complexity Promotes Egalitarianism in Legislative Bargaining” (with Nageeb Ali, Douglas Bernheim, and Thomas Palfrey)
R&R at American Economic Review

“How We Think Others Update Beliefs: an Experiment” (with P. Detkova) *submitted*

“Complex for Whom? An Experimental Approach to Subjective Complexity” (with A. Schotter and I. Trevino) *submitted*

“Behavioral and Structural Barriers to Information Aggregation in Networks” (with Ben Gillen and Dotan Persitz) *submitted*

“I Choose For You: an Experimental Study” (with F. Echenique and K. Saito) *submitted*

WORK IN PROGRESS

“Do Individuals View Their Posterior Belief as a Sufficient Statistic? An Experimental Investigation” (with Z. Kang and K. Nielsen)

“Empirical Study of Consideration Sets” (with Y. Masatlioglu)

“I know best: Skepticism about experts’ knowledge” (with M. Elliott and P. Ortoleva)

“An Empirical Study of Delegation” (with L. Gailmard and A. Hirsch)

“Efficiency in Matching Markets” (with M. Elliott, B. Golub and E. Talamas)

“An Experimental study of Choices from Menus” (with M. Dean, E. Friedman, K. Huynk, and P. Ortoleva)

“The Impact of Incentives on Lab Responses” (with E. Snowberg and L. Yariv)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Associate Editor of American Economic Review	2026 – present
Economic Theory Fellow for the Society of the Advancement of Economic Theory	2022
Research Associate at NBER	2021 – present
Director of Center for Theoretical and Experimental Social Sciences (CTESS) at Caltech	2021 - present
Director of Caltech Social Science Experimental Laboratory (SSEL)	2017 – present
Associate Editor of Econometrica	2023 – present
Associate Editor of Journal of the European Economic Association (JEEA)	2021 – present
Associate Editor of Economic Journal (EJ)	2021 – 2023
Editorial Board of AEJ: Microeconomics	2020 – 2023
Associate Editor of Political Analysis	2020 – 2021
Associate Editor of European Economic Review (EER)	2018 – 2021
Associate Editor of Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization (JEBO)	2019 – 2021
Editorial Board of Experimental Economics	2017 – 2021
Associate Editor of Economics Bulletin	2017 – 2019

Referee for more than 25 journals in Economics, Political Science and government research foundations

HONORS, AWARDS and SCHOLARSHIPS

2022 – 2025	NSF grant SES 2214040 “Persuading People on More and Less Divisive Issues” 350K
2017 – 2018	Caltech ASCIT Teaching Award Winner
2017	Foundations of Human Behavior grant for “Efficiency in Matching Markets: an Experimental Approach” (with Matthew Elliott, Benjamin Golub, and Eduard Talamas)
2016	IFREE grant for “An Experiment on Stable Matching with Incomplete Information” (with A. Dianat, L. Samuelson and L. Yariv)
2009 – 2010	Dean’s Dissertation Fellowship, NYU
2004 – 2010	McCracken Fellowship, NYU

2003 Honor scholarship by the Gershon H Gordon Faculty of Social Science, Tel Aviv
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2002 Scholarship of Alfred Akirov (benefactor of Eitan Berglas School of Economics), Tel Aviv
2001 – 2004 Merit-based scholarship from Eitan Berglas School of Economics, Tel Aviv University

TEACHING

“Strategy” master level course (LSE, Department of Management)
“Thinking Strategically” master level course (LSE, Department of Management)
“Experimetrics” graduate level course (Caltech, SS225)
“Formal Models in Political Science” undergraduate level (Caltech, PS132)
“Formal Models in Political Science” graduate level (Caltech, SS210)
“Economics of Uncertainty and Information” undergraduate level (Caltech, EC135)

CONFERENCES and SUMMER SCHOOLS

Summer School in Experimental Experiments (Tallinn, Helsinki and Aalto Universities research groups)	August, 2023
Organizer of Caltech Summer School in Theory-Based Experiments (together with Charlie Sprenger)	2022 - 2026
Organizer of “25+ years of QRE” conference at Caltech	March, 2022
Organizer of Third Southwest Experimental and Behavioral Economics Workshop (SWEBE)	2018
Co-organizer of mini-conference on Experimental Economics	2014
Co-organizer of mini-conference on Experiments in Political Economy	2013