

**Curriculum Vitae**  
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**Current Positions:**

Associate Professor, Department of Economics, New York University,  
since 2004

Fellow, IGIER, Bocconi University, since 2003

**Previous academic appointments:**

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, New York University,  
1997-2003

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, MIT, 1993-1996

**Visiting Positions:**

IGIER, Bocconi University, 2002-03

Dept. of Economics, Univ. of Minnesota, fall 2000

Institute for Empirical Macroeconomics, Fed. Res. Bank of Minneapolis,  
summer 1999

Department of Economics, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, summer 1994-02

Institute of Advanced Studies, Hebrew Univ. of Jerusalem, summer 1994

Delta, Ecole Normale Superiore, Paris, 1993-4 and 1988-9

**Non academic positions:** Economic Associate, Mc Kinsey and Co., New  
York, 1985

**Education:**

University of Chicago, Ph.D. in Economics, 1994

**Doctoral dissertation:** General Equilibrium and Endogenous Financial Markets

**Advisors:** Jose' Scheinkman (now Princeton University), Michael Woodford (now Princeton University), Gary Becker (University of Chicago), In Koo Cho (now University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign)

Universita' Bocconi, Laurea (B.A.) in Economics, 1987

**Professional Activities:**

Associate Editor, *Journal of Economic Theory*, since 2006

Associate editor, *Economic Theory*, since 2002

Associate Editor, *Research in Economics / Ricerche Economiche*, since 1998

Editor, *www.noisefromamerika.org*

**Honors and Grants**

NSF Grant SES-9818844, 1999-2000

EEC Human Capital and Development Fellowship, 1996

EEC Human Capital and Development Fellowship, 1993-4

*Review of Economic Studies* Tour, 1994

**Teaching:**

At NYU:

Introduction to Economic Analysis (undergraduate), Financial Economics I: Asset Prices (graduate), Financial Economics II: Corporate Finance (graduate), Topics in Economic Theory: Social Interactions (graduate), Third-Year-Paper Seminar (graduate), Topics in General Equilibrium (graduate), Mathematics for Economists II (graduate), Macroeconomic Theory II (graduate), Microeconomics Seminar.

At MIT:

Dynamic Optimization and Applications (graduate), General Equilibrium (graduate; with J. Geanakoplos), Advanced Macroeconomics (graduate; with R. Caballero), Mathematics for Economists (graduate; with L. Smith)

At Pompeu Fabra: Financial Economics (graduate), Topics: The Economics of Endogenous Preferences (graduate)

At Bocconi: Corporate Finance (MBA, Finance), Financial Economics (graduate), Behavioral Finance (graduate)

## Publications:

### Books:

*Handbook of Social Economics* (Editor, with Jess Benhabib, NYU and Matt Jackson, Stanford), forthcoming, Elsevier, 2009.

### Papers:

- ‘The Method of Neuroeconomics and Intertemporal Decisions,’ (with Jess Benhabib, NYU), to be published in *Perspectives on the Future of Economics: Positive and Normative Foundations*, Vol. 1 in the *Handbook of Economic Methodologies*, Andrew Caplin and A. Schotter (Eds.), Oxford University Press, 2007.
- ‘Are Muslims Different from Other Migrants to Europe in Terms of Cultural Integration?’, (with Eleonora Patacchini, Univ. Roma I, Thierry Verdier, Paris School of Economics, Yves Zenou, IUI), to be published in *Journal of European Economic Association, Papers and Proceedings*, 2007.
- ‘Efficient Competitive Equilibria with Adverse Selection’ (with Piero Gottardi, Univ. of Venice), *Journal of Political Economy*, 114, 485-516, 2006.
- ‘Cultural Transmission,’ (with Thierry Verdier, Paris School of Economics), in *New Palgrave*, 2006.
- ‘Rational Expectations Equilibria of Economies with Local Interactions’ (with Onur Ozgur, NYU, and Ulrich Horst, Berlin), *Journal of Economic Theory*, 127,74-116, March 2006.
- ‘Markets as Beneficial Constraints on the Government’ (with A. Rampini, Northwestern Finance), *Journal of Public Economics*, 90(4-5), 601-29, May 2006.
- ‘Exclusive Contracts and the Institution of Bankruptcy’, (with Adriano Rampini, Northwestern Finance), *Economic Theory*, 27(2), 277-304, 2006.
- ‘Optimal Financial Integration and Security Design’, (with Viral Acharya, London Business School), *Journal of Business*, 78(6), 2397-433, 2005.
- ‘Religious Inter-marriage and Socialization in the U.S.’, (with Giorgio Topa, NY-FED, and Thierry Verdier, Paris School of Economics ), *Journal of Political Economy*, 112(3), 615-64, 2004.
- ‘Modeling Internal Commitment Mechanisms and Self-Control: A Neuroeconomics Approach to Consumption-Saving Decisions’ (with Jess Benhabib, NYU), *Games and Economic Behavior*, Special Issue on Neuroeconomics, 52(2), 460-92, 2004
- ‘Cooperation as a Transmitted Trait,’ (with Giorgio Topa, NY-FED, and Thierry Verdier, Paris School of Economics), *Rationality and Society*, 16, 477-507, 2004.

- ‘Moral Hazard and Non-Exclusive Contracts’ (with Danilo Guitoli, Universitat Autònoma de Catalunya), *Rand Journal of Economics*, 35(2), 306-28, 2004; with an Appendix available at my NYU webpage.
- ‘Markets and Contracts’, (with John Geanakoplos, Yale, Piero Gottardi, Univ. Of Venice, Enrico Minelli, Univ. of Brescia, Herakles Polemarchakis, Brown), *Journal of Mathematical Economics*.
- ‘Empirical Models of the Transmission of Culture: Some Examples,’ (With Giorgio Topa, NY-FED), *Journal of the European Economic Association*, Papers and Proceedings, 1(2), 363-75, 2003.
- ‘Competitive Markets for Non-Exclusive Contracts with Adverse Selection: The Role of Entry Fees’ (with Piero Gottardi, Univ. of Venice), *Review of Economic Dynamics*, 6, 313-38, 2003.
- ‘The Economics of Cultural Transmission and the Dynamics of Preferences’ (with Thierry Verdier, Paris School of Economics), *Journal of Economic Theory*, 97, 298-319, 2001.
- ‘Agents with Imperfect Empathy May Survive Natural Selection’ (with Thierry Verdier, Paris School of Economics), *Economics Letters*, 2, 277-85, 2001.
- ‘Public Policies and the Dynamics of Cultural Values in the Welfare State’ (with Thierry Verdier, Paris School of Economics); *Annales d’Economie et de Statistique*, 63-4, 216-31, 2001.
- ‘Beyond the Melting Pot: Cultural Transmission, Marriage and the Evolution of Ethnic and Religious Traits’, (with Thierry Verdier, Paris School of Economics), *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, CXV, 955-88, 2000.
- ‘A Model of Cultural Transmission, Voting and Political Ideology’, (with Thierry Verdier, Paris School of Economics), *European Journal of Political Economy*, 16, 5-29, 2000.
- ‘Competitive Equilibria with Asymmetric Information’ (with Piero Gottardi, Univ. of Venice), *Journal of Economic Theory*, 87(1), 1-48, 1999.
- ‘A Note on the Convergence to Competitive Equilibria in Economies with Moral Hazard’ (with Piero Gottardi, Univ. of Venice, and Danilo Guitoli, Universitat Autònoma de Catalunya), in Herings, P.J.J., G. van der Laan, and A.J.J. Talman (eds): *Theory of Markets*, North Holland, 1999.
- ‘General Equilibrium and Endogenously Incomplete Financial Markets’, *Journal of Economic Theory*, 82(1): 19-45, 1998.
- ‘On The Cultural Transmission of Preferences for Social Status’, (with Thierry Verdier, Paris School of Economics), *Journal of Public Economics*, 70, 75-97, 1998.

‘At the Roots of Indeterminacy’, in P. Battigalli, A. Montesano, F. Panunzi (eds.), *Decisions, Games and Markets*, New York: Kluwer Publisher, 1997.

‘International Policy Coordination, Imperfect Information, and Target Zones’, (with Piero Tedeschi, Univ. Milano Bicocca) in C. Carraro and D. Siniscalco (eds.) *International Economic Policy Coordination*, Basil Blackwell, 1991.

#### **Working Papers:**

‘The Distribution of Wealth and Redistributive Policies,’ (with Jess Benhabib, NYU), mimeo, 2006.

‘Hyperbolic Discounting: An Experimental Analysis (with Jess Benhabib, NYU, and Andrew Schotter, NYU), 2004.

‘Bend It Like Beckham: Identity, Socialization, and Assimilation,’ (with Eleonora Patacchini, Univ. Roma I, Thierry Verdier, Paris School of Economics, Yves Zenou, IUI), mimeo, 2006.

‘Portfolio Monitoring’ (with Adriano Rampini, Northwestern Finance, and Piero Gottardi, Univ. of Venice), 2004; second revision at *Journal of the European Economic Association*.

‘Entrepreneurial Incentives and Efficiency of Stock Market Economies’ (with Viral Acharya, London Business School), 2005, under revision at *Rand Journal of Economics*.

‘Efficient Competitive Equilibria with Adverse Selection: The General Case’ (with Piero Gottardi, Univ. of Venice), 2004, second revision at *Theoretical Economics*.

‘Work Ethic and Redistribution: A Cultural Transmission Model of the Welfare State,’ (with Thierry Verdier, Paris School of Economics), mimeo, 2003.

‘Cultural Transmission, Socialization and the Dynamics of  $N$ -Trait Distributions,’ (with Giorgio Topa, NY-FED, and Thierry Verdier, Paris School of Economics), mimeo, 2002.

‘Advertising, Mass Consumption and Capitalism’, (with Jess Benhabib, NYU), mimeo, 2001.

‘Walrasian Economies with Non-linear, Individual Prices: The Case of Continuous Demand’, mimeo, 1996.