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COOPERMAN PROFESSOR OF FINANCE AND ECONOMICS Columbia Business School, Columbia University

RESEARCH AREAS

Macroeconomics, finance, the role of information and data in the modern economy.

PAST ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Professor of Economics, NYU, Stern School of Business	2015 – 2018
Tenured Associate Professor of Economics, NYU, Stern School of Business	2008 – 2015
Assistant Professor of Economics, NYU Stern School of Business	2003 – 2008
Assistant Professor of Economics, INSEAD	2001 – 2003

ADVISORY BOARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

American Finance Association, Board of Directors	2021 – 2024
Bank for International Settlements, Advisory Panel	2021 – present
Fellow of the Society for the Advancement of Economic Theory	since 2020
Cornell FinTech Initiative, Research Fellow	2021 - present
New York Federal Reserve, Economic Advisory Panel	2019 - present
New York Federal Reserve, Monetary Policy Advisory Panel	2018 - 2019
Journal of Economic Theory, Advisory Board	2020 – present
Macro-Finance Society, Board of Directors	2019 – present
Kenen Fellow, Department of Economics, Princeton University	2006 – 2007
Hoover National Fellow, Stanford University	2010– 2011
CEPR Research Fellow	2009 – present
NBER Faculty Research Fellow	2008 – present
Research Consultant at NY and Minneapolis Federal Reserve (intermittent)	2009 – 2015

EDUCATION

Stanford Graduate School of Business Ph.D. in Economic Analysis and Policy, 2001

Northwestern University Bachelor of Arts in Math and Economics, 1996

EDITORIAL SERVICE

Advisory Editor, Journal of Financial Economics	2021 – present
Associate Editor, Econometrica	2021 - 2024
Co-Editor, Journal of Economic Theory	2016-2019
Board of Editors, American Economic Journal, Microeconomics	2016 - present
Associate Editor, Review of Economic Dynamics	2015 - 2016
NBER Macro Annual Editorial Board	2014 - 2019
<i>Excellence in Refereeing Award</i> , American Economic Review	2008, 2013, 2014, 2016
Associate Editor, Journal of Monetary Economics	2009-2011

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Ph.D. Finance Theory I	2018 -
Ph.D. Information Frictions in Finance, Columbia	2018-
PhD/BA Information Frictions in Macroeconomics, NYU	2008-09, 2013-16
Ph.D. Macroeconomics and Finance, INSEAD	2002
M.B.A. International Finance	2020-
M.B.A. Global Economy (International Macro), NYU Stern	2004-2017
M.B.A. Core Macroeconomics, INSEAD <i>1 of 5 nominees for best teacher in an MBA core class</i>	2002-2003
B.A. International Monetary Economics, Princeton University	2006

PUBLICATIONS AND FORTHCOMING WORK

Where Has All the Big Data Gone? with Maryam Farboodi, Adrien Matray and Venky Venkateswaran
Review of Financial Studies, forthcoming.

Taking Orders and Taking Notes: Dealer Information Sharing in Financial Markets,
with Nina Boyarchenko and David Lucca
Journal of Political Economy, v.129(2), February 2021.

Scarring Body and Mind: The Belief-Scarring Effects of COVID-19, with Julian Kozlowski and Venky Venkateswaran,
Jackson Hole Economic Policy Symposium Proceedings, 2020.

Might Global Uncertainty Promote International Trade? with Isaac Baley and Michael Waugh
Journal of International Economics, v.126, September 2020.

Long Run Growth of Financial Data Technology, with Maryam Farboodi
American Economic Review, August 2020, 110(8):2485-2523.

The Tail that Wags the Economy: Belief-Driven Business Cycles and Persistent Stagnation,
with Julian Kozlowski and Venky Venkateswaran
Journal of Political Economy, August 2020, v.128(8), 2839-2879.

Germs, Social Networks and Growth, with Alessandra Fogli
Review of Economic Studies, forthcoming, 2021.

Big Data and Firm Dynamics, with Maryam Farboodi, Roxana Mihet and Thomas Philippon
American Economic Association Papers and Proceedings, May 2019 v.109, p.38-42.

Big Data in Finance and the Growth of Large Firms, with Juliane Begenau and Maryam Farboodi
Journal of Monetary Economics, August, 2018, v.97, p. 71-87.

The Tail that Keeps the Riskless Rate Low, with Julian Kozlowski and Venky Venkateswaran
2018 NBER Macro Annual.

What Are Uncertainty Shocks? with Nic Kozeniauskas and Anna Orlik
Journal of Monetary Economics, December 2018, v.100: 1-15

A Rational Theory of Mutual Funds' Attention Allocation
with Marcin Kacperczyk and Stijn Van Nieuwerburgh
Winner of the 2009 Q-Group research competition
Econometrica, March 2016, v.84(2), 571-626.

Comment: Is The Macroeconomy Locally Unstable and Why Should We Care?
with Roxana Mihet
NBER Macroeconomics Annual, 2016

Should We Regulate Financial Information? with Pablo Kurlat
Journal of Economic Theory, July 2015, v.158, p.697-720.

Time-Varying Fund Manager Skill, with Marcin Kacperczyk and Stijn Van Nieuwerburgh
Journal of Finance, August 2014, v.69(4), p.1455-1484.

Leadership, Coordination, and Corporate Culture, with Patrick Bolton and Markus Brunnermeier
Winner of the 2008 JP Morgan Prize for the best paper at the Utah Winter Finance Conference
Review of Economic Studies, April 2013, v.80(2), p.512-537.

Information Choice Technologies, with Christian Hellwig and Sebastian Kohls
American Economic Review P&P, May 2012, v.102 (3), p.35-40.

Information Choice in Macroeconomics and Finance
Princeton University Press, 2011

Nature or Nurture? Learning and the Geography of Female Labor Force Participation,
with Alessandra Fogli,
Econometrica, July 2011, v.79(4), p.1103-1138.

Information Acquisition and Under-Diversification, with Stijn Van Nieuwerburgh
Review of Economic Studies, April 2010, v. 77(2), p. 779-805.

Income Dispersion and Counter-Cyclical Markups, with Chris Edmond
Journal of Monetary Economics, September 2009, v.56(6), p.791-804.

Ratings Shopping and Asset Complexity: A Theory of Ratings Inflation, with Vasiliki Skreta
Journal of Monetary Economics, July 2009, v.56(5), p.678-695.
2009 Glucksman Institute Research Prize – 3rd place

Information Immobility and the Home Bias Puzzle, with Stijn Van Nieuwerburgh
Journal of Finance, June 2009, v. 64(3), p.1187-1215
2006 Glucksman Institute Research Prize - 1st place
2005 Financial Management Association's Best Paper Prize in Investments

Learning About Reform: Time-Varying Support for Structural Adjustment
International Review of Economics and Finance, March 2009, v.19(2), p.192-206.

Knowing What Others Know: Coordination Motives in Information Acquisition

with Christian Hellwig,
Review of Economic Studies, 2009, v.76, pp.223-251

Aggregate Shocks or Aggregate Information? Costly Information and Business Cycle Comovement

with Justin Wolfers
Journal of Monetary Economics, Sept 2007, v. 54(S), pp.37-55.

Information Markets and the Comovement of Asset Prices

Review of Economic Studies, July 2006, v.73(3), p.823-845.

Media Frenzies in Markets for Financial Information

American Economic Review, June 2006, v.96(3), p.577-601.

Learning Asymmetries in Real Business Cycles with Stijn Van Nieuwerburgh

Journal of Monetary Economics, May 2006, 53(4), p. 753-772

Slow Boom, Sudden Crash

Journal of Economic Theory, October 2005, v.124(2), p.230-257.

Inside Information and the Own-Company Stock Puzzle with Stijn Van Nieuwerburgh

Journal of the European Economic Association, Papers and Proceedings, May 2006, v.4(2-3), p.623-633.

Uncertainty, Policy Ineffectiveness, and Long Stagnation of the Macroeconomy

Comments on an article by Masanao Aoki and Hiroshi Yoshikawa
Japan and the World Economy, August 2006, v.18(3), pp.273-277.

Did Asset Complexity Trigger Ratings Bias? with Vasiliki Skreta

Understanding Our Financial Crisis, ed. Robert Kolb, John Wiley & Sons, 2010.

Economists' Perspectives on Leadership, with Patrick Bolton and Markus Brunnermeier,

Handbook of Leadership Theory and Practice, ed.s N. Nohria and R. Khurana, Harvard Business Press, 2010.

WORKING PAPERS

A Growth Model of the Data Economy with Maryam Farboodi

The Changing Economics of Knowledge Production, with Simona Abis

Valuing Financial Data, with Maryam Farboodi, Dhruv Singal, Venky Venkateswaran

Data and Market Power, with Jan Eeckhout

Understanding Uncertainty Shocks and the Role of the Black Swan, with Anna Orlik

Data and the Aggregate Economy, with Cindy Chung

HONORARY LECTURES

Presenter at Federal Reserve's 2020 Jackson Hole, Economic Policy Symposium.

Keynote address, 2020 NY Fed conference on FinTech

Plenary speaker, 2019 Society of Economic Dynamics conference in St. Louis

Plenary speaker, Center for Economic Policy Research 2019 annual research conference in Tarragona, Spain,

Commentator at 2018 Nobel Symposium, organized by Sveriges Riksbank

Discussant at Federal Reserve's 2016 Jackson Hole, Monetary Policy Symposium.

Plenary speaker, 2017 Barcelona Graduate School of Economics Summer Institute.

2017 Douglass North Honorary Lecture at EGSC, Washington University, St. Louis.

Keynote speaker at "New Advances on Informational Frictions in Business Cycles" conference, organized by University of Lausanne, 2017.

OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES

I disclose that I have no ongoing professional activities outside Columbia University that pose a real or apparent conflict of interest. Over my career, I have accepted one-time speaking fees or honoraria from Morgan Stanley, Goldman Sachs and Standard and Poors, as well as Federal Reserve Banks, the International Monetary Fund, the European Central Bank and many academic institutions.

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