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Curriculum Vitae

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Jan 2011 - Assistant Professor (tenured), OFCE Sciences-Po and SKEMA Business School. Nice
indef - Sophia Antipolice (FR)
- Sep 2010 - Faculty member, Center for Social Studies, Tbilisi State University. Tbilisi (GE)
Aug 2012
- Mar 2010 - Visiting Scholar, Center for Complexity in Business, Robert H. Smith School of Busi-
Jun 2010 - ness, University of Maryland. College Park MD (US)
- Sep 2006 - Graduate student, School of Business and Economics, Maastricht University. Maas-
Aug 2010 - tricht (NL)
- Sep 2005 - PhD fellow, UNU-MERIT. Maastricht (NL)
Dec 2010

EDUCATION

- 2010 (expd.) PhD in Economics, Maastricht University (Maastricht, NL)
- 2005 MA in Economics [*magna cum laude*], Central European University (Budapest, HU)
- 2003 BA in Economics [*summa cum laude*], Tbilisi State University (Tbilisi, GE)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Economics of Innovation · Business Economics · Industrial Organization · Evolutionary Economics

TEACHING (all at Maastricht University)

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| Lecturing: | Advanced Microeconomics [grad] | at Graduate School of Governance | 2009/10 |
| | Network Economics [undergrad] | at School of Business and Economics | 2008/09 |
| Assisting: | Network Economics [undergrad] | at School of Business and Economics | 2007/08 |
| | International Economics [undergrad] | at School of Business and Economics | 2006/07 |

INVITED LECTURES

- At Graduate School on Economics of Innovative Change (MPI, FSU and UAS) Jena (DE) 2008
- At GREThA (University of Montesquieu Bordeaux IV) Bordeaux (FR) 2010

SEMINARS

- At Sciences-Po, OFCE, FR (July 2010)
- At ETH Zurich, Chair of Systems Design, CH (June 2010)
- At Erasmus University, RSM, NL (May 2010)
- At University of Maryland, RSmith, USA (May 2010)
- At University Montesquieu Bordeaux IV, GREThA, FR (February 2010)
- At Tbilisi State University, ISET, GE (December, 2008)
- At Utrecht University, URU, NL (November, 2008)
- At Max Planck Institute of Economics, DE (April, 2008)

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Aalborg (DK) - 2010: Schumpeter Conference
- *Bocconi University* - 2009: Research and Entrepreneurship in Knowledge-Based Economy
- *University of Barcelona* - 2009: Agglomeration, Industries and Innovation
- *Maastricht University* - 2009: Conference on Economic Design
- Jena (DE) - 2009: European Meeting on Applied Evolutionary Economics
- New York City (USA) - 2009: Eastern Economic Association Annual Conference
- *University of Sorbonne* - 2008: Computing in Economics and Finance
- *Université Louis Pasteur* - 2008: DIME Scientific Conference
- *Maastricht University* - 2007: Modeling, Systems and Dynamics
- *Technical University of Marche* - 2007: Econophysics Colloquium
- *Kiel Institute of World Economy* - 2007: Agglomeration and Growth in Knowledge-Based Economies
- *University of Bologna* - 2006: Economic Science with Heterogeneous Interacting Agents

HONORS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Winner of the Outstanding PhD Paper Award at European Meeting on Applied Evolutionary Economics, 2009, Jena (DE)
- Winner of the Grand Prix at Interdisciplinary Scientific Conference organized by OSGF and ISSP foundations, 2003, Tbilisi (GE)
- Winner of Tbilisi State University Scientific Competition, 2001, Tbilisi (GE)

SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

- ASCN (University of Fribourg) research grant, 2010 (CHF 40 000)
- METEOR International Academic Travel Grant, 2009 (€4 000)
- Maastricht University research grant for getting the PhD project to the highest rank category in 2007 MaGW competition of The Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research, 2008 (€25 000)
- METEOR research grant for fast completion of PhD course work, 2007 (€1 000)
- United Nations University Scholarship for PhD studies, 2005 (\approx €53 000)
- George Soros Full Scholarship for MA studies, twice: 2003 and 2004 (\approx \$ 28 000 in total)
- OSGF-ISSP scholar grant for further developing the Grand Prix winner paper, 2003 (\approx \$ 1 000)

OTHER TRAINING

- Social Computing, Behavioral Modeling, and Prediction (pre-conference tutorials). At National Institutes of Health, Bethesda MD (US) 2010
- European Summer School on Industrial Dynamics. At IEB, University of Barcelona (ES) 2009
- DIMETIC: Summer School on Modeling, Systems and Dynamics. At UNU-MERIT (NL) 2007
- Summer School in Economic Theory. At IAS, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (IL) 2007
- European Summer University on Innovation and Industrial Production. At Cherbourg School of Engineering (FR) 2006
- Doctoral Training Course on Economic Evolution as a Learning Process. At Max Planck Institute of Economics (DE) 2006

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Organizer of UNU-MERIT academic seminar series for the academic year 2008/2009.

REVIEWER SERVICES

Economic Modelling, Economics (E-journal)

LANGUAGES

Georgian (mother tongue) · English & Russian (fluent) · Dutch & Romanian (elementary)

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Nationality Georgian
Date of Birth 12 July 1982
Marital Status Married, one daughter

PUBLICATIONS

In peer reviewed journals

- Returns to Product Promotion when Consumers Are Learning How to Consume. Forthcoming in *Journal of Evolutionary Economics*

In edited volumes

- Consumer Interaction: Effects on Aggregate Outcomes. Forthcoming in “Applied Evolutionary Economics, Behavior, and Organizations”, Guido Buenstorf (ed.), Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, 2010

UNDER REVIEW

- Real Word-of-Mouth Interaction and Organization of Behavior (with Robin Cowan)
- R&D Behavior and the Emergence of Fat-Tailed Firm Size Distributions
- On the Performance of the Representative Agent in Models With and Without Interactions
- (S,s) Pricing: Does the Heterogeneity Wipe out the Asymmetry on Micro Level?

WORK IN PROGRESS

- Consumer Interaction and Innovation Incentives
- Bertrand Competition on Consumer-Producer Networks
- Social Motifs (with William Rand)
- Missing Parts in Political Spectrum: Effects on Functionality of Political Decision-Making (with Natalia Timus)