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PERSONAL DATA

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POSITIONS

OCT 2019 - Post-Doctoral Research Fellow
Athens University of Economics and Business, Greece
Research title: “Distributional aspects of rent seeking activities in a DSGE setup”

EDUCATION

NOV 2014 - SEP 2019 PhD in Economics
Athens University of Economics and Business, Greece
Thesis: “[Quality of institutions and macroeconomic performance](#)”
Thesis Committee: Assistant Professor Vangelis Vassilatos,
Professor Apostolis Philippopoulos, Professor Theodore Palivos.

OCT 2013 - OCT 2014 PhD Student in Economics
Athens University of Economics and Business, Greece
Course: “Advanced courses and seminars”

SEP 2012 - SEP 2013 MSc in Economics
University College of London, United Kingdom
Thesis: “Estimation of the Matching Function using Greek Labor Survey data”
Thesis supervisor: Assistant Professor Jeremy Lise

SEP 2008 - JUN 2012 Ptychion (BSc) in Economics
Athens University of Economics and Business, Greece
Specialization: “Economic Theory and Policy”

FIELDS OF RESEARCH INTEREST

Macroeconomics, Fiscal policy in DSGE models, Institutions.

Brief Synopsis of Current Research:

- Introduction of institutions in a DSGE model in the form of rent seeking competition
- A heterogeneous agents DSGE model (workers, capitalists) with rent seeking competition
- Comparative study of Eurozone countries
- Studies of fiscal policy episodes

WORKING PAPERS

[Modeling rent seeking activities: quality of institutions, macroeconomic performance, and the economic crisis](#), Christou T., Philippopoulos A., Vassilatos V., 2019, Working Paper Series, Department of Economics, Athens University of Economics and Business.

HONORS, AWARDS AND GRANTS

- Post-Doctoral Research Grant (2019), DRASH-II Scheme, Athens University of Economics and Business
- PhD Scholarship Scheme (2017-2019), Greek State Scholarships Foundation (IKY)
- Merit Scholarship (2010-2011), George Halkiopoulos Fund, Athens University of Economics and Business

CONFERENCES PRESENTATIONS

- DECEMBER 2019 International Conference on Computational and Financial Econometrics, CFE
Birkbeck University of London, United Kingdom
- OCTOBER 2019 Association of Southern-European Economic Theorists Annual Conference
Athens University of Economics and Business, Greece
- DECEMBER 2019 Annual International Conference on Macroeconomic Analysis and International Finance
University of Crete, Greece
- APRIL 2019 Royal Economic Society Annual Conference
University of Warwick, United Kingdom
- APRIL 2019 European Public Choice Society Annual Meeting
Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel
- JULY 2018, 2019 Conference on Research on Economic Theory and Econometrics
Tinos, Greece

FURTHER EDUCATION

- JUL 2016 - AUG 2016 CREI Macroeconomics Summer School
Barcelona Graduate School of Economics, Spain
Course: "An Introduction to the NK Framework and its Monetary Policy Applications"
- JUL 2016 - AUG 2016 Macroeconometrics Summer School
Barcelona Graduate School of Economics, Spain
Course: "Bayesian Methods for DSGE Models"
- JUL 2015 - JUL 2015 Workshop in Computational Econometrics
University of Salento, Italy.
- JUL 2011 - AUG 2011 Diploma in Intermediate Economics,
London School of Economics (Summer School), United Kingdom

TEACHING ASSISTANT

- Macroeconomics I (Fall 2017-18, 2018-19, Undergraduate level)
Data and macroeconomics, Business cycles, Solow growth model
- Matlab and the Real Business Cycle (RBC) model (Spring 2018-19, Graduate level)
Solving the RBC model with Matlab, Calibration, Second moment properties and Impulse response functions
- Introduction in Economic Analysis II (Spring 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, Undergraduate level)
Fiscal and monetary policy in an IS-LM and an AS-AD model, Unemployment, Inflation.
- Mathematics (Fall 2016-17, Graduate level)
Systems of linear difference equations, Systems of differential equations, Phase diagrams, Optimal control, Dynamic programming.

COMPUTER SKILLS

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| Programming / Software packages | MATLAB, DYNARE, EViews, SPSS, STATA |
| Scripting Languages | L ^A T _E X |

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- OCTOBER 2019 Member of the Local Organizing Committee
Annual Conference Association of Southern-European Economic Theorists (ASSET 2019)
Athens University of Economics and Business, Greece

LANGUAGES

Greek (native), English (excellent)