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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Microeconomics, econometrics, experimental methods, cognitive sciences

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics, CERGE-EI, Prague, Czech Republic, 06/2007

“The Impact of Financial Incentives on Task Performance: The Role of Cognitive Abilities and Intrinsic Motivation” Committee: Andreas Ortmann (Chair), Jan Hanousek and Stepan Jurajda, CERGE-EI, and Nathaniel T. Wilcox, University of Houston. Opponents: Colin F. Camerer, California Institute of Technology, and Glenn W. Harrison, University of Central Florida.

M.A. in Economics, CERGE-EI, Prague, Czech Republic, 09/2003

Specialization: econometrics, financial economics, industrial organization

B.A. in Economics (with Honors), University of Cambridge, UK, 06/2001

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research Associate, Max Planck Institute of Economics, Strategic Interaction Group, Jena, Germany; 07/2007-present

Junior Researcher, Economics Institute, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic; applied econometric analysis (under Stepan Jurajda) and design and conduct of experimental projects at the Bank Austria Portable Experimental Laboratory (under Andreas Ortmann); 09/2004-present

Visiting Student Researcher, California Institute of Technology; 02-04/2006

Teaching Assistant for Microeconomics II (core graduate course), CERGE-EI; 01-04/2005

Research Assistant for Stepan Jurajda, CERGE-EI; applied econometric analysis; 05-12/2004

Teaching Assistant for Microeconomics II (core graduate course), CERGE-EI; 01-04/2004

Research Assistant for Jan Svejnar and Daniel Munich, CERGE-EI; statistical analysis of a retrospective Czech labor force survey; 10-12/2003

Research Assistant for Jan Hanousek, CERGE-EI; contributor to “Understanding Reform”, a Global Development Network country study of the Czech Republic; 06-09/2003

Research Assistant for Andreas Ortmann, CERGE-EI; supervisor of “Industrial Organization of Experimental Economics” project; co-organizer of laboratory experiments; 01-05/2002

PUBLICATIONS

“Loss Avoidance as Selection Principle: Evidence from Simple Stag-Hunt Games” (with Andreas Ortmann), Economics Letters, 88 (1), 101-107, 2005. [CERGE-EI Working Paper 245, 12/2004]

“How Financial Incentives and Cognitive Abilities Affect Task Performance in Laboratory Settings: An Illustration” (with Andreas Ortmann), Economics Letters, 85 (3), 315-320, 2004. [CERGE-EI Working Paper 221, 02/2004]

BOOK CHAPTERS, BOOK REVIEWS, etc.

“Providing Health Services” (contributor) in Hanousek, J., Kocenda, E., and L. Lizal, Eds. Tale of The Czech Transition: Understanding The Challenges Ahead, MatfyzPress, Prague, 2004.

“Health Care” in Dusek, L., and S. Jurajda, Eds., Czech Republic 2003/2004: Entering the EU, CERGE, Charles University, Economics Institute, ASCR, Prague, 2004.

Book review of Colin F. Camerer (2003), “Behavioral Game Theory. Experiments in Strategic Interaction” (with Andreas Ortmann), Journal of Economic Psychology, 25 (5), 671-674, 2004.

Book review of Paul W. Glimcher (2003), “Decisions, Uncertainty, and the Brain. The Science of Neuroeconomics” (with Andreas Ortmann), Journal of Economic Psychology, 25 (6), 891-894, 2004.

WORKING PAPERS & WORK IN PROGRESS

“Valuing a Risky Prospect Less than Its Worst Outcome: Uncertainty Effect or Task Ambiguity,” with Andreas Ortmann, Alexandra Prokosheva and Ralph Hertwig, Jena Economic Research Paper 2007-038 and CERGE-EI Working Paper 334, 07/2007.

“Financial Incentives and Cognitive Abilities: Evidence from a Forecasting Task with Varying Cognitive Load,” Jena Economic Research Paper 2007-040 and CERGE-EI Discussion Paper 173, 01/2007.

“The Interaction between Financial Incentives and Task-specific Cognitive Capital: More Evidence in Support of Camerer and Hogarth (1999),” Jena Economic Research Paper 2007-039 (previously circulated as “Capital and Labor Effects in a Recall Task: More Evidence in Support of Camerer and Hogarth (1999),” CERGE-EI Working Paper 264, 06/2005).

“The Impact of Financial Incentives on Task Performance: The Role of Cognitive Abilities and Intrinsic Motivation,” CERGE-EI Discussion Paper 112, 12/2003.

“Three Very Simple Games (and What It Takes To Solve Them)” with Andreas Ortmann and Michal Ostadnický.

“Where Do Errors Come from?” with Glenn Harrison and Andreas Ortmann.

“Ultimatum Bargaining over Earned Income: Does Common Knowledge of Income Source Matter?” with Andreas Ortmann.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Econometric Society European Meeting, Budapest, forthcoming in 08/2007

Conference of the French Economic Association on Behavioral Economics and Experimental Economics, Lyon, 05/2007

Czech Economic Society 4th Annual Conference, Prague, 11/2006

12th International Conference on the Foundations and Applications of Utility, Risk and Decision Theory (FUR XII), Rome, 06/2006

Gesellschaft fuer Experimentelle Wirtschaftsforschung (GEW) Conference, Prague, 10/2004

2004 International Meeting of the Economic Science Association, Amsterdam, 06/2004

SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

The University of Edinburgh, UK, 02/2007 (job talk)

Max Planck Institute of Economics, Jena, Germany, 12/2006 (job talk)

California Institute of Technology, 04/2006 (brown bag seminar)

Max Planck Institute for Human Development, Berlin, Germany, 10/2004

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Grant Agency of the Czech Republic grant No. 402/05/1023 for project “The Impact of Financial Incentives on Task Performance: the Role of Cognitive Abilities and Intrinsic Motivation,” 2005-2006

CERGE-EI Mobility Fund grant for research visit at California Institute of Technology, 02-04/2006

Hlavka Foundation Travel Stipend, 06/2004

CERGE-EI Director’s Award for the best dissertation proposal, 2003

World Bank Second Year Fellowship, 2003

Citigroup Foundation Scholar, Fall 2002

CERGE-EI Performance stipend, 2001-2004

Fellow of the Cambridge Overseas Society, 2000-present

Trinity College and Cambridge Overseas Trust Scholarships, 1997-2001

UNIVERSITY SERVICE AND OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

Short-Term Consultant, World Bank, Washington DC; “ECA Regional Productivity Study” project;
05-10/2006

CERGE-EI Student Representative; 06/2002-05/2003

REFERENCES

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