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Academic Background

Yale University, Ph.D. (Economics) 1991
Cambridge University, B.A. with 1st Class Honours (Mathematics and Economics) 1985

Present Position

Peter A. Diamond Professor in Economics, MIT, 2020 -

Academic Employment

Professor of Economics, MIT, 2019 -2020
Princeton University: Professor of Economics, 2005-2007; Alexander Stewart 1886
Professor of Economics 2007-2019
Yale University: Professor of Economics, 1998-2005; Ford Foundation Professor of
Economics 2004-2005; Irving Fisher Professor of Economics 2005
University of Pennsylvania: Assistant Professor, 1991-1996; Associate Professor, 1996-
1998

Book

(with Dirk Bergemann) Robust Mechanism Design. World Scientific Publishing, 2012.

Articles (published and forthcoming)

(with Andrew Feltenstein) "Fiscal Stabilization and Exchange Rate Instability: A
Theoretical Approach and Some Policy Conclusions using Mexican Data," *Journal
of Public Economics* 42 (1990), 329-356.

(with Franklin Allen and Andrew Postlewaite) "Finite Bubbles with Short Sales
Constraints and Asymmetric Information," *Journal of Economic Theory* 61 (1993),
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- "Trade with Heterogeneous Prior Beliefs and Asymmetric Information," *Econometrica* 62 (1994), 1327-1347.
- "Revising Knowledge: A Hierarchical Approach," in *Theoretical Aspects of Reasoning about Knowledge, Proceedings of the Fifth Conference*, edited by R. Fagin. Morgan Kaufman (1994), 160-174.
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- "Inflation Dynamics and the Parallel Market for Foreign Exchange," *Journal of Development Economics* 46 (1995), 295-316.
- "The Common Prior Assumption in Economic Theory," *Economics and Philosophy* 11 (1995), 227-253. Reprinted in *Davis, J. Recent Developments in Economic Methodology Volume II*, edited by J. Davis, Edward Elgar Publishing (2006).
- (with Stephen Coate) "On the Form of Transfers to Special Interests," *Journal of Political Economy* 103 (1995), 1210-1235. Reprinted in *Rational Choice Politics: Volume 2 Voting, Elections and Pressure Politics*, edited by T. Dewan, K. Dowding and K. Shepsle, Sage Publications (2009).
- (with Andrew Postlewaite and Hyun Song Shin) "Depth of Knowledge and the Effect of Higher Order Uncertainty," *Economic Theory* 6 (1995), 453-467.
- "The Logic of Belief and Belief Change: A Decision Theoretic Approach," *Journal of Economic Theory* 69 (1996), 1-23.
- "Speculative Investor Behavior and Learning," *Quarterly Journal of Economics* 111 (1996), 1111-1133.
- (with Atsushi Kajii) "Common p-Belief: The General Case," *Games and Economic Behavior* 18 (1997), 73-82.
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- (with Hyun Song Shin) "Rationality and Efficacy of Decisions under Uncertainty," *Economic Theory* 9 (1997), 309-324.
- (with Hyun Song Shin) "Approximate Common Knowledge and Co-ordination: Recent Lessons from Game Theory," *Journal of Logic, Language and Information* 6 (1997), 171-190.
- "Risk, Uncertainty and Hidden Information," *Theory and Decision* 42 (1997), 235-269.
- "Alternative Notions of Knowledge," in *Epistemic Logic and the Theory of Games and Decisions*, edited by M. Bacharach, L.-A. Grard-Varet, P. Mongin and H. Shin. Kluwer Academic Press (1997), 217-234.

- (with Atsushi Kajii) "The Robustness of Equilibria to Incomplete Information," *Econometrica* 65 (1997), 1283-1309.
- (with Hyun Song Shin) "Unique Equilibrium in a Model of Self-Fulfilling Attacks," *American Economic Review* 88 (1998), 587-597; reprinted in *New Research in Financial Markets*, edited by B. Biais and M. Pagano, Oxford University Press (2002); in *Credit, Intermediation and the Macroeconomy: Models and Perspectives*, edited by S. Bhattacharya, A. Boot and A. Thakor, Oxford University Press (2004); and in *Financial Crises*, edited by F. Allen and D. Gale, Edward Elgar Publishing (2008).
- (with Atsushi Kajii) "Payoff Continuity in Incomplete Information Games," *Journal of Economic Theory* 82 (1998), 267-276.
- "Approximate Common Knowledge Revisited," *International Journal of Game Theory* 28 (1999), 385-408.
- (with Hyun Song Shin) "Risk Management with Interdependent Choice," *Oxford Review of Economic Policy* 15 (1999), 52-62; reprinted in the Bank of England's *Financial Stability Review* 7, 141-150.
- (with Stephen Coate) "Policy Persistence," *American Economic Review* 89 (1999), 1327-1336.
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- (with Costis Skiadas) "Rationalizable Trade," *Games and Economic Behavior* 31 (2000), 311-323.
- "Political Correctness," *Journal of Political Economy* 109 (2001), 231-265.
- (with Franklin Allen) "Game Theory Models in Finance," in *Game Theory and Business Applications*, edited by Chatterjee and Samuelson. Kluwer Academic Press (2001). Second Edition (2014).
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- (with Satoru Takahashi and Olivier Tercieux) "Robust Rationalizability under Almost Common Certainty of Payoffs," *Japanese Economic Review* 63 (2012), 57-67.
- (with Dirk Bergemann and Satoru Takahashi) "Efficient Auctions and Interdependent Types," *American Economic Review Papers and Proceedings* 102 (2012), 319-324.
- (with Dirk Bergemann) "An Introduction to Robust Mechanism Design," *Foundations and Trends in Microeconomics* 8 (2012), 169-230.
- (with Dirk Bergemann) "Robust Predictions in Games of Incomplete Information," Fisher-Schultz Lecture, *Econometrica* 81 (2013), 1251-1308.
- (with George Mailath and V. Bhaskar) "A Foundation for Markov Equilibria with Finite Social Memory," *Review of Economic Studies* 80 (2013), 925-948.
- "Coordination, Timing and Common Knowledge," *Research in Economics* 68 (2014), 306-314.
- (with Dirk Bergemann and Benjamin Brooks) "The Limits of Price Discrimination," *American Economic Review* 105 (2015), 921-957.

- (with Dirk Bergemann and Tibor Heumann) "Information and Volatility," *Journal of Economic Theory* 158 (2015).
- (with Hyun Song Shin and Muhamet Yildiz) "Common Belief Foundations of Global Games," *Journal of Economic Theory* 163 (2016), 826-848.
- (with Dirk Bergemann) "Bayes Correlated Equilibrium and The Comparison of Information Structures in Games," *Theoretical Economics* 106 (2016), 586-591.
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- (with George Mailath and Andy Postlewaite) "Laws and Authority," *Research in Economics* 71 (2017), 32-42.
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- (with Ilhyock Shim and Hyun Song Shin) "Redemption Risk and Case Hoarding by Asset Managers," *Journal of Monetary Economics* 89 (2017), 71-87.
- (with Hyun Song Shin) "Central Bank Forward Guidance and the Signal Value of Prices," *American Economic Review Papers and Proceedings* 108 (2018), 572-577.
- (with Benjamin Brooks and Dirk Bergemann) "First Price Auctions with General Information Structures: A Short Introduction," *SIGEcom Exchanges* 16 (2018), 27-37.
- (with Dirk Bergemann) "Information Design: A Unified Perspective," *Journal of Economic Literature* 57 (2019), 1-57.
- (with Dirk Bergemann and Ben Brooks) "Revenue Guarantee Equivalence," *American Economic Review* 109 (2019), 1911-29.

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(with Atsushi Kajii) "Refinements and Higher Order Beliefs: A Unified Survey," *Japanese Economic Review* 71 (1) (2020): 7-34.

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(with Dirk Bergemann and Tibor Heumann) "Information, Market Power and Price Volatility," forthcoming in *Rand Journal of Economics*, 2020.

Selected Working Papers

"Interaction Games: A Unified Analysis of Incomplete Information, Local Interaction and Random Matching," Santa Fe Institute Working Paper #97-08-072 E.

"Typical Types."

"Continuous Consumption Rules with Non-Exponential Discounting."

(with Satoru Takahashi) "Games in Preference Form and Preference Rationalizability," DETC Working Paper 043-2012.

(with Dirk Bergemann and Ben Brooks) "Informationally Robust Optimal Auction Design," DETC working paper 084-2016.

(with Dirk Bergemann and Tibor Heumann) "Information and Interaction," May 2015.

(with Ben Golub) "Higher-Order Expectations," June 2017.

(with Ben Golub) "Expectations, Networks and Conventions," January 2018.

(with Dirk Bergemann and Ben Brooks) "Counterfactuals with Latent Information," February 2019.

(with Philipp Strack) "The Wald Problem: Sequential Search and the Equivalence to Static Information Costs," February 2019.

(with Ming Yang) "Coordination and Continuous Stochastic Choice," May 2019.

(with Mehdi Shadmehr) "Inspiring Regime Change," January 2020.

(with Dirk Bergemann and Ben Brooks) "Search, Information, and Prices," May 2020; see also Cowles Foundation Discussion Paper No. 2224, March 2020.

(with Takashi Ui) "Incomplete Information Robustness," University of Tokyo Central Bank Communication Design Working Paper No. 019, March 2020.

(with Dirk Bergemann and Benjamin Brooks) "Competition and Public Information: A Note," Cowles Foundation Discussion Paper No. 2234, May 2020.

Editorial Work

Economic Theory, Editorial Board 1996-2001

Journal of Economic Theory, Associate Editor 1996-2001

Review of Economic Studies, Foreign Editor 1999-2005

BEPress Journals of Theoretical Economics, Founding Editor 1999-2000, Editorial Board 2000-present

International Journal of Game Theory, Editorial Board 2000-2003

American Economic Review, Board of Editors 2001-2006

Games and Economic Behavior, Associate Editor 2001-2003

Econometrica, Associate Editor 2003-2007, Editor 2007-2011

Journal of Economic Literature, Board of Editors 2013-2018

Annual Revenue of Economics, Board 2017-2020

Refereeing for African Economic Research Consortium, American Political Science

Review, Bank of England, Bulletin of Economic Research, Cambridge University

Press, Canadian Journal of Economics, Economic and Social Research Council

(UK), Economic Inquiry, Economic Theory, Economica, Economics and

Philosophy, Economics Letters, Economics of Governance, Empirical Economics,

Erkenntnis, European Journal of Finance, International Economic Review,

International Review of Economics and Finance, Israel Science Foundation, John

Wiley and Sons, Journal of Banking and Finance, Journal of Economic Behavior

and Organization, Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control, Journal of

International Economics, Journal of International Money and Finance, Journal of

Mathematical Economics, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Public

Economics, Leverhulme Trust, Mc.Graw Hill, National Science Foundation,

Oxford University Press, Philosophy of Science, Princeton University Press,

Quarterly Journal of Economics, RAND Journal of Economics, Resource and

Energy Economics, Review of Economic Design, Review of Economics and

Statistics, Review of Financial Studies, Review of International Organizations,

Royal Society of New Zealand, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, Science, Social

Science Research Council (UK), Social Sciences Research Council of Canada,

Social Science Research Council (US), Southern Economic Journal, Theoretical

Economics, Theory and Decision.

Grants, Awards, Fellowships and Service

Clare-Mellon Fellowship, Yale University 1985-1987
 Overseas Development Institute Fellowship 1987-1989
 Carl Arvid Andersen Prize Fellowship, Cowles Foundation 1990-1991
 Philip Schlein Term Assistant Professor of Economics 1991-1995
 Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellow 1996-1998
 U. of Pennsylvania Research Foundation Grant, "Dynamic Preferences, Beliefs and Knowledge" 1991-1992
 N.S.F. Grants: "Revising Knowledge: A Hierarchical Approach" 1993-1995; "The Value of Information in Strategic Settings" 1997-2000; "Robust Mechanism Design" 2001-2004 (with Dirk Bergemann); "Coordination, Incomplete Information and Iterated Dominance: Theory and Experiments (conference support)" 2002; "Robust Market Design" 2005-2007 (with Dirk Bergemann); "Common Belief Foundations of Global Games" 2007-2008 (with Hyun Song Shin); "Robust Predictions in Games with Private Information" 2009-2012 (with Dirk Bergemann); "Interaction, Information and Identification" (with Dirk Bergemann) 2012-2015; "Information, Markets and Networks" (with Dirk Bergemann) 2015-2018; "Advancing Methods for Analyzing Coordination: New Developments in Global Game Theory" 2018-2021.
 U. of Pennsylvania I.E.R. Grant, "Modelling Higher Order Beliefs" 1994-1995
 U. of Pennsylvania Research Foundation Grant, "Designing Policy Conditionality" 1994-1995
 Econometric Society Fellow 2002
 Yale Economics Department "Best Graduate Student Advisor" Award 2004
 John Simon Guggenheim Fellowship, 2005-2006
 Elected Member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences 2005
 Harold T. Shapiro *64 Professor of Economics, 2005-2006
 Game Theory Society, Council Member 2008-2014
 Fellow of the Society for the Advancement of Economic Theory 2013
 Econometric Society: Council 2008-2014, 2016-2018, Executive Committee 2016, First Vice President 2018, President 2019
 Fellow of the Game Theory Society 2017
 Fellow of the Centre for Economic Policy Research 2019

Visiting Positions

Makerere University, Visiting Lecturer 1988-1989
 University of Cambridge, Research Officer (DAE) 1993-1994
 Université Catholique de Louvain, Visiting Scholar (CORE) 1993
 University of Melbourne, Visiting Lecturer 1994
 Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, Visiting Scholar 1995-1996
 Northwestern University, Visiting Professor 1997-1998
 University of Oslo, Visiting Professor, 1998
 London School of Economics, Visiting Scholar, 2001
 International Monetary Fund, Visiting Scholar 2002
 Brown University, Visiting Professor 2003

Universite de Paris I Pantheon-Sorbonne, Visiting Professor 2004
London School of Economics, STICERD Distinguished Visitor 2004
Center for Advanced Studies in Behavioral Sciences, Palo Alto, Fellow, 2005-2006
Harvard University, Taussig Fellow and Visiting Professor, Fall 2013
Yale University, Kumho Visiting Professor, Spring 2018