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Current Affiliations

July 2017- Assistant Professor of Economics, Columbia University
January 2020- CESifo Research Network Affiliate

Education

2017 Ph.D. in Economics, The University of Texas at Austin
Dissertation: *Essays on Imperfect Information and Imperfect Competition*
Supervisor: Olivier Coibion
2013 M.S., Economics, The University of Texas at Austin
2011 B.S., Mathematics, Sharif University of Technology, Tehran, Iran

Publications

- “Inflation Targeting Does Not Anchor Inflation Expectations: Evidence from Firms in New Zealand” (joint with Saten Kumar, Olivier Coibion and Yuriy Gorodnichenko), 2015(Fall), *Brookings Papers on Economic Activity*, 151-225.

Working Papers

- “Endogenous Firm Competition and Cyclicalities of Markups” (*Revise and resubmit at Review of Economics and Statistics*)
- “Strategic Inattention, Inflation Dynamics and the Non-Neutrality of Money”
- “Dynamic Rational Inattention and the Phillips Curve” (joint with Choongryul Yang)
- “Sticky Prices, Rational Inattention and Monetary Non-Neutrality”
- “Rising Fed Information Effects” (joint Peter Zorn)
- “A Model of Costly Recall” (with Yueran Ma and Spencer Kwon)

Work in Progress

- “Rationally Confused: On the Aggregate Implications of Information Provision Policies” (joint with Miguel Acosta)
- “The Changing Anatomy of Firms’ Cost Structure in the US” (joint with Andres Drenik and Ryan Kim)
- “Biased Inflation Expectations” (joint with Michael Johannes and Laura Veldkamp)
- “Inflation Expectations Under Volatile Inflation: Evidence from Iran” (joint with Saeed Bayat, Omid Ghaderi, and Seyed Ali Madanizadeh)
- “Is it the Message or the Messenger? Examining Bias in Immigration Beliefs” (with Emily Weisburst and Carolina Arteaga)

Presentations (* denotes scheduled)

2019-2020: Chicago Fed, Cornell University, CUNY, Cleveland Fed, University of Wisconsin, AEA Annual Meetings (San Diego), Finance in the Cloud Conference V, NBER Summer Institute (Behavioral/Macro)*
2018-2019: University of Michigan, Duke University, Drexel University, UT Austin, SED Annual Meetings, Barcelona GSE Summer Forum
2017-2018: Cowles Conference on Macroeconomics, Cleveland Fed Inflation Drivers and Dynamics Conference, NYU, SUNY Binghamton, AEA Annual Meetings (Philadelphia) (x2), Penn State University, University of Maryland
2016-2017: NBER Summer Institute (Behavioral/Macro), Columbia University, Cornell University, Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, Rutgers University, UC Berkeley, UC Davis, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania
2015-2016: 3rd Conference on Rational Inattention and Related Topics, AEA Annual Meetings (San Francisco), HAND Economic Forum, UT Austin

2014-2015:	CES/ifo Conference on Macroeconomics and Survey Data, CERGE-EI, Brookings Papers for Economics Activity Fall Conference, Sharif University, HAND Economic Forum, UT Austin
2013-2014:	Kansas City Fed, Dallas Fed, Sharif University, UT Austin
2012-2013:	Fall Midwest Macro Meeting, UT Austin

Referee

AEJ: Macro, American Economic Review, Econometrica, Energy Journal, International Journal of Central Banking, Journal of Finance, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Monetary Economics, Journal of Political Economy, Macroeconomic Dynamics, New Zealand Economic Papers, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economic Studies, Review of Economics and Statistics

Graduate Advising/Placement (* = Main advisor)

Sandesh Dhungana	(2018 PhD, IMF)
Oskar Zorrilla	(2019 PhD, US Naval Academy)
Chris Cotton	(2019 PhD, Boston Fed)
Agnieszka Dorn	(2019 PhD, BCG)
Juan Herreño	(2020 PhD, UCSD)
Yinxi Xie	(2020 PhD, Bank of Canada)
Xi Zhi Lim	(2020 PhD, Shanghai Jiao Tong University)
Han Huynh	(2020 PhD, Bates White)
Miguel Acosta	(2021 PhD, Expected)
Yeji Sung	(2021 PhD, Expected)
Anastasia Burya*	(2022 PhD, Expected)
Martsella Davitaya*	(2022 PhD, Expected)
Shruti Mishra*	(2022 PhD, Expected)
Susannah Scanlan	(2023 PhD, Expected)
Edward Shore	(2023 PhD, Expected)

Undergraduate and Masters Advising

2019-2020:	Saif Ebrahim Alhammadi (MA), John Kadlick (BA)
2017-2018:	Daniel Reuter (BA)

Teaching

Columbia U:	Advanced Macroeconomic Analysis II (2 nd year PhD), Macroeconomic Analysis I & II (1 st year PhD), Seminar in Macroeconomics and Formation of Expectations (Undergraduate).
UT Austin:	Introduction to Economics (Undergraduate).

Fellowships and Awards

2020-2021	ISERP Seed Grant, Columbia University
2019-2020	Lenfest Junior Development Grant, Columbia University
2016-2017	Dissertation Writing Fellowship, UT Austin
2016-2017	McIlhany Endowed Presidential Fellowship, UT Austin
2014, 2015	Hale Fellowship, UT Austin
2014-2015	David Bruton, Jr Graduate School Fellowship, UT Austin
2013, 2016	Professional Development Award, UT Austin
2013-2014	<i>Best Second Year Paper Award</i> , Department of Economics, UT Austin