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### EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, United States, 2006.  
M.A. Economics, top honors, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary, 2001.  
B.A. Finance, Academy of Economic Studies, Bucharest, Romania, 1998.

### CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

University of Maryland, Department of Economics  
Assistant Professor of Economics (Fall 2006 to present)

### AFFILIATIONS

University of Maryland, Department of Government and Politics  
University of Maryland, Collective Choice Center

### PAST EMPLOYMENT

Kellogg School of Management, MEDS Department, Evanston, IL  
Research Assistant (June-August 2005).  
Kellogg School of Management, Ford Motor Center, Evanston, IL  
Research Assistant (June 2003-November 2004).  
The World Bank, Development Research Group, Washington, DC  
Short-Term Consultant (STC) (April-August 2004).  
Northwestern University, Department of Economics, Evanston, IL  
Teaching Assistant (2002-2005)  
Subjects: Microeconomic Theory, Applied Econometrics and Forecasting.  
Advising: Northwestern University Senior Honors Thesis in Economics.

### HONORS, AWARDS AND GRANTS

General Research Board (GRB) Summer Award, University of Maryland, 2008.  
Global Supplementary Grants, Open Society Institute, New York, 2001 and 2003.  
University Fellowship and Assistantship, Northwestern University, 2001-2005.  
Graduate Travel Grant, Central European University, 2001.  
Outstanding M.A. Student Award, Central European University, 2001.  
Graduate Fellowship, Central European University, 1999-2001.  
Government of Romania Scholarship and University of Rochester Scholarship for Ph.D.  
Program in Economics at the University of Rochester, 1999 (declined).  
*Diplomă de Merit* (Merit Award), Academy of Economic Studies, 1996.  
Republican Scholarship, Academy of Economic Studies, 1995 and 1996.

## **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Primary: Political Economy, Applied Microeconomics  
Secondary: Development, Applied Econometrics

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- “Democracy, Credibility and Clientelism,” with Philip Keefer, *Journal of Law, Economics and Organization*, October 2008, 24(2): 371-406.
- “Parties, Coalitions and the Internal Organization of Legislatures,” with Daniel Diermeier, *American Political Science Review*, May 2011, 105(2): 359-380.
- “Executive Control and Legislative Success,” with Daniel Diermeier, *Review of Economic Studies*, July 2011, 78(3): 846-871.
- “Do Housing Bubbles Generate Fiscal Bubbles? Evidence from California Cities,” with Alex Whalley, *Public Choice*, October 2011, 149(1-2): 89-108.

## **WORKING PAPERS**

- “The Role of Pressure Groups in British Legislative Politics, 1945-1989,”  
Revise and Resubmit at *Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics*.
- “Hierarchical Accountability in Government: Theory and Evidence,” with Alex Whalley,
- “Executive Performance under Direct and Hierarchical Accountability Structures.”
- “Political Accountability for Public Spending.”
- “Procedural Choice in Majoritarian Organizations,” with Daniel Diermeier and Carlo Prato.

## **WORK IN PROGRESS**

- “Structural Political Agency,” with Boragan Aruoba and Allan Drazen.
- “Partisan Politics: Economic and Public Opinion Factors.”
- “MTEFs and Fiscal Performance,” with Francesco Grigoli, Zachary Mills, and Marijn Verhoeven.
- “Inter-Jurisdictional Competition and Government Form,” with John Hatfield, Katrina Kosec, and Alex Whalley.

## INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Canadian Economic Theory Conference, Montreal, Canada, May 2007.  
Public Choice Society, Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, March 2008.  
Midwest Political Science Association, National Conference, Chicago, IL, April 2008.  
Econometric Society, North American Summer Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA, June 2008.  
Wallis Institute Annual Conference on Political Economy, Rochester, NY,  
October 2008.  
American Economic Association, Annual Meeting, San Francisco CA, January 2009.  
Midwest Political Science Association, National Conference, Chicago IL, April 2009.  
LACEA Political Economy Group Meeting, Cartagena, Columbia, May 2009.  
Econometric Society, North American Summer Meeting, Boston, MA, June 2009.  
American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada,  
September 2009.  
University of Maryland “Individual Preferences and Social Outcomes” Workshop,  
October 2009.\*  
Stanford University GSB, December 2009.  
University of California, Merced, December 2009.  
Princeton University WWS, December 2009.  
Université Laval, February 2010.  
The World Bank, Public Sector Governance, May 2010.  
Erasmus Political Economy Workshop, Rotterdam, Netherlands, June 2010.  
University of Houston / Rice University, March 2011.  
American Economic Association, Annual Meeting, Chicago IL, January 2012.  
Princeton Political Economy Conference, April 2012.  
New York University, April 2012.  
Annual Bank Conference on Development Economics, Washington, DC, May 2012.\*  
World Congress of the Game Theory Society, Istanbul, Turkey, July 2012.  
American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA,  
August 2012.  
(\* indicates discussant)

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Reviewer for:

*American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis & Policy, Games and Economic Behavior, Journal of Comparative Economics, Journal of Economic Theory, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Public Economics, Quarterly Journal of Political Science, Review of Economic Studies, Social Choice and Welfare.*

Co-organizer: Annual Collective Choice Center Conference, University of Maryland, May 2007.

Committees, University of Maryland, Department of Economics:

Junior Recruiting Committee: 2006-2007, 2007-2008, 2010-2011.

Senior Recruiting Committee: 2008-2009, 2009-2010, 2011-2012.

Coordinator: University of Maryland, Department of Economics Seminar on Development, Trade, Institutions, and Politics (DTIP), 2007-2008, 2008-2009, 2009-2010, 2010-2011, 2011-2012.

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Economic Association  
American Political Science Association

**TEACHING AND ADVISING**

COURSES - University of Maryland

ECON422 Econometrics I

ECON757 Topics in Political Economy II

UNDERGRADUATE ADVISING - University of Maryland

Honors Theses: Zach Burroughs, Alexander Per.

Econ Tutoring Club: Faculty Advisor.

GRADUATE ADVISING - University of Maryland

Ph.D. Defense Committee: Simona Andrei, Piyush Chandra, Lixing Li, Sebastian Miller, Yerzhan Mukashev, Niko Hobdari, Bingjie Hu, Shrayes Ramesh.

**OTHER**

Citizenship: Romania.

Visas: U.S. Permanent Resident.

Languages: Romanian, English, French.