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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Development Economics, Behavioral Economics, Experimental Economics, Applied Microeconomics

GRADUATE EDUCATION

CERGE-EI, Prague, Czech Republic **2010–present**
Ph.D. candidate, Economics (Expected completion: June 2016)

M.A., Economics (2011)
Field Courses: Econometrics, Experimental Economics, Law and Economics

New York University, New York, USA **Sep–Dec 2014**
Doctoral Fellow, hosted by Prof. Jonathan Morduch

Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic **2008–2010**
M.A. Economic Theory, 2010 (Distinction)

PUBLICATIONS

Attention Discrimination: Theory and Field Experiments with Monitoring Information Acquisition

(with Michal Bauer, Julie Chytilová, and Filip Matějka)
American Economic Review 2016, 106(6): 1–39

We integrate tools to monitor information acquisition in field experiments on discrimination and examine whether gaps arise already when decision-makers choose the effort level for reading an application. In both countries we study, negatively stereotyped minority names reduce employers' effort to inspect resumes. In contrast, minority names increase information acquisition in the rental housing market. Both results are consistent with a model of endogenous allocation of costly attention, which magnifies the role of prior beliefs and preferences beyond the one considered in standard models of discrimination. The findings have implications for magnitude of discrimination, returns to human capital and policy.

JOB MARKET PAPER

Seasonal Scarcity and Sharing Norms

CERGE-EI Discussion Paper 230

Sharing provides one of few sources of insurance in poor communities. It gains prominence during adverse shocks, often largely aggregate, when it is also costliest for individuals to share. Yet it is little understood how scarcity affects individual willingness to share and willingness to enforce sharing from others, an important ingredient in sustaining prosocial behavior. This is what this paper examines. I conduct repeated within-subject lab-in-the-field experiments among Afghan subsistence farmers during a lean and a post-harvest season of relative plenty. These farmers experience seasonal scarcities annually. Using dictator and third party punishment games I separate individual sharing behavior from enforcement of sharing norms. While sharing exhibits high degree of temporal stability at both the aggregate, and, to a large extent, at the individual level, the enforcement of sharing norms is substantially weaker during the lean season. The findings suggest that the farmers are capable of sustaining mutual sharing through transitory periods of scarcity. It remains an open question whether exposure to unexpected shocks or prolonged periods of scarcity might result in breakdown of prosociality due to loosened sharing norms enforcement on a community level.

OTHER WORK IN PROGRESS	<p>Moral Incentives and Contract Enforcement Across Ethnicity: Experimental Evidence from Afghanistan (with Ian Levely) <i>Manuscript in preparation.</i></p> <p>Risk Sharing and Fairness Views Across Caste: Experimental Evidence from India (with Tushi Baul) <i>Data analysis and early manuscript preparation.</i></p>
AWARDS	<p>Best paper: Economics of Discrimination, Unicredit & Universities Foundation 2015</p> <p>CERGE-EI Graduate Teaching Fellowship for 3 courses 2015</p> <p>Young Economist of the Year, 1st prize, Czech Economic Society 2014</p> <p>CERGE-EI Performance Stipend 2011–2014</p> <p>Erasmus Scholarship, University of Konstanz 2008</p>
GRANTS	<p>Grant Agency of Charles University (GAUK) #468313, PI (\$35,000) 2013–2015</p> <p>Norway Grants: Let's Give (Wo)Men a Chance #CZ12, (\$8,000) 2015</p> <p>Global Development Network, CEE Research Competition #XIII/11, PI (\$9,000) 2013–2014</p> <p>Global Development Network, CEE Research Competition #X/105, PI (\$7,500) 2010–2011</p> <p>Grant Agency of Charles University (GAUK) #71610, PI (\$7,500) 2010–2011</p>
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	<p>CERGE-EI, Prague, CZE, <i>Teaching Assistant (graduate)</i>: Experimental Economics (2013, 2014), Microeconomics 0 (Summer 2012–2014), Program Evaluation (Spring 2012)</p> <p>Charles University, Prague, CZE, <i>Lecturer (graduate)</i>: Introductory Econometrics (Fall 2015); <i>Teaching Assistant (undergraduate)</i>: Microeconomics I (Spring 2011)</p> <p>ISET, Tbilisi, Georgia, <i>Lecturer (graduate)</i>: Development Economics (Spring 2016)</p> <p>People in Need (NGO), Prague, CZE, <i>Lecturer (online course for NGO practitioners)</i>: Program Evaluation, Data Collection in Developing Countries (created in 2012) University of Economics, Prague, CZE, <i>Lecturer (graduate)</i>: Development Economics (Spring and Fall 2015)</p>
RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCES	<p>2016: <i>University of Sussex</i>, Falmer, UK; <i>DIW and Humboldt University</i>, Berlin, Germany; <i>Einaudi Institute for Economics and Finance</i>, Rome, Italy; <i>Amsterdam School of Economics</i>, Amsterdam, The Netherlands; <i>University of Surrey</i>, Guildford, UK; <i>University of Munich</i>, Munich, Germany; <i>University of Massachusetts Amherst</i>, Amherst, MA, USA; <i>University of East Anglia</i>, Norwich, UK; <i>Finance and Development</i>, DIW, Berlin (discussant) — 2015: <i>IMEBESS</i>, Toulouse; <i>NIBS</i>, Nottingham; <i>16th Annual Global Development Conference by GDN</i>, Casablanca; <i>SBRC</i>, Kiel; <i>Workshop on Economics of Discrimination</i>, Naples; <i>ESA European Meeting</i>, Heidelberg; <i>Wageningen University</i>, Wageningen (Development Econ Seminar); <i>SEEDEC</i>, Prague, Czech Republic — 2014: <i>UEA PhD Workshop</i>, London; <i>ESA European Meeting</i>, Prague; <i>Rutgers University</i> (Applied Micro Seminar), New Brunswick; <i>New York University</i>, New York; <i>Columbia University</i>, New York; <i>Rutgers University</i> (Experimental Econ Seminar), New Brunswick; <i>SEEDEC</i>, Bergen — 2013: <i>GDN Seminar Series</i>, New Delhi; <i>8th NCBEE</i>, Stockholm; <i>CERGE-EI</i>, Prague; <i>GDN Summer Workshop</i>, Prague; <i>Discrimination as a factor of social exclusion</i>, Olomouc; <i>Equality and non-discrimination in the work of the Ombudsman</i>, Brno — 2012: <i>13th Annual Global Development Conference by GDN</i>, Budapest — 2011: <i>Charles University</i>, Prague — 2010: <i>GDN Summer Workshop</i>, Prague</p>
WORKSHOPS AND COURSES	<p>2014: <i>Spring School in Behavioral Economics</i> at UCSD, San Diego (with A. Cappelen, G. Charness, U. Gneezy, S. Kariv, S. Sadoff, B. Tungodden, L. Vesterlund and others); <i>JPAL101x Evaluating Social Programs</i> online at EdX (with R. Glennerster and M. Shotland) — 2013: <i>Topics in</i></p>

Experimental Economics at Laboratory of Experimental Economics (LEE), Prague (with S. Crockett); *14.73x The Challenges of Global Poverty* online at EdX (with E. Duflo and A. Banerjee) — **2012**: *Field and Lab Experiments in Economics* at NHH, Bergen (with J. List) — **2011**: *Chapters in Experimental Economics* at LEE, Prague (with A. Schotter, NYU); *Econometric Methods for Research in Education* at CERGE-EI (with S. Rivkin) — **2010**: *Workshop on Experimental Economics* at LEE, Prague (with B. Wilson)

ACADEMIC
COMMUNITY
SERVICE

Assistance with conference organization: **Prague Economic Meeting**, Prague (Jun 2011); **Economic Science Association European Meeting**, Prague (Sep 2014); **Symposium on Economic Experiments in Developing Countries**, Prague (Dec 2015)

OTHER
PROFESSIONAL
EXPERIENCE

CERGE-EI, Prague, CZE, *Junior Researcher* (Sep 2013–present); *Research/Teaching Assistant*: to Michal Bauer, Fabio Michelucci, Peter Katuščák; GDN CEE hub (Dec 2010–2015)

People in Need, Prague, CZE, *Consultant*: Electronic data collection and impact evaluations (Jul 2012–Apr 2014);

People in Need, Mazar-i-Sharif, AFG, *Consultant*: Assessment of agricultural development projects (Sept–Oct 2012); *Consultant*: Ex-post evaluation of an EC/EuropeAid agricultural development project (Mar–Apr 2012)

People in Need, Kuito, AGO, *Project manager*: rural livelihoods project (volunteering) (Aug 2011–Feb 2012)

Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, Institute of Sociology, Prague, CZE, *Research Assistant*: to Martin Lux (2010–2011)

National Economic Council of the Czech Government (NERV), *Research Assistant* (2009)

MEMBERSHIP

Economic Science Association; Global Development Network; Group for Analysis of Poverty and Inequality

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Czech (native), **English** (proficient), **German** (proficient), **Spanish** (basic), **Portuguese** (basic), **French** (elementary)

REFERENCES

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