

2022 Price Theory Summer Camp Participants



Anthony Bald

Anthony is a PhD candidate in Public Policy at Harvard University. He studies topics in public economics and economics of education, including child welfare policy, investment in early childhood, and school finance. He grew up in rural Vermont and graduated from Pomona College in 2017 with a BA in Economics. Prior to graduate school, he spent two years working as a research assistant in Providence, Rhode Island.



Silvia Barbareschi

Silvia is a second-year PhD student at UC Berkeley. She strives to understand how the social environment shapes individuals' decisions, what the determinants of individual preferences are, how important the internal constraints on future-oriented behaviors are, and how to design effective policies to uncover socio-economic inequalities. Her fields of interest are behavioral, labor, and development economics. Thanks to the interdisciplinarity of the BPP program at UC Berkeley, she has been trained also in political, public, and IO. Silvia is currently collaborating with an NGO whose main aims are to make women feel safe while walking alone in the streets and to break negative gender social norms, intervening with training and information programs in workplaces and schools.



Simon Brandkamp

Simon is a PhD student in Economics at the University of Cologne, Germany, under the supervision of Peter Cramton. His research focuses on market design and behavioral economics with a particular interest in energy and electricity markets. Currently, he works on analyzing the effects of volatile prices on the decision-making of consumers and investors. Simon holds a Bachelor's degree in Philosophy & Economics from the University of Bayreuth and a Master's degree in Economic Research from the University of Cologne. Simon also worked as a trainee in the energy market analysis team of McKinsey & Company and as an intern in the Norwegian renewable energy company Statkraft.



Catherine Che

Catherine is a PhD student in the Economics department at University of California, Berkeley. Her main fields are IO and econometrics; she is also interested in economic geography and applied theory. Catherine holds a bachelor's degree from Princeton and a master's degree from UChicago, both in economics. Prior to starting her PhD, she worked in finance and also as a research assistant at EPIC.



Bryan Chu

Bryan is a fourth year PhD student at UC Berkeley interested in health and decision-making. His fields of interest are IO and Labor, but much of his research concerns joint decision-making in teaching hospitals, where he has been learning a lot about organizational economics. He studies joint decision-making by residents (“trainees”) and attendings (“supervisors”) in the emergency department of a large urban teaching hospital. He is in the process of writing down and estimating a structural model of delegation.



Andres de Loera

Andres is a rising third-year PhD student in the Harvard economics department. His fields are public and industrial organization, but his main interests are in environmental economics. He is particularly interested in the law and economics of the ocean, which he believes represents an important but understudied setting for the management of global commons.



Rebekah Dix

Rebekah is a third-year economics PhD student at MIT. She completed her undergraduate degree at UW-Madison. Her main research interests are in industrial organization, with specific interests in antitrust, innovation, and productivity.



Coly Elhai

Coly is a rising second-year PhD student in economics at Harvard University, interested in public and urban economics as applied to questions of climate change, inequality, and local fiscal policy. She has a bachelor’s degree from Williams College in economics and mathematics. Before coming to Harvard, she was a research assistant with the Princeton Program in Public Finance. She has also conducted research as part of the Voting Rights Data Institute and the Treasury Department Office of Economic Policy.



Priyanka Goonetilleke

Priyanka is a fourth-year PhD candidate in Economics at the University of Pennsylvania. His research interests are in Empirical Microeconomics focusing on Law and Economics, and the Economics of Crime. He is originally from Sydney, Australia and did his undergrad at the University of Sydney. Prior to starting the PhD program, he worked at Goldman Sachs as an interest rates derivatives trader, specializing in AUD, NZD and JPY interest rates.



Jeffrey Guo

Jeffrey is a fourth-year PhD student in Economics at Columbia. His fields of interest are Behavioral Economics and Political Economy, and his current research projects use experimental methods to study digital identities and alternative voting systems. Jeffrey also serves as the Lab Manager for the Columbia Experimental Laboratory for Social Sciences. Before starting the PhD, Jeffrey graduated from Yale in 2016 and worked for two years at an economic consulting firm.



Alexander Haberman

Alexander is a second-year PhD student in Economics at Stanford studying Microeconomic Theory. His research primarily focuses on Robustness and Mechanism Design. Originally from New York City, he studied economics, math, and physics as an undergrad at the University of Chicago.



Basil Halperin

Basil is a grad student at MIT whose research focuses on topics in monetary economics, long-run growth, and theory. Prior to starting the PhD program, he worked as a data scientist at Uber under John List and as a quantitative researcher at AQR Capital Management. He graduated undergrad from the University of Chicago, where he studied math, economics, and Chinese.



Jonathan Hartley

Jon is an economics researcher with interests in macroeconomics, finance, and public economics and is currently a PhD student at Stanford University. Empirical methods are also one of his secondary interests. He previously graduated from the University of Chicago with a BA in Economics and Mathematics with Honors, from The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania with an MBA specializing in finance and business economics, and from the Harvard Kennedy School with an MPP specializing in business and government policy.



Santiago Hermo

Santiago is a PhD candidate in Economics at Brown University. He obtained a BA in Economics from the Universidad de Buenos Aires in 2015 and an MA in Economics from the Universidad del CEMA in 2017, both located in Buenos Aires, Argentina. He is an applied micro-economist with research interests in Labor Economics and Urban Economics. His recent work includes the labor market determinants of the evolution of cognitive skills across cohorts in Sweden, the effect of minimum wage policies on housing rents in the US, and the causal effect of collective bargaining exploiting new right-to-bargain provisions in Argentina. Before starting his PhD, he worked on studying the influence of wage skill premia on income inequality in Argentina.



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Tri is a third-year PhD student at the University of Southern California Economics. His research interests are in applied microeconomics, with focus on urban and labor economics. His ongoing work examines the impacts of the digital economy on society.



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Justin is currently a PhD candidate in Economics at Boston University, with a particular interest in Development and Political Economy. He focuses on understanding prominent economic and political phenomena (e.g., nation-building, anti-corruption, fertility restrictions) to answer policy-relevant questions.



Jeanna Kenney

Jeanna is a fourth-year PhD student in the Applied Economics program at The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. She was born and raised in the Philadelphia area and did her undergraduate at Haverford College. Jeanna worked as a research assistant at the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia before beginning her graduate studies. Her primary research interests are applied microeconomics, real estate, and urban economics. Jeanna's primary project focuses on the effects of an occupational licensing requirement in the real estate industry which requires newly licensed agents to be employed by another agent, and thereby share commissions, at the beginning of their career.



Jeonghyeok Kim

Jeonghyeok is a third-year PhD student in economics at the University of Houston. Before joining the program, he studied economics at SNU in Korea. His fields of interest are labor, education, and health with a particular interest in human capital development. He's currently working on the gender difference in their skill sets and how it affects their educational sorting and labor market outcomes.



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Emma is a third year PhD student at the University of British Columbia, Canada. Her research interests include labor economics and environmental economics.



Runhong Ma

Runhong is a third-year Econ PhD student at the London School of Economics. He works primarily on Macroeconomics and focuses specifically on routine-biased technological changes (RBTC). Currently, he's working on a project studying why firms in the US accelerated their routine-biased technology adoption in the recovery of the Great Recession, as documented in Hershbein and Kahn (2018) and Modestino et al. (2020).



Muhammad Zia Mehmood

Muhammad is a fourth-year PhD student at the Business and Public Policy program at Haas School of Business, UC Berkeley. He has a master's degree in Public Policy from the Harvard Kennedy School, and a bachelor's degree in Economics from the Lahore University of Management Sciences. His studies topics are in Development Economics and Political Economy, using field experiments as well as quasi-experimental methods. His on-going work explores a range of research topics in low income settings including effectiveness of SMS-based business trainings for small businesses, electoral incentives behind differential enforcement of environmental protection regulations, impact of high-frequency information-based accountability checks on bureaucratic underperformance, and effect of outsourcing of public healthcare delivery in resource-scarce contexts.



Jessica Min

Jessica is a third year PhD student at Princeton. She works on labor economics, household finances, and economic history. She received her bachelor's degree from Harvard in economics.



Mwaso Mnensa

Mwaso is a PhD student in Applied Economics at The University of Minnesota. He is a Population Studies trainee at the Minnesota Population Center and has a Master of Arts degree in Policy Economics from Williams College, in MA, USA. Before embarking on his PhD studies, he worked for 8 years as an auditor in the Large Taxpayers' Office of the Malawi revenue Authority. He is interested in studying how and if public policy measures and attempts to improve social welfare, taking into considering the environment.



Sebastian Montano-Correa

Sebastian is a third-year PhD student in Economics at the University of Maryland-College Park. His research interests are in labor economics, the economics of education, and empirical market design. Currently, his research focuses on understanding how 'risky' choices (e.g. illegal drug use or participation in criminal activities) affect people's human capital accumulation and future outcomes in the labor market.



Savannah Noray

Savannah is a rising fourth-year in the Public Policy PhD program (economics track) at Harvard. Her work primarily focuses on gender and immigration issues as they relate to labor economics. Before beginning her PhD, she earned her bachelor's degree in economics from Hillsdale College, earned her master's degree in applied economics from Montana State University, and worked at the Evidence for Policy Design as a Research Assistant.



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Aakaash Rao

Aakaash is a second-year PhD student at Harvard University. His research is in behavioral political economy, with a particular focus on prejudice, partisanship, and polarization.



Nicholas Reinarts

Nicholas earned his B.Sc. in Economics from Florida Southern College in 2017. After, he went to Troy University and worked with the faculty in the Manuel H. Johnson Center for Political Economy. He earned his MA in Economics from Troy in 2019. In 2020, he began pursuing his PhD in Economics at Middle Tennessee State University and received a Political Economy Research Institute (PERI) Fellowship. Currently, he is in his second year at MTSU but will begin his third year in Fall 2022. His research interests include institutional economics, public choice, and economic development.



Andre Ribeiro Cardoso

Andre is a PhD student at Heinz College at Carnegie Mellon University. He has an MSc in Applied Economics and a BSc degree in Economics, both from the University of Sao Paulo (Brazil). Andre has over 7 years of work experience in economic consulting, focusing on market analysis and forecast, pricing, antitrust, taxation economics and policy evaluation. His current research on Energy Markets, Environmental Economics, Antitrust and Competition.



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Bruno is a third-year PhD Student in Economics at UC Berkeley. He's originally from a small city in South Brazil, and finished his undergraduate and master's degree there. His main research interests are Behavioral Economics and Macroeconomics, especially their intersection.



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Samuel is a PhD student in the Economics Department at Yale University. Sam is a labor and development economist studying social mobility, including the mechanisms underlying mobility as well as its implications for both economic inequality and growth. In particular, he is studying how individuals make educational and occupational choices, how they are influenced by their socioeconomic background, and how they affect their labor market outcomes. In addition to his work in the United States, Sam also conducts research in Rwanda and Tanzania on similar labor topics.



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Dustin Swonder

Dustin is a PhD student in the economics department at UC Berkeley, where he is training as an applied public finance and labor economist. His interests relate to the diverse causes and consequences of economic inequality in the United States, including taxation, wealth transmission, and political movements. Before starting graduate school in 2021, Dustin worked as a research assistant with the Princeton Program in Public Finance and a research intern with the Brookings Institution and the U.S. Treasury Department. Dustin graduated magna cum laude from Harvard College in 2019 with a bachelor's degree in applied mathematics.



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Maria is a PhD student at the London School of Economics. She's originally Italian, from Rome, but has lived in London for almost six years. She has worked in labour economics, and is mainly interested in occupational choice and intergenerational mobility.



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Ruolong is a PhD student in economics at the George Mason University in Fairfax. His research interests include game theory experimental economics and industrial organization. Currently, he is working on a project of firms competition and consumer search under incomplete information. Prior to the PhD program, he earned his bachelor's degree in Economics in 2017, from the Ocean University of China in Qingdao, and a master's degree in economics in 2019, from the George Mason University.