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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant Professor School of Economics
and Fellow Geary Institute, University College Dublin since August 2020

Associate Member, Toulouse School of Economics 2020 - 2023

Postdoctoral Fellow, Toulouse School of Economics
and Institute for Advanced Study in Toulouse 2016 - 2020

Cambridge-INET Postdoctoral Fellow
Faculty of Economics, University of Cambridge 2013 - 2016

EDUCATION

PhD Economics, Queen Mary University of London 2014
MPhil Economics, Queen Mary University of London 2010
MA Economics, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, Munich 2007
BA Economics, Georg-August-Universität, Göttingen 2005
Erasmus year, Universidad Europea de Madrid 2003 - 2004

RESEARCH FIELDS & METHODS

Fields: Behavioural and Experimental Economics, Microeconomic Theory, Political Economy
Methods: Experiments, Theory, Computational modelling

RESEARCH TOPICS

Discrimination, Social Identity, Diversity, Bounded Rationality, Individual and Collective Decisions

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, PRIZES, AND DISTINCTIONS

Invitation to serve on the Bulgarian Council for Economic Analysis, 2022 -
Invited member Royal Economic Society Conference Programme Committee, 2021 - 2024
UCD Output-Based Research Support Scheme, 2021 -
Co-recipient UCD School of Economics Grant for External Mentoring Program, 2021 - 2023
Invited Scientific Committee Member, French Association of Experimental Economics, 2019 -
IAST Fellowship
Cambridge-INET Fellowship
Queen Mary Departmental Grant for Experiment
Queen Mary Departmental Scholarship
Queen Mary Department of Economics Teaching Prize (3 times)
Erasmus Scholarship of the European Union

SHORT ACADEMIC VISITS

University of Essex	Spring 2022
Brown University	Autumn 2019
Centre for Experimental Social Science	
Nuffield College, University of Oxford	Winter 2018
Stanford University	Spring 2015

PUBLICATIONS

Daskalova, V. and N.J. Vriend. 2021. **Learning Frames**
Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, Vol. 191, 78-96
- WP 21/18 in the UCD School of Economics Working Paper Series

Daskalova, V. and N.J. Vriend. 2020. **Categorization and Coordination**
European Economic Review, Vol. 129, 103519
- Cambridge-INET Working Paper 2014/11 and Cambridge Working Paper in Economics 1460

Daskalova, V. 2018. **Discrimination, Social Identity, and Coordination: An Experiment**
Games and Economic Behavior, Vol. 107, 238-252
- Cambridge-INET Working Paper 2015/12 and Cambridge Working Paper in Economics 1555
- previously among most downloaded articles on the *Games and Economic Behavior* website

WORKING PAPERS

Daskalova, V. 2022. **In-Group Favouritism in Collective Decisions**
- previously distributed as "Discrimination in Collective Decisions" (Job Market Paper, 2019)

Daskalova, V., M. Drouvelis, and N.J. Vriend. 2022. **Signalling Identity**

Daskalova, V., M. Drouvelis, and N.J. Vriend. 2021. **Social Identity and Punishment**

WORK IN PROGRESS

Austen-Smith, D. and **V. Daskalova**. **Decision-Making Power in Committees**

Daskalova, V. and S. Pant. **Discrimination and Violence**

Daskalova, V. **In-Group Favouritism in Collective Decisions: Experiments**

MEDIA COVERAGE OF MY RESEARCH

"Do teams and groups discriminate differently than individuals?"
Episode focusing on my research on the *Brain for Business, Brain for Life* podcast, October 2021

"When do we make unfair decisions? Discrimination and social identity."
Article focusing on my research in *IAST Connect* magazine No 11, Winter 2017

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Course Organizer and Lecturer

Experimental Economics, BSc Economics, University College Dublin, Spring 2023, 2022

Behavioural Economics, MSc Economics, University College Dublin, Autumn 2022, 2021, 2020
Behavioural Economics and Public Policy, BSc Economics,
University College Dublin, Autumn 2022, 2021, 2020
Economics of Social Identity, PhD Economics (mini course), University of Cambridge, Autumn 2015
Mathematics for Economists, MSc Economics, Queen Mary, Autumn 2012

Teaching Assistant

Microeconomics 1, BSc Economics, Queen Mary, Spring 2011, 2010, 2009
Principles of Economics, BSc Economics, Queen Mary, Autumn 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008
Economics of Social Issues, BSc Economics, Queen Mary, Autumn 2010

Teaching Prizes

Nomination for a Teaching and Learning Award UCD College of Social Sciences and Law 2021/2022
Queen Mary Department of Economics Prize for Excellence in Teaching (3 times in 3 separate years)
2010/2011, 2009/2010, 2008/2009

Research Supervision

MLitt Andy Finette at UCD 2022 -
MLitt Yung-Shiang Yang at UCD 2022 -
MLitt Manvi Jindal at UCD 2021 - 2022
Research assistantship Bhavika Sapra at UCD 2021
Research assistantship Tong Shu an at UCD 2021 - 2022
MSc theses (x3) at UCD 2021, 2022
BSc projects (x3) at UCD 2021, 2022

REFEREEING

American Economic Review
Econometrica
Economic Journal
European Economic Review
Experimental Economics
International Law and Public Finance
Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization
Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control
Journal of Economic Psychology
Journal of Human Capital
Mathematical Social Sciences
Political Science Research and Methods
Theory and Decision

INVITED TALKS AT WORKSHOPS

*French Experimental TalkS (online, 2021)
*Balkanski-Panitz Institute for Advanced Study Summer School (2016)
*University of Surrey Constructed Complexities Workshop (2014)
*Amsterdam Symposium on Behavioural and Experimental Economics (2011)

INVITED SEMINARS (*invited, else internal)

*Aix-Marseille School of Economics (scheduled)
*Bar-Ilan University (online, 2022)

University of Essex (2022)
*GATE-LAB seminar Lyon (online, 2021)
*LESSAC at Burgundy School of Business (online, 2021)
*Paris - Saclay (online, 2021)
University College Dublin (2021, 2020*)
*Purdue University (online, 2020)
*Sabanci University (2020)
*Koç University (2020)
*Université du Québec à Montréal UQAM (2020)
*Universitat Pompeu Fabra (2019)
*Paris School of Economics (2019)
*Brown University (2019)
Institute for Advanced Study in Toulouse (2019, 2018, 2017)
Toulouse School of Economics (2019, 2017)
*Center for Experimental Social Sciences, Nuffield College, University of Oxford (2018)
*University College London Computer Science Department (2016)
Stanford University (2015 x 2)
University of Cambridge (2015, 2014 x 2, 2013*)
*City University London (2013)
*Ludwig-Maximilians University of Munich (2013)
Queen Mary University of London (2012)

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

Royal Economic Society Conference (online, 2022)
International Conference on Social Choice and Voting Theory at Virginia Tech (online, 2021)
13th Annual Irish Economics and Psychology Conference (online, 2020)
East Anglia Behavioural Game Theory Workshop (online, 2020)
Bayesian Crowd Conference Tinbergen Institute (2019)
Barcelona GSE Computational and Experimental Economics (2019)
International Meeting on Experimental and Behavioral Social Sciences IMEBESS Barcelona (2017)
Pyrenean Interdisciplinary Research Event PIREN (2017)
Spanish Economic Association conference SAEe (2016)
Institute for Advanced Study in Toulouse (2016)
World Congress of the Game Theory Society GAMES (2016)
Cambridge-INET Research Day (2016)
East Anglia Behavioral Game Theory Workshop (2016)
International Meeting on Experimental and Behavioral Social Sciences IMEBESS Rome (2016)
Spanish Economic Association conference SAEe (2015)
Research Unit on Complexity and Economics conference UECE Lisbon (2015)
European Economic Association EEA Mannheim (2015)
Barcelona GSE Limited Reasoning and Cognition Workshop (2015)
Maastricht Behavioral and Experimental Economics Symposium (2015)
Royal Economic Society Meeting RES Manchester (2015)
Copenhagen Workshop on Attention and Decision-Making (2014)
European Economic Association and Econometric Society Meeting EEA-ESEM Toulouse (2014)
London Experimental Workshop (2014)
Cambridge-INET Workshop in Microeconomics (2014)
Economic Science Association ESA Honolulu (2014 x 2)
Economic Science Association ESA Cologne (2012)
Economic Science Association ESA New York (2012)
Computing in Economics and Finance CEF San Francisco (2011)

Computing in Economics and Finance CEF London (2010)
Santa Fe Institute Workshop in Computational Social Science Modelling and Complexity (2009)

SEMINAR AND WORKSHOP ORGANIZATION

Seminar Co-organizer External Seminar, UCD School of Economics, 2020 - 2021
Seminar Co-organizer Internal Seminar, UCD School of Economics, 2020 - 2021
Seminar Organizer Behavioural/Microeconomics Seminar, UCD School of Economics, 2020 - 2021
Co-organizer Cambridge-INET Workshop in Microeconomics, 2014

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Member of Research Ethics Committee, UCD School of Economics, 2020 -
Member of Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee, UCD School of Economics, 2020 - 2021
Member of Behavioural Committee, UCD School of Economics, 2020 -
External Ethics Reviewer for the Nuffield Center for Experimental Social Sciences,
University of Oxford, 2017 - 2020
Panel Member: Recruitment Interviews for Cambridge-INET Postdocs, 2014

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE OUTSIDE ACADEMIA

Research Analyst Financial Markets, Roland Berger Strategy Consultants, Munich, 2008
Student Job Equity Research, HVB – UniCredit Group, Munich, 2006 - 2008
Internships: BNP Paribas, Bulgaria; Erber-Ludwig & Partner, Germany

COMPUTER SKILLS

Java, Stata, zTree, Latex

LANGUAGES

English (fluent)
German (fluent)
Spanish (intermediate)
Italian (intermediate)
French (intermediate)
Bulgarian (native)