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Graduate Studies:

Toulouse School of Economics, 2014 to present
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Prior Studies:

B.Sc. Economics, Warsaw School of Economics, 2008-2011
M.Sc. Economics, Tilburg University, Highest Honors, 2011-2012
M.Sc. Econometrics and Mathematical Economics, Toulouse School of Economics, Honors 2013-2014

Research and Teaching Fields:

Primary fields: Industrial Organisation, Applied Microeconomics
Secondary fields: Econometrics, Competition Policy, Digital Economics

Job Market Paper:

“Impact of online reputation on ethnic discrimination” (with Xavier Lambin)

The impact of reputation on the outcomes of ethnic minority users of a popular ride-sharing platform is studied in this paper. Using a large unique dataset, we find that minorities achieve lower economic outcomes: compared to non-minority users, their listings are less popular, they sell fewer seats and have lower revenue. We also show that reputation is instrumental in reducing the ethnic performance gap, which is concentrated during the first interactions of minority drivers, and reduces substantially after they establish a reputation. We develop a model of career concerns, which allows us to model markets' beliefs about the expected quality of service of drivers. We show that these beliefs are formed based on socio-demographic characteristics of drivers and updated with reviews. We show that a significant part of the initial performance gap is due erroneous, overly pessimistic beliefs about the expected quality of minority drivers. Finally, we conduct a counterfactual analysis of this market in the absence of a reputation system. Our research stresses the importance of a well-designed reputation system in alleviating discrimination.

Working papers:

“Pay-for-delay with settlement externalities” (with Matias Pietola)

This paper studies settlements between an incumbent patent holder and multiple potential entrants in the shadow of patent litigation. We show that there exists litigation in equilibrium for patents of intermediate strength, whereas sufficiently weak or strong patents are not taken to court. The incumbent uses divide-and-conquer strategies by paying to delay some entrants, whereas the others either obtain a license and enter early or obtain to deal and litigate. Settlement externalities between the entrants are the driving force behind our results: when one more entrant is delayed from entering the market, there is less competition and litigation threat from the other entrants is increased. Our results bring new insights into the hotly debated topic of pay-for-delay agreements witnessed in the pharmaceutical industry and sanctioned by antitrust authorities both in the US and Europe..

“Competition-Innovation Nexus: Product vs. Process, does it matter?”

This paper investigates competition and innovation relationship with a special focus on the product vs. process distinction. Competitive advantages stemming from different types of innovation are of distinct nature, therefore the impact of market structure on the firms’ incentives to innovate should differ. First, I develop a theoretical model allowing a study of differences in the competition-innovation relationship depending on the type of innovation: product vs. process. Second, conjectures stemming from the theoretical model are tested using a new data. Dataset is constructed using the Community Innovation Survey and the Structural Business Statistics, it encompasses over 90 thousand European enterprises and provides new measures of competition and innovation: innovation intensity by successful innovators and a ratio of gross operating profit to turnover. Inverted U-shape relationship is found between competition and innovation. Difference in product and process- oriented sectors is tested.

Teaching Experience:

2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19: Competition Policy Workshop (graduate), Toulouse School of Economics, Professors Patrick Rey, Bruno Jullien

Spring 2016: Applied Econometrics (graduate), Toulouse School of Economics, Prof. Francois Poinas

Spring 2016: Econometrics (undergraduate), Toulouse School of Economics, Prof. Thierry Magnac

Scholarships and Awards:

2014-2017 Toulouse School of Economics Doctoral Scholarship

2017-2018 Fondation Jean Jacques Laffont Scholarship from the European Research Council under Grand Agreement no. 340903

2018-2019 Fondation Jean Jacques Laffont Scholarship from the European Research Council under Grand Agreement no. 340903

2018 Award for the Best Paper at 2nd Doctoral Workshop on Digitization in Telecom ParisTech

2018 AdC Competition Policy Award

Conferences and Invited Presentations:

2018: 11th Digital Economics Conference, Toulouse; IIOC 2018, Indianapolis; 2nd Doctoral Workshop on Digitization, Paris; CRESSE 2018, Heraklion; EARIE 2018, Athens; 33rd Jornadas de Economia Industrial, Barcelona

2017: ENTER Seminar, Mannheim; CRESSE 2017, Heraklion; EARIE 2017, Maastricht

2016: Workshop in Economics of Innovation, Complexity and Knowledge, Turin

Non-academic Experience:

PwC Poland, Associate in Financial Services Consulting Team

McKinsey&Company, Student Support Research&Information Team

Miscellaneous:

Language skills: Polish (Native), English (Fluent), French (Intermediate), Russian (Basic), German (Basic)

Programming: MatLab, Mathematica, STATA, R, SAS