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Education

- 2013 - current PhD candidate in Economics, CERGE-EI, Prague, Czech Republic
- 2013 - 2015 MA in Economics, CERGE-EI, Prague, Czech Republic
- 2011 - 2013 Magister studies (MSc equivalent) in Economic and Financial Mathematics, *summa cum laude*, Comenius University in Bratislava, Slovakia
- 2008 - 2011 Bachelor studies (BSc equivalent) in Economic and Financial Mathematics, Comenius University in Bratislava, Slovakia

Visiting Research stays

- 2017 - 2018 Columbia University in the City of New York, Department of Economics, Cognition and Decision Lab (fall term), local supervision: Mark Dean

Employment

- 2015 - 2018 Research assistant, "A Dynamic Economic and Monetary Union" (ADEMU) project, funded by the EU's Horizon 2020 program, CERGE-EI, Prague, Czech Republic
- Mar - Sep 2013 Economic analyst (part-time), Institute for Financial Policy, Ministry of Finance, Slovakia

Research Interests

Information Economics, Rational Inattention, Political Economy, Macroeconomics, Strategic Experimentation

Job Market Paper

The Status Quo and Beliefs Polarization of Inattentive Agents: Theory and Experiment, with Andrei Matveenko and Silvio Ravaioli

Publications

A Note on Optimal Experimentation under Risk Aversion, with G. Keller and T. Willems
Journal of Economic Theory, 2019, 179, 476-487.

Scheduling of Multi-class Multi-server Queueing Systems with Abandonments, with U. Ayesta and P. Jacko
Journal of Scheduling, 2017, 20(2), 129-145.

Work in Progress

Estimating Models with Rational Inattentive Agents

The Status Quo and Beliefs Polarization of Inattentive Agents, with Andrei Matveenko (University of Copenhagen)

Inattentive Polarization and State Pooling: An Experiment, with Silvio Ravaioli (Columbia University)

Teaching experience

2016 Macro Topics I (CERGE-EI second-year PhD. course, classes, evaluation: 4.78/5)

2016 Macroeconomics 3 (CERGE-EI first-year PhD. course, classes, evaluation: 4.76/5, best term score)

Grants and Awards

2019	Young Economist of the Year in the Czech Republic Award
2019	"Inattentive Polarization and State Pooling: An Experiment", GAUK Grant, 5.8k EUR
2019	3rd place the Best Student Paper in Theoretical Economics, Czech Econometric Society
2016 - 2018	"Dynamics of Government Policy Changes", Charles University Grant Agency, 20k EUR
2013	Annual best master thesis award, Slovenská sporiteľňa (Erste bank group)
2011	The Dean's Prize, FMFI, Comenius University in Bratislava, Slovakia
2006, 2007	Bronze medals, International Young Physicist Tournament, world round

Summer Schools and Special Events

2019:	Sloan-Nomis Summer School on the Cognitive Foundations of Economic Behavior in Vitznau, Switzerland
2017:	6th Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting on Economic Sciences; Econometric Society Summer School in Seoul, South Korea
2016:	Applied Bayesian Statistics School 2016 in Como, Italy; Behavioral Operational Research Summer School in Helsinki, Finland

Invited Seminars and Conference presentations

2019:	Young Economists' Meeting in Brno
2018:	Workshop on Multi-Armed Bandits and Learning Algorithms in Rotterdam; Slovak Economic Association Meeting in Bratislava
2017:	Slovak Economic Association Meeting in Košice; Cognitive and Decision Group Lab Meeting at Columbia University
2016:	Czech Economic Society Meeting in Prague; Multi-armed Bandit Workshop in Lancaster
2012:	INRIA Lille
2011:	IEEE INFOCOM 2011 in Shanghai; Student Research Conference in Bratislava

Internships and Erasmus mobility

Sep - Dec 2012	France Business School in Amiens, France
Jun - Aug 2012	Institute for Financial Policy, Ministry of Finance, Slovakia
Feb - Mar 2011	BCAM-Basque Center for Applied Mathematics, Bilbao, Spain
Jun - Aug 2010	BCAM-Basque Center for Applied Mathematics, Bilbao, Spain

Volunteering activities

2004 - 2010	Združenie Strom, mathematical seminar for high and primary school students
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Software knowledge

Matlab, R, Mathematica, EViews, TeX, Photoshop

Personal

Date of birth: December 13th, 1988

Gender: Male

Nationality: Slovak

Languages: Slovak (native), Czech (fluent), English (fluent), German (basics)

Interests: Photography, coffee, movies, art, architecture, running

References

Filip Matějka (supervisor)

Associate Professor with Tenure at CERGE-EI, filip.matejka@cerge-ei.cz

Mark Dean

Assistant Professor at Columbia University in the City of New York, mark.dean@columbia.edu

Jan Zápál

Assistant Professor at CERGE-EI and Research Affiliate at IAE-CSIC and Barcelona GSE, jan.zapal@cerge-ei.cz