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EDUCATION:

Ph.D. in Business Economics, Harvard University, 2010
M.A. in Economics, Harvard University, 2007
M.A. in Economics, *summa cum laude*, Tel Aviv University, 2005
B.Sc. in Computer Science and Economics, Tel Aviv University, 2004
Economics, *summa cum laude*; Computer Science, *magna cum laude*

FULL-TIME APPOINTMENTS:

Assistant Professor, The Johns Hopkins Carey Business School, 2014–
present
Assistant Professor, Economics Department, The Johns Hopkins University,
2014–present (joint appointment)
Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics, Stanford University, 2013–2014
Assistant Professor of Economics, Brown University, 2010–2014

HONORS AND AWARDS:

Behavioral Research Fund Award, The Johns Hopkins University, 2020
Dean’s Award for Faculty Excellence, The Johns Hopkins University, 2019
and 2020
Excellence in Refereeing Award, *American Economic Review*, 2012
Research Seed Grant, Office of the Vice Provost for Research, Brown
University, 2012
Roger Martin Award for Excellence in Doctoral Research, Harvard
University, 2010
Harvard University Graduate Student Fellowship, 2005–2010
Honor scholarship, Faculty of Social Sciences, Tel Aviv University, 2004
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Honor scholarship, Faculty of Exact Sciences, Tel Aviv University, 2003

PUBLISHED PAPERS:

Fainmesser, Itay P., and Andrea Galeotti (2020). “The Market for Online
Influence.” Forthcoming in the *American Economic Journal:
Microeconomics*.

- Fainmesser, Itay P., Elie Ofek, and Dominique Lauga (2020). “Ratings, Reviews, and the Marketing of New Products.” Forthcoming in *Management Science*.
- Fainmesser, Itay P., and Andrea Galeotti (2020). “Pricing Network Effects: Competition.” *American Economic Journal: Microeconomics* 12(3): 1–32.
- Fainmesser, Itay P. (2019). “Exclusive Intermediation in Unobservable Networks.” *Games and Economic Behavior* 113: 533–548.
- Fainmesser, Itay P., and David A. Goldberg (2017). “Cooperation in Partly Observable Networked Markets.” *Games and Economic Behavior* 107: 220–237.
- Fainmesser, Itay P., and Andrea Galeotti (2016). “Pricing Network Effects.” *Review of Economic Studies* 83(1): 165–198.
- Fainmesser, Itay P. (2013). “Social Networks and Unraveling in Labor Markets.” *Journal of Economic Theory* 148(1): 64–103.
- Fainmesser, Itay P. (2012). “Community Structure and Market Outcomes: A Repeated Games in Networks Approach.” *American Economic Journal: Microeconomics* 4(1): 32–69.
- Fainmesser, Itay P., Chaim Fershtman, and Neil Gandal (2009). “A Consistent Weighted Ranking Scheme with an Application to NCAA College Football Rankings.” *Journal of Sports Economics* 10(6): 582–600.

WORKING
PAPERS:

“Digital Privacy” (with Andrea Galeotti and Ruslan Momot)

WORK IN
PROGRESS:

“Content Transparency and Product Endorsements on Instagram” (with Kevin Chung and Manuel Hermosilla)

“How Influencers Affect Markets for Goods and Services” (with David McAdams)

“Information Acquisition, Pricing, and Product Innovation with Network Effects” (with Andrea Galeotti)

COURSES
TAUGHT:

- BU.220.620: Economics for Decision Making (online), The Johns Hopkins University
- BU.912.610: Competitive Strategy, The Johns Hopkins University

BU 220.610: The Firm and the Macroeconomy, The Johns Hopkins University
ECON 1465: Market Design: Theory and Applications, Brown University
ECON 1460: Industrial Organization, Brown University
ECON 2190F: Topics in Economic Theory: Social and Economic Networks, Brown University

INVITED
SEMINARS:

2020: A joint school seminar, the Tepper School of Business, Carnegie Mellon University, and the University of Pittsburgh; University of Pennsylvania; a joint school online digital-economy seminar, Renmin University, Hong Kong Baptist University, and Nanyang Technological University; Northwestern University, Kellogg School of Management; Microsoft Research New York
2019: Federal Trade Commission
2018: Brown University; London Business School; Paris School of Economics (Roy-Adres seminar); Federal Trade Commission; Pennsylvania State University
2017: The Johns Hopkins University; Tel Aviv University; University of Michigan
2016: Rice University
2014: University of Southern California; UCLA; UC San Diego; Caltech; Facebook; University of Toronto; Washington University at St. Louis; University of Pennsylvania
2013: UC Berkeley; Stanford University; The Johns Hopkins University Carey Business School; Ohio State University; Tel Aviv University; Microsoft Research New England; Tel Aviv University, Recanat Business School
2012: Georgetown University; Duke University; Purdue University; Seminar on Topics in Matching and Market Design, The University of Chicago; Microsoft Research New England
2011: Stanford University; The Johns Hopkins University; UC San Diego
2010: Boston University; Brown University; Microsoft Research New England; Middlebury College; Northwestern University, Kellogg School of Business; Oxford University; Purdue University; Royal Holloway, University of London; University of Essex; University of Wisconsin-Madison
2009: Bonn Graduate School of Economics; Tel Aviv University
2008: Tel Aviv University

CONFERENCE
PRESENTATIONS:

2020: Workshop on Privacy and Data Governance, Princeton University (invited)
2019: 30th International Conference on Game Theory at The Stony Brook University (invited: semi-plenary); Retreat on Information, Networks, and Social Economics (invited)

2018: Sixth European Meeting on Networks in Barcelona (invited); Southern Economic Association 88th Annual Meetings (invited)

2017: Retreat on Information, Networks, and Social Economics (invited); Southern Economic Association 87th Annual Meetings (invited); 1st North American Social Networks Conference of the International Network for Social Network Analysis

2016: Network Science in Economics Conference, Stanford University; North American Summer Meeting of the Econometric Society, University of Pennsylvania

2015: Network Science in Economics Conference, Harvard University; New Directions in Applied Microeconomics, Caltech (invited)

2012: North American Winter Meeting of the Econometric Society; Workshop on Information and Decision in Social Networks, MIT (invited)

2011: Tel Aviv International Conference on Game Theory; Markets and Networks Workshop, University of Essex (invited)

2010: Calvó-Armengol Prize Workshop (invited); Workshop on Information, Networks, and Markets, Cambridge University and Microsoft Research Cambridge (invited)

2009: Market Design Working Group Meeting, NBER; North American Summer Meeting of the Econometric Society; 14th Coalition Theory Network (CTN) Workshop

2008: Stanford Institute of Theoretical Economics; Third World Congress of the Game Theory Society

2006: Workshop on “Interdependent Security: Theory and Practice,” University of Pennsylvania (invited)

MEDIA
COVERAGE:

“How Can We Force Companies To Keep Our Data Safe?”
Knowledge@HEC, December 4, 2020

“For the Public, Data Collection during COVID-19 Offers Benefits and Poses Hazards,” *Tech Xplore (Science X)*, July 27, 2020

“For the Public, Data Collection during COVID-19 Offers Benefits—and Poses Hazards,” *HUB Daily*, July 24, 2020

“For the Public, Data Collection during COVID-19 Offers Benefits—and Poses Hazards,” *Newswise*, July 22, 2020

“The Optimal Data Policy Against Malicious Use of Data,” *Frontiers*, March 2020

“Les influenceurs courent à leur perte selon le modèle mathématique d’un économiste,” *La Réclame*, May 6, 2019

“Advertising regulations harm social media influencers, followers, and marketers alike,” *HUB Daily*, April 15, 2019

“Under the influence,” *Changing Business Magazine*, March 19, 2019

“How transparency is damaging social media marketing,” *London Business School Review*, November 20, 2018

CONFERENCE
ORGANIZING:

Social and Political Economics Conference Series, Johns Hopkins University:

- Data, Markets, and Privacy, forthcoming in April 2021
- The Sharing/Gig Economy, April 2020 (postponed due to COVID-19)
- (De)centralization and Incentives, May 2019
- Influence and the Media Conference, April 2018
- Social Networks and Information Conference, April 2017

Economic and Financial Networks Session: 1st North American Social Networks Conference of the International Network for Social Network Analysis, July 2017

Conference Series on Networks, Brown University:

- Conference on Networks and Industrial Organization, April 2013
- Conference on Networks and Applied Micro, May 2012
- Conference on Networks and the Global Economy, May 2011

REFEREE:

Journal of Political Economy, *American Economic Review*, *Econometrica*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *Review of Economic Studies*, *Operations Research*, *RAND Journal of Economics*, *Theoretical Economics*, *American Economic Journal: Microeconomics*, *Games and Economic Behavior*, *International Journal of Game Theory*, *Workshop on Internet and Network Economics*, *Mathematical Social Sciences*, *Journal of Economics & Management Strategy*, *Journal of Sports Economics*, *Review of Industrial Organization*, *Review of Network Economics*, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, *Economics Letters*, *Economic Theory*, *The Economic Journal*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Journal of Industrial and Management Optimization*, *International Economic Review*, The Belgian Fund for Scientific Research, The French National Research Agency

SHORT-TERM
VISITING
POSITIONS:

Microsoft Research New England, May 2013
Microsoft Research New England, July–August 2012
Microsoft Research New England, May 2011
Microsoft Research New England, July 2010
Nuffield College, Oxford University, June 2010

SERVICE:

Carey School of Business, The Johns Hopkins University:
Course Lead, Competitive Strategy, 2018–present
First-Year Mentoring Committee (chair), 2017–present
Search committee for tenure-track assistant professor of Strategy, 2019
Organizer of the Seminar Series in Economics, 2017–2019
Search committee for Associate Dean of Faculty Affairs, 2018
Search committee for tenured professor of Marketing, 2017
Search committee for tenure-track assistant professor of Economics
(chair), 2016