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**Research & Advising Profile:****General Academic Field:** What is your academic field, and what are your areas of supervision?

I am a microeconomist working on social influence. Most of my recent research sheds light on how individuals behave in social environments to impress or persuade others. I am interested both in basic behavioral questions and in policy applications of these ideas. My research primarily employs experimental methods. Often these experiments take place in partnership with firms, government agencies, and NGOs. Some of my recent collaborations include blood collection agencies (e.g. the German Red Cross, the Italian AVIS), pension funds, governmental lifelong-learning agencies, and online psychotherapy firms.

**Specific Expertise:** What is your specific area of expertise, and what topics are you supervising?

- ◆ Social interactions
- ◆ Polarization
- ◆ Mental health
- ◆ Incentive design
- ◆ Social media
- ◆ Charitable giving
- ◆ Opinion and cultural dynamics
- ◆ Misperceptions

**Methodology:** What methodologies and methods are you able to supervise?

- ◆ Quasi-experimental methods for causal inference
- ◆ Experimental methods (inc. survey-, online-, lab- and field- experiments)
- ◆ Behavioral economic theory

### Supervision Style:

Supervision will normally feature 6 sessions: 2 colloquia + 4 individual meetings. The first colloquium will introduce students to common strategies to find a research question and expectations in terms of research design. The second colloquium will serve for all my supervisees to present the final outcomes of their master's thesis project. Please check below what are the assignments for each session; assignments of the session should be handed in via email 48h ahead of the session.

Should you be considering an experimental thesis, let me stress that substantial data collection for their experiment is not expected. In fact, often, even just an experimental design will be sufficient to write outstanding theses, provided that the experimental design and empirical analyses are adequately reasoned and presented.

### Examples of Previously Supervised Thesis Topics:

- ◆ Is financial inclusion the answer? A quasi-experimental approach to understanding M-Pesa's relationship with Kenyan women's empowerment
- ◆ Perceptions of economic inequality and social mobility in Ciudad Juárez, México
- ◆ The Berlin rent cap and renter mobility: An observation of the berlin housing market from 2018-2022
- ◆ Universal childcare and mothers' labor market trajectories: A natural experiment across German counties

### Recommended General Readings:

Bellemare, Marc F. "How to write Applied Papers in Economics." Recuperado de <http://marcfbellemare.com/wordpress/13712> (2020). [[link](#)]

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