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Academic Positions

Professor of Political Economy, University of Oxford

Tutorial Fellow, New College

Director, Oxford University Business Economics Programme (OUBEP)

Past Positions

Associate Professor of Economics, University of Oxford, 2021-2025.

Associate Professor of Economics (with tenure), University of California, Irvine, 2017 - 2021.

Associate Professor of Logic & Philosophy of Science (courtesy), UC Irvine, 2017 - 2021.

Interim Director, Institute for Mathematical Behavioral Sciences (IMBS), 2017-2019.

Assistant Professor of Economics, University of California, Irvine, 2011-2017.

Assistant Professor of Logic & Philosophy of Science (courtesy), UC Irvine, 2014-2017.

Postdoctoral Research & Teaching Fellow, Department of Economics, University of Oxford, 2009-11.

Associate Member, Nuffield College, Oxford, 2009-11.

Visiting positions:

Harvard University, Sep-Oct 2019.

Nuffield College, University of Oxford, June 2018, Nov 2016, Oct-Nov 2014.

SIEPR Stanford University, Nov 2017.

University of Warwick, Oct-Nov 2016.

New York University, Nov 2015.

Education

University of Oxford: DPhil Economics 2009

Advisor: H. Peyton Young. Examiners: Ken Binmore, Chris Wallace.

University of Oxford: MPhil Economics 2006

Webb Medley Thesis Prize *proxime accessit*.

University of Western Australia: PhD Acc.&Fin. 2005, BEc Hons. 1st class 2000 (ranked 1st).

Working Papers

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The Political-Economic Risks of AI

Oxford Department of Economics Discussion Paper 1068, January 2025.

Zero-Sum Environments, the Evolution of Effort-Suppressing Beliefs, and Economic Development

A. Bergeron, J-P Carvalho, J. Henrich, N. Nunn, J. Weigel.

Revise and resubmit *Review of Economic Studies*.

Modeling Social Institutions, prepared for *The Handbook of Culture and Economic Behavior*, Eds. Ben Enke, Paola Giuliano, Nathan Nunn, and Leonard Wantchekon

Articles and Book Chapters

The Representation Dynamic and the ‘Normalization’ of Group Differences

J-P Carvalho, B. Pradelski

Journal of Law, Economics, & Organization, Forthcoming.

Intersectionality: Affirmative Action with Multidimensional Identities

J-P Carvalho, B. Pradelski, C.R. Williams

Management Science 71(5), 2025, 4495-4509.

Resisting Education

J-P Carvalho, M.L. Koyama, C.R. Williams

Journal of the European Economic Association 22(6), 2024, 2549-2597.

Radicalization

J-P Carvalho, M.D. Sacks

The Economic Journal 134(659), 2024, 1019-1068.

Failed Secular Revolutions: Religious Belief, Competition, and Extremism

J-P Carvalho, M.D. Sacks, J. Rubin

Public Choice, 2023.

Cultural Transmission and Religion

J-P Carvalho, A. Bisin, T. Verdier

Handbook of Economics and Religion (ed. Robert M. Sauer), 2023, World Scientific.

Identity and Underrepresentation: Interactions between Race and Gender

J-P Carvalho, B. Pradelski

Journal of Public Economics 216, 2022.

Markets and Communities: The Social Cost of the Meritocracy

J-P Carvalho

Journal of Institutional Economics 18(3), 2022, 501-519.

The Formation of Religious Beliefs and Preferences

J-P Carvalho, M. McBride

Handbook of Labor, Human Resources and Population Economics (ed. K.F. Zimmerman), 2022, Springer.

The Economics of Religious Communities

J-P Carvalho, M.D. Sacks

Journal of Public Economics 201, 2021.

Religion and Terrorism: The Religious Utility Hypothesis

J-P Carvalho

Handbook of the Economics of Terrorism (eds. A. Basuchoudhary and G. Schulze), forthcoming, Cambridge University Press.

Elite Identity and Political Accountability: A Tale of Ten Islands

J-P Carvalho, C. Dippel

The Economic Journal 130, 2020, 1995-2029.**Sacrifice and Sorting in Clubs**

J-P Carvalho

Forum for Social Economics 49(4), 2020, 357-369.**Religious Clubs: The Strategic Role of Religious Identity**

J-P Carvalho

Advances in the Economics of Religion (eds. J-P Carvalho, S. Iyer and J. Rubin), 2019, Palgrave Macmillan.**Education, Identity and Community: Lessons from Jewish Emancipation**

J-P Carvalho, M.L. Koyama, M.D. Sacks

Public Choice 171(1), 2017, 119-143.**Education, Social Mobility and Religious Movements: The Islamic Revival in Egypt**

C. Binzel, J-P Carvalho

The Economic Journal 127, 2017, 2553-2580.**Coordination and Culture**

J-P Carvalho

Economic Theory 64(3), 2017, 449-475.**Jewish Emancipation and Schism: Economic Development and Religious Change**

J-P Carvalho, M.L. Koyama

Journal of Comparative Economics 44(3), 2016, 562-584.**Identity-Based Organizations**

J-P Carvalho

American Economic Review: Papers & Proceedings 106(5), 2016, 410-414.**Veiling**

J-P Carvalho

Quarterly Journal of Economics 128(1), 2013, 337-370.**Instincts and Institutions: The Rise of the Market**

J-P Carvalho, M.L. Koyama

Advances in Austrian Economics 13 (ed. William N. Butos), 2010, 285-309.**Books and Edited Volumes****Advances in the Economics of Religion**

Eds: J-P Carvalho, S. Iyer, J. Rubin

Palgrave Macmillan, 2019.

Other Writing**Intersectional Affirmative Action**

J-P Carvalho, B. Pradelski, C.R. Williams

VoxEU, 16 Nov 2022.

The Paths to Narrow Identities: A Comment on Dasgupta and Goyal's 'Narrow Identities'

J-P Carvalho

Erasmus Journal for Philosophy and Economics 14(2), 2022, 77-86.

Teaching

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Graduate: Game Theory.

Undergraduate: Public Economics; Evolutionary Game Theory; Core Microeconomics.

Honors & Awards

Fellow of the Royal Economic Society, 2025.

Shortlisted for Vice-Chancellor's Award, University of Oxford, 2025.

Outstanding Teaching Award, UC Irvine, Spring 2020.

School of Social Sciences Dean's Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching, UC Irvine, 2017.

Journal of the European Economic Association Excellence in Refereeing Award, 2017.

Outstanding Author Contribution Award for "Instincts and Institutions: The Rise of the Market", Emerald Literati Network, 2011.

One of three UK or UK-based Economists selected for Young Talent Session, Royal Economic Society Annual Conference, 2011.

Robert Solow Fellowship, Cournot Centre for Economic Studies, Paris, 2009-10.

Humane Studies Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies, 2007-9.

Webb Medley MPhil Thesis Prize *proxime accessit*, 2006.

John Monash Scholarship, 2004-7.

Australian Postgraduate Award, 2001-4.

Resource Finance Corporation Prize for best honors student in Finance, 2000.

Presentations

Keynote speech on "The Political and Economic Risks of AI", UK Finance Digital Innovation Summit, 2025.

Network for Economic Research on Identity, Norms and Narratives (ERINN) conference, Venice, 2025.

LSE Economics Society, 2024.

Association for the Study of Economics, Religion and Culture (ASREC) Annual Conference, Chapman 2024.

PolEconUK Webinar, 2023.

Alpine Game Theory Symposium, Grenoble, 2023.

Network for Economic Research on Identity, Norms and Narratives (ERINN) conference, Paris, 2023.

Association for Analytic Learning about Islam & Muslim Societies (AALIMS) Annual Conference, Stanford, 2023.⁵

OUBEP Workshop on “The Economics of Intersectionality”, Oxford 2023.

Association for the Study of Economics, Religion and Culture (ASREC) Annual Conference, Harvard 2023.

10th Oxford Workshop on Global Priorities Research, Global Priorities Institute (GPI), University of Oxford 2022.

British Academy Conference, “Towards A Cohesive Society: Economics of Identity, Norms and Narratives”, London 2022.

LSE Hayek Workshop, London 2022.

Association for the Study of Economics, Religion and Culture (ASREC) Annual Conference, Chapman 2022.

Seminar Series on Religious Rivalry, All Souls College, Oxford 2022.

“What Should Economists Know?” Panel, International Economics Association (IEA) Conference, 2021.

Symposium on Sociality and Austrian Economics, Texas Tech University 2020.

CEPR Conference on The Economics of Religion, Venice 2019.

Network for Economic Research on Identity, Norms and Narratives (ERINN) Workshop on Social Norms, Oxford 2019.

Theoretical Research in Development Economics (ThReD) Conference, Notre Dame 2019.

Institute for Mathematical Behavioral Sciences (IMBS) Conference on Cultural Evolution and Social Norms, UC Irvine 2019.

Southwest Theory Conference, University of California Santa Barbara 2019.

Association for the Study of Economics, Religion and Culture (ASREC) Annual Conference, Boston 2019.

Network for Economic Research on Identity, Norms and Narratives (ERINN) conference, Oxford 2018.

UCI Program in Religious Studies, UC Irvine 2018.

LSE-NYU Conference on Political Science and Political Economy, London 2018.

Conference on Identity, Cooperation, and Conflict, Institute for Mathematical Behavioral Sciences (IMBS) and Center for Global Peace and Conflict Studies (CGPACS), UC Irvine 2018.

Association for the Study of Economics, Religion and Culture (ASREC) Annual Conference, Chapman University 2018.

New Economic School Conference ‘Towards Effective and Equitable Development: the Role of Institutions and Diversity’, Moscow 2017.

Institute for New Economic Thinking (INET) Conference, Edinburgh 2017.

Wired Japan Conference on Identity, Tokyo 2017.

Summer Colloquium on Identity Economics, London 2017.

Network for Economic Research on Identity, Norms and Narratives (ERINN) conference, Georgetown 2017.

Association for Analytic Learning about Islam & Muslim Societies (AALIMS) Annual Conference, Pomona 2017.

Association for the Study of Economics, Religion and Culture (ASREC) Annual Conference, Boston 2017.

New Economic School Conference on Social Interactions, Norms and Development, Moscow 2016.

Summer Colloquium on Identity Economics, London 2016.

Association for the Study of Economics, Religion and Culture (ASREC) Annual Conference, Chapman University 2016.

American Economic Association (AEA) Annual Conference, San Francisco 2016.

Workshop on The Economics of Cultural Transmission and Evolution, Paris School of Economics 2015.

Social Impacts of Economic Policies and Change Conference, University of Heidelberg 2015.

Summer Colloquium on Identity Economics, London 2015.

Association for the Study of Economics, Religion and Culture (ASREC) Annual Conference, Boston 2015.

Economic History Workshop, Institute for Advanced Study in Toulouse 2014.

17th World Congress of the International Economic Association (IEA), Dead Sea, Jordan 2014.

Association for the Study of Economics, Religion and Culture (ASREC) Annual Conference, Chapman University 2014.

Conference on Identity and Conflict, Center for Global Peace and Conflict Studies (CGPACS), UC Irvine 2014.

Association for Analytic Learning about Islam & Muslim Societies (AALIMS) Annual Conference, Princeton 2013.

Association for the Study of Economics, Religion and Culture (ASREC) Annual Conference, Washington DC 2013.

9th Irvine-Japan Conference, University of California Irvine 2013.

National Bureau of Economic Research, Culture and Institutions Meeting, Cambridge MA 2013.

Association for Analytic Learning about Islam & Muslim Societies (AALIMS) Annual Conference, Stanford 2012.

Association for the Study of Economics, Religion and Culture (ASREC) Annual Conference, Chapman University 2012.

Southwest Theory Conference, University of California San Diego 2012.

Evolution of Religion and Social Norms Conference, Institute for Mathematical Behavioral Sciences (IMBS), UC Irvine 2012.

Association for Analytic Learning about Islam & Muslim Societies (AALIMS) Annual Conference, Harvard 2011.

Royal Economic Society Annual Conference, Young Talent Session, London 2011.

Panel on “Why might faith-based groups be more accountable than others (or not)?” Global Economic Governance Programme, University College, Oxford 2010.

Social Norms in the Social Sciences Conference, University of Bristol 2010.

Econometric Society European Winter Meeting, Rome 2010.

Association for the Study of Economics, Religion and Culture (ASREC) Annual Conference, Washington DC 2009.

Coevolution of Institutions and Behaviors Workshop, Santa Fe Institute 2009.

Seminars/Workshops. **2025:** National University of Singapore, University of Namur, Monash University, University of Melbourne, **2024:** University of Nottingham, University of California, Irvine, University of Oxford, HEC Lausanne, George Mason University. **2023:** Aix-Marseilles School of Economics, University of Bologna, University of York, University of Oxford. **2022:** University of Cambridge, Simon Fraser University. **2021:** University of Michigan, University of Oxford. **2020:** University of Manchester, George Mason University. **2019:** University of New South Wales, Harvard University, Boston University, University of Oregon. **2018:** University of California, Riverside. **2017:** University of California, Irvine, Stanford University. **2016:** University of California, Irvine, University of Southern California, University of Warwick. **2014:** University of Oxford, University of Leicester, University of Western Australia. **2013:** UCLA Anderson, Claremont Graduate University, Chapman University. **2012:** University of California, Irvine, George Mason University. **2011:** Chapman University, Stanford University, University of Birmingham, University of California, Irvine, University of Edinburgh, Royal Holloway, University of London. **2010:** University of Cambridge, DIW Berlin, Free University of Berlin, University of Oxford. **2009:** University of East Anglia. **2007:** University of Oxford. **2006:** University of Western Australia.

Professional Activities

Advisory board member, SCORE Strand III, Templeton Religion Trust, 2024-.

Editorial board member, *Oxford Economic Papers*, 2023 -.

Board member, Association for Analytic Learning about Islam & Muslim Societies (AALIMS), 2019-.

Core (governing body) member, Network for Economic Research on Identity, Norms, and Narratives (ERINN), 2019-.

Associate, Theoretical Research in Development Economics (ThReD), 2019-.

Editorial advisory board, Oxford University Press book series on Philosophy, Politics, & Economics, 2020-.

Board member, Association for the Study of Economics, Religion, and Culture (ASREC), 2019-2023.

Seminar Organization

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Co-founder and co-organizer, Political Economy seminar, University of Oxford, 2023 -.

Co-organizer, Theory, History & Development Seminar (spring), UC Irvine, 2012-2017.

Co-organizer, IMBS Seminar, UC Irvine, 2014-2017.

Organizer, Postdoc-DPhil seminar, University of Oxford, 2009-2010.

Conference/Workshop Organization

Co-organizer, OUBEP "Unlocking Social Mobility" Workshop, Mansfield College, Oxford, 2025.

Organizing committee, Nash75 Symposium (celebrating 75 years of Nash equilibrium), Oxford, 2025.

Organizer, "The Political Economy of Populism" workshop, University of Oxford, 2024.

Co-organizer, ASREC session at the ASSA meetings, San Antonio, 2024.

Co-organizer, OUBEP Workshop on "The Economics of Intersectionality", Oxford 2023.

Selection committee, ERINN Conference, 2022-.

Faculty instructor, ASREC Economics of Religion Graduate Workshop, 2016-.

Organizing committee, ASREC 24-hour Virtual Conference, November 2020.

Co-organizer, ASREC Virtual Graduate Student Workshop, May 2020.

Faculty discussant, IRES Graduate Workshop, Chapman University, 2012-2019.

Organizer, Conference on Cultural Evolution and Social Norms, IMBS, March 2019.

Organizer, Economics of Religion Discussion Group, IMBS and Chapman University, 2014, 2019.

Co-organizer, Conference on Identity, Cooperation and Conflict, IMBS and CGPACS, UC Irvine, April 2018.

Co-organizer, International Economics Association Roundtable on The Economics of Religion, Cambridge UK, July 2017.

Organizing committee, AALIMS annual conference, Pomona College, 2017.

Organizer, Workshop on the Formation of Beliefs, IMBS, 2017.

Organizer, Workshop on the Economics of Religion and Culture, IMBS, 2015.

Co-organizer, Conference on Identity and Conflict, UC Irvine, CGPACS, 2014.

Department/School/College Service

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Director, Oxford University Business Economics Programme (OUBEP), 2025-.

Co-convenor, Political Economy Group, 2023-.

Co-director, Oxford University Business Economics Programme (OUBEP), 2024-2025.

Selection committee, Herbert Nicholas Junior Research Fellow, 2024.

New College Admissions (Economics), 2021-.

MPhil Admissions reviewer, 2024.

MPhil/DPhil, DPhil Admissions ad hoc reviewer, 2022-.

Interim Director, Institute for Mathematical Behavioral Sciences [IMBS], 2017-2019.

Member, Jean-Claude Falmagne Dissertation Award Committee, 2014-2017.

Executive committee member, Institute for Mathematical Behavioral Sciences (IMBS), UC Irvine, 2017-2021.

Member, PhD Microeconomics Qualifying Exam Committee, UC Irvine, 2014 -2021.

Refereeing

American Economic Review, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics, American Economic Journal: Microeconomics, American Political Science Review, Bulletin of Mathematical Biology, Current Anthropology, Econometrica, Economica, Economic Theory, Games and Economic Behavior, International Economic Review, Journal of Comparative Economics, Journal of Demographic Economics, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of International Economics, Journal of Law & Economics, Journal of Law, Economics & Organization, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Public Economic Theory, Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion, Oxford Economic Papers, Politics, Philosophy & Economics, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, Public Choice, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Quarterly Journal of Political Science, Rationality & Society, Review of Economics & Statistics, Review of Economic Studies, The Economic Journal.

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