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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

CERGE-EI: Center for Economic Research and Graduate Education, Charles University, and Economics Institute, Czech Academy of Sciences, part-time: Professor (2024+), Associate Professor (2017-24), Assistant Professor (2011-2016). Doctor of Sciences (DSc., 2024+).

Institute of Economic Studies, Charles University, part-time: Professor (since 2024), Associate Professor (2017-24), Assistant Professor (2009-2017).

CESifo, Munich, Research Affiliate, 2023+

CEPR, London, Research Affiliate, 2015+

Institute for Study of Labor (IZA), Bonn, Research Fellow, 2009+

EDUCATION

2005 - 2009 Charles University, Prague, Ph.D. in economics

1999 - 2005 Charles University, Prague, BA and MA in economics

RESEARCH VISITS

Monash University, January 2025

UC Berkeley, Jan-March 2020

Briq, Germany, July 2018

UC Berkeley, USA, Feb-April 2018

University of Cape Town, June-July 2016

UC Berkeley, USA, Jan-June 2015

New York University, USA, Sep 2007-June 2008

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Development microeconomics, Behavioral economics, Experimental economics.

SELECTED PUBLISHED PAPERS

Nastiness in Groups, with J. Cahlíková, D. Celik-Katreniak, J. Chytilová, L. Cingl, T. Želinský, 2024, Journal of the European Economic Association, 22 (5): 2075-2107. [lead article]

Human Capital Affects Religious Identity: Causal Evidence from Kenya, with L. Alfonsi, J. Chytilová, E. Miguel, 2024, Journal of Development Economics, 167, 103215.

Shifting punishment on minorities: Experimental Evidence of Scapegoating, with J. Cahlíková, J. Chytilová, G. Roland, T. Želinský, Economic Journal, 2023, 133 (652):1626-1640.

Communicating doctors' consensus persistently increases Covid-19 vaccinations, with V. Bartoš, J. Cahlíková and J. Chytilová, Nature, 2022, 606: 542-549.

Covid-19 and Hostility against Foreigners, with V. Bartoš, J. Cahlíková, J. Chytilová, European Economic Review, 2021, 137 (2021) 103818.

Psychological effects of poverty on time preferences, with V. Bartoš, J. Chytilová and I. Lively, Economic Journal, 2021, 131 (638), August 2021, 2357–2382.

Using Survey Questions to Measure Preferences in Developing Countries: Lessons from an Experimental Validation in Kenya, with J. Chytilová and E. Miguel, European Economic Review, 2020, 103493.

War Increases Religiosity, with A. Cassar, J. Chytilová, J. Henrich, B.G. Purzycki, Nature Human Behavior, 2019, 3 (February): 129-135.

Social Contagion of Ethnic Hostility, with J. Cahlíková, J. Chytilová and T. Želinský, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the US - PNAS, 2018, 115(19): 4881-4886.

Trusting Former Rebels: An Experimental Approach to Understanding Reintegration after Civil War, with I. Lively and N. Fiala, 2018. Economic Journal, 128: 1786-1819.

Can War Foster Cooperation? with C. Blattman, J. Chytilová, J. Henrich, E. Miguel and T. Mitts, 2016, Journal of Economic Perspectives, 30(3): pp. 249-74.

Attention Discrimination: Theory and Field Experiments with Monitoring Information Acquisition, with V. Bartoš, J. Chytilová, and F. Matějka, 2016, American Economic Review, 106(6), pp. 1437-75.

War's Enduring Effects on the Development of Egalitarian Motivations and In-group Biases, with A. Cassar, J. Chytilová and J. Henrich, 2014, Psychological Science, 25(1), pp. 47-57.

Parental Background and Other-Regarding Preferences in Children, with J. Chytilová, B. Pertold-Gebicka, 2014, Experimental Economics, 17(1), pp. 24-46.

Women, Children and Patience: Experimental Evidence from Rural India, with J. Chytilová, 2013, Review of Development Economics, 14(4), pp. 662-675.

Behavioral Foundations of Microcredit: Experimental and Survey Evidence from Rural India, with J. Chytilová and J. Morduch, 2012, American Economic Review, 102(2), pp. 1118-1139.

The Impact of Education on Subjective Discount Rate in Ugandan Villages, with J. Chytilová, 2010, Economic Development and Cultural Change, 58(4), pp. 643-669.

WORKING PAPERS

Youngism: Age-based discrimination and stereotypes, with V. Bartoš, J. Cahlíková and J. Chytilová, 2023.

Parochialism of religious leaders and clusters of (in)tolerance, with Julie Chytilová and Eric Ochieng, 2025.

Ethnic hostility and conflict, with Julie Chytilová, forthcoming *Economics of Identity Handbook*, eds. G. Akerlof and R. Kranton, Elsevier.

INVITED SEMINARS AND SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2025: Monash University, Economic Science Association – European Meeting, Brno, keynote (sched.), SEEDEC (sched.). 2024: Uni of Zurich. Sciences Po. FAIR – Norwegian School of Economics. Masaryk Uni in Brno. University of Bratislava – Workshop on experimental methodology. 2022-23: University of Passau. Slovak National Bank. University of Vienna. Max Planck Institute in Bonn. 2020-21: UC Berkeley. Symposium on Social Cohesion in Ethnically Diverse Societies, Tillburg Uni. ERINN annual meeting. ESA Global Around the Clock Meeting (keynote). 2018-2019: UC San Diego. ERINN workshop, Uni Oxford. Briq mini-lecture series, Bonn. Uni Frankfurt. Max Planck Institute in Bonn. UC Berkeley. Annual Experimental Development

Economics PhD workshop, Uni East Anglia (keynote). University of Munich. FAIR Center at NHH, Bergen. 2016-17: Exeter Price Workshop (keynote), SITE workshop in Experimental economics, Stanford. CEPR annual symposium in development economics, LSE. University of Wageningen. European Behavioral Economics Meeting, CEU. 68° North Conference in Behavioral Conference, Svolve. University of Vienna. Development Economics Network Berlin. Harvard University, Dept. of Human Evolutionary Biology. WESSI NYU Florence workshop, University of Hannover. 2014-15: University of Lausanne. Stanford University. Norwegian School of Economics in Bergen. IEA World Congress in Amman. University of Bonn. Humboldt University. University of San Francisco. UC Berkeley. ASSA Meeting in Philadelphia. Annual World Bank Conference on Africa (UC Berkeley). University of Verona. UPF in Barcelona. University of Zurich. 2012-13: University of Gothenburg. The German Institute for Economic Research (DIW) in Berlin. Institute for Fiscal Studies –EDePo in London. Workshop on experiments in development economics, University of Oxford. University of Maastricht. IZA in Bonn. Central European University in Budapest. Mendel University in Brno. Workshop on fertile fields in economic development, WZB in Berlin. Goethe University of Frankfurt.

REFEREEING

Journals: American Economic Review, American Journal of Agricultural Economics, American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, AEJ: Applied Economics, Cognition, Czech Journal of Economics and Finance, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Economic Letters, Econometrica, Economica, European Economic Review, Economic Journal, Games and Economic Behavior, Journal of African Economies, Journal of Behavioral Decision-Making, Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics, Journal of Comparative Economics, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Economic Psychology, Journal of Economic Science Association, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Political Economy Microeconomics, Journal of Public Economics, Management Science, Nature, Nature Communications, Nature Human Behavior, Oxford Economic Papers, Plos One, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences - PNAS, Psychological Science, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Scientific Reports, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of Economic Studies, World Development.

Grant agencies: Czech Science Foundation (GACR, panel member: 2020-24), Charles University Grant Agency (GAUK, panel member: 2009-2018, 2024+), ERC, National Science Foundation (NSF), Swiss National Science Foundation, RRC of Global Development Network, IZA/DFID, Grant Agency of Prague University of Economics and Business.

SUPERVISION OF GRADUATE STUDENTS AND TEACHING

- Former PhD students and their current affiliation: Vojtěch Bartoš (University of Milan), Jana Čahlíková (University of Rotterdam), Dagmara Celik-Katreniak (City, University of London), Lubomír Cingl (University of Economics, Prague), Petr Janský (Charles University in Prague), Ian Levely (King's College London), Jiří Schwarz jr. (Charles Uni and Czech National Bank), Danijela Vuletic (CERGE-EI, Prague, post-doc), Nikoloz Kudashvili (EBRD), Darya Korlyakova (Higher School of Economics, Moscow)
- Current PhD students: Gayane Baghumyan, Nanna Adam, Winnie Njoroge, Azizbek Tokhirov, Camilo Gomez
- Current teaching: Experimental Economics (PhD, CERGE-EI), Development economics (MA, IES), Behavioral economics (BA, IES).

AWARDS

2023 Bedřich Hrozný Award for Creative Initiative, awarded by the Charles University Rector, joint with Julie Chytilová

- 2022 Award for Excellence in Research, Experimental Development and Innovation, awarded by the Czech Minister of Education
- 2020, 2016, 2011 Švejnár-Terrell Price for excellence in teaching
- 2017 Exeter Prize for the best paper in experimental economics, decision theory and behavioral economics published during 2016 (Attention discrimination, joint with Vojtěch Bartoš, Julie Chytilová and F. Matějka)
- 2015 The Best Paper Award on The Economics of Discrimination awarded by UniCredit & Universities Foundation (Attention discrimination...)
- 2012 Selected as one of six most successful young Czechs by Czech economic weekly (Ekonom)
- 2011 Otto Wichterle Prize for young scientists awarded by the Czech Academy of Sciences
- 2006 Young Economist of the Czech Republic, awarded by the Czech Economic Association

GRANTS

- 2023-28 Ministry of Education, ERC_CZ grant – Discrimination, Desire to Harm and Hardship (PI)
- 2020-23 Grant Agency of the Czech Republic – Determinants of Pro-Social and Anti-Social Behavior (co-PI)
- 2019-20 Czech Academy of Sciences (ERC-CZ/AV-B) – Identity and Conflict (PI)
- 2019-20 ERINN, Center for Study of African Economies – Human Capital and Identity (co-PI)
- 2020-22 Grant Agency of the Czech Republic – Determinants of Pro-Social and Anti-social Behavior: Field Experimental Evidence (co-PI)
- 2017-19 Grant Agency of the Czech Republic – Economic and Social Determinants of Hostility (co-PI)
- 2013-16 Grant Agency of the Czech Republic - Using Economic Experiments to Understand Discrimination and Inter-group Cooperation (PI)
- 2010-12 Grant Agency of the Czech Republic, Postdoctoral grant – Poverty and Inter-temporal Choices (PI)
- 2010-11 Global Development Network – Formation of Other-Regarding Preferences (Co-PI)