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Academic Employment

2019- **University of Essex**: Lecturer (Assistant Professor, tenured 2023), Department of Economics
2017-2019 **Université libre de Bruxelles**: Postdoctoral Fellow, ECARES
2017-2018 **University of Leuven (KU Leuven)**: Research Associate, Department of Economics

Education

PhD in Economics, George Mason University, 2017.
BS in Applied Mathematics, Higher School of Economics, 2013

Research Interests

Experimental economics, behavioral economics, game theory, and revealed preference theory.

Publications

Mikhail Freer and Khushboo Surana (2024) Marital Stability With Committed Couples: A Revealed Preference Analysis. *Games and Economic Behavior*

Dianat A. & Freer M. (2023). Credibility in Second-Price Auctions: An Experimental Test. *Experimental Economics*

Marco Castillo & Mikhail Freer (2023). A General Revealed Preference Test of Quasi-Linear Preferences: Theory and Experiments. *Experimental Economics*

Freer M. & Martinelli C. (2022) An Algebraic Approach to Revealed Preferences. *Economic Theory*

Cherchye L., De Rock B., Demuynck T., & Freer M. (2022) Revealed Preference Analysis of Expected Utility Maximization under Prize-Probability Trade-Offs. *Journal of Mathematical Economics*.

Freer M. & Martinelli C. (2021). A Utility Representation Theorem for General Revealed Preference. *Mathematical Social Sciences*

Freer, M., Martinelli, C., & Wang, S. (2020) Collective Experimentation: A Laboratory Study. *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*

Castillo, M, Cross, P., & Freer, M (2019). Nonparametric utility theory in strategic settings: Revealing preferences and beliefs from games of proposal and response. *Games and Economic Behavior*

Castillo, M. & Freer, M. (2018). Revealed Differences. *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*

Working Papers

Mikhail Freer, Daniel Friedman, and Simon Weidenholzer (2023) Motives for Delegating Financial Decisions

Rej&R at GEB

Mikhail Freer and Hassan Nosratabadi (2023). Revealed Preference Analysis Under Limited Attention
R&R at JEBO

Mikhail Freer and Hassan Nosratabadi (2024). On Welfare (Ir)Relevance of two-stage choice models

Work in Progress

Simplicity in Mechanism Design
(with Ahrash Dianat and Christian Basteck)
(data analysis/draft preparation)

Reconstructing Strategies in Dynamic Games
(with Arthur Dolgoplov)
(data analysis/draft preparation)

Revealing Preferences and Choice Procedures
(with Ahrash Dianat)
(data collection)

Experimental School Choice with Real Parents
(with Thilo Klein and Josue Ortega)
(data analysis/draft preparation)

Teaching

Essex: Topics in Microeconomics (PhD)

Essex: Market Structure and Strategic Behavior (Undergraduate)

Essex: Social Psychology and Economics (Graduate, module leader)

Essex: Cognitive Psychology and Economics (Graduate, module leader)

Essex: Game Theory and Applications (Graduate)

GMU: Intermediate Macroeconomics (Undergraduate)

Presentations

2025: Universitat de Barcelona, PSE Bounded Rationality Workshop, University of Bielefeld

2024: Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, University of Surrey, 10th UEA Behavioral Game Theory Workshop, ITAM EBE Conference 2024 (in memoriam of Piotr Evdokimov)

before 2024: University of Bielefeld, WEBEA Seminar (online), Budapest University of Technology and Economics, University of Glasgow, Queen's University of Belfast; SAET Annual Conference (online), "Voters' Preferences and Parties' Performance in Politics" workshop at EUI (Florence, Italy), Berlin Behavioral Seminar (online); SAET Annual Conference (Seoul, Korea – online), George Mason University; Texas A&M University, Maastricht University; Nazarbayev University, University of Essex; HSE (SPB); GATE Lyon; University of Haifa; Texas A&M University; Carlos III de Madrid; Spanish Economic Association Meeting (Bilbao, Spain); Southern Economic Association Meeting (Washington, DC); Latin American Meeting of Econometric Society (Medellin, Colombia); UECE Lisbon Meetings in Game Theory and Applications (Lisbon, Portugal); Foundations of Utility and Risk (Warwick, UK); 28th International Conference on Game Theory (Stony Brook, NY); Economic Science Association World Meeting (San Diego, CA); Foundations of Utility and Risk (York, UK); 14th European Meeting on Game Theory – SING14 (Bayreuth, Germany); 71st European Meeting of the Econometric Society (Cologne, Germany); SAET Annual Conference (Ischia, Italy), XXVIII European Workshop on Economic Theory (Berlin, Germany), Royal Economic Society Meetings (Warwick, UK)

Grants

2024: BA/Leverhume Small Grant (£10,000) for "Revealing Preferences and Procedures of Choice" (with Ahrash Dianat)

2019: International Foundation for Research in Experimental Economics (IFREE) Small Grant (\$9,225) for "Beyond Dominant Strategy Mechanism Design: Is Strategic Simplicity Good Enough?" (with Ahrash Dianat)

Professional Activity

Referee: American Economic Journal: Microeconomics, Econometrica, Economic Journal, Economic Theory, European Economic Review, Experimental Economics, Games and Economic Behavior, International Economic Review, Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, Journal of Political Economy: Microeconomics, Mathematical Social Sciences, Public Choice.

Service: ICES Lab Manager (2013-2014); ICES Recruiter manager (2014-2016), Organizing Committee member 24th Spring Meeting of Young Economists – SMYE2019 (2018-2019), Program Committee member 25th Spring Meeting of Young Economists – SMYE2020 (2019-2020), Board Member at European Association of Young Economists (2019-now), Organizing Committee AMYE2025 (2024–), Organizing Committee 14th Conference on Economic Design (2024–), Advisory Board at Moldova School of Economics (2024–).

Membership: Group for Advancement of Revealed Preferences (2017-2019).

Supervision:

Yi Shi (University of Essex, in progress, expected 2025)

Languages

English (fluent), Russian (native)