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**Personal Information:** Greek citizen (US Permanent Resident), born May 1, 1978.

**Languages:** Greek (native), English, German (Abitur).

## *Current position*

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- 09/2008-present: Research Economist and Assistant Policy Advisor, Research Department, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta.
- November-December 2010: Visiting Professor, LUISS Guido Carli University, Rome, Italy.

## *Previous Employment Experience*

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- Dissertation Intern, Research and Statistics Division, Federal Reserve Board, Washington, DC, fall 2006.
- Research Intern, Monetary Policy Strategy Division, European Central Bank, Frankfurt, Germany, summer 2006.

## *Education*

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- **New York University**  
2002-2008: PhD in Economics 2008, Department of Economics.  
2002-2004: MA in Economics.  
**Dissertation Title:** *“Robustness and Ramsey Plans.”*  
**Committee:** Thomas J. Sargent (Chair), Lars Peter Hansen, David Backus.
- **Athens University of Economics and Business (AUEB)**  
09/1996-01/2001: BSc in Economics (*Excellent*), Department of Economics.

## *Research*

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### **Publications or forthcoming papers:**

- *“Managing pessimistic expectations and fiscal policy,”* (Anastasios Karantounias with Lars Peter Hansen and Thomas J. Sargent) *Theoretical Economics*, forthcoming

### **Working papers:**

- *“Optimal fiscal policy with recursive preferences”*
- *“Doubts about the model and optimal taxation”*

- “*Overconfidence, Subjective Perception and Pricing Behavior*,” (Pierpaolo Benigno and Anastasios Karantounias), NBER WP No. 11922, January 2006.

#### **Work in progress:**

- “*Optimal government debt management*”
- “*Government expenditures and taxes under ambiguity*”, (with Axelle Ferrière)

#### ***Honors and Fellowships***

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- *The Henry MacCracken Fellowship*, New York University.
- Awarded B. Sc. in Economics with *Excellent* (top 1% in the period 1985-2001), AUEB Economics.
- *G.Chalkiopoulos Foundation*: Honorary Prizes for Academic Distinction, 1998, 1999.
- *Greek State Scholarships Foundation (IKY)*: Prize for high academic achievement, 1997, Prize for entrance to AUEB Economics Dept at the General University Entrance Examination, 1996.

#### ***Teaching and Research Assistant Experience***

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- **New York University**: Research Assistant for Professor Thomas J. Sargent (winter 2006, summer 2007, spring 2008).
- **New York University, College of Arts and Sciences**: Teaching Assistant for International Economics (spring 2006, spring 2007, summer 2007, fall 2007), Money and Banking (fall 2005), Intermediate Macroeconomics (summer 2005), Principles of Economics-Micro (spring 2005), Principles of Economics-Macro (fall 2004), Quantitative Reasoning in Social Sciences (spring 2004).

#### ***Seminars***

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- 2010: UC Davis, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, LUISS Guido Carli University, European University Institute.
- 2009: University of Oxford, University of Warwick, Einaudi Institute for Economics and Finance (EIEF), Birkbeck College.
- 2008: Wharton, University of Maryland, Penn State, University of Iowa, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta.
- 2007: Chicago Fed, Cornell.
- 2006: Federal Reserve Board (Research and Statistics Division), European Central Bank (Monetary Policy Strategy Division).

#### ***Conferences***

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- Carnegie-Rochester-NYU Conference on Public Policy, November 2011, *discussant*.
- Federal Reserve System Meetings, April 2011, *discussant*.
- NYU Alumni Conference, June 2011.

- 10th Conference on Research on Economic Theory and Econometrics, July 2011.
- Society for the Advancement of Economic Theory (SAET), Singapore, August 2010.
- SED Annual Meeting, Istanbul, July 2009.
- 7th Conference on Research on Economic Theory and Econometrics, Naxos, Greece, July 2008.
- New York Area Workshop on Monetary Policy, New York Fed, May 2006.

### *Professional Associations*

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- American Economic Association
- Econometric Society
- Society for the Advancement of Economic Theory (SAET)

### *References*

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- Thomas J. Sargent, [thomas.sargent@nyu.edu](mailto:thomas.sargent@nyu.edu)
- Lars Peter Hansen, [lhansen@uchicago.edu](mailto:lhansen@uchicago.edu)
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