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Bio

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Professor, Economics
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- Senior Fellow, Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research (SIEPR)
- Faculty Affiliate, Institute for Human-Centered Artificial Intelligence (HAI)
- Member, Stanford Data Science
- Faculty Director, Stanford Causal Science Center

LINKS

- Imbens Website: <https://people.stanford.edu/imbens/>

Teaching

COURSES

2025-26

- Causality, Decision Making and Data Science: BUSGEN 108 (Aut)
- Causality, Decision Making and Data Science: CS 171, DATASCI 161, ECON 115 (Aut)
- Econometric Methods I: MGTECON 603 (Aut)
- Econometrics Seminar: ECON 370 (Aut, Win, Spr)
- Intermediate Econometrics I: ECON 270 (Aut)

2024-25

- Causality, Decision Making and Data Science: BUSGEN 108 (Aut)
- Causality, Decision Making and Data Science: CS 171, DATASCI 161, ECON 115 (Aut)
- Econometrics Seminar: ECON 370 (Aut, Win, Spr)
- Intermediate Econometrics III: Methods for Applied Econometrics: ECON 272 (Spr)
- Methods for Applied Econometrics: MGTECON 607 (Spr)

2023-24

- Data Science for Environmental Business: ECON 185 (Spr)
- Data Science for Environmental Business: MGTECON 340 (Spr)
- Data Science for Environmental Business: PUBLPOL 185, SUSTAIN 135, SUSTAIN 235 (Spr)
- Econometrics Seminar: ECON 370 (Aut, Win, Spr)

- Intermediate Econometrics III: Methods for Applied Econometrics: ECON 272 (Spr)
- Methods for Applied Econometrics: MGTECON 607 (Spr)
- Quantitative Methods for Empirical Research: ECON 292 (Aut)
- Quantitative Methods for Empirical Research: MGTECON 640 (Aut)

2022-23

- Data Science and Experimentation for Decision Making: MGTECON 540 (Spr)
- Econometrics Workshop: ECON 370 (Aut, Win, Spr)
- Intermediate Econometrics III: Methods for Applied Econometrics: ECON 272 (Spr)
- Methods for Applied Econometrics: MGTECON 607 (Spr)

STANFORD ADVISEES

Doctoral Dissertation Reader (AC)

Aditya Ghosh, Alexia Olaizola, Sadegh Shirani

Postdoctoral Faculty Sponsor

David Bruns-Smith, Jaume Vives i Bastida

Doctoral Dissertation Advisor (AC)

Lea Bottmer, Janelle Nelson, David Ritzwoller, Ravi Sojitra, Amar Venugopal, Sarah Vicol, Jason Weitze

Doctoral Dissertation Co-Advisor (AC)

Joonhyuk Lee

Undergraduate Major Advisor

Nathan Lam

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **Whitney Newey's contributions to econometrics** *JOURNAL OF ECONOMETRICS*
Abadie, A., Angrist, J., Imbens, G.
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- **Using Wasserstein Generative Adversarial Networks for the design of Monte Carlo simulations** *JOURNAL OF ECONOMETRICS*
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Bottmer, L., Imbens, G. W., Spiess, J., Warnick, M.
2023
- **Fixed Effects and the Generalized Mundlak Estimator** *REVIEW OF ECONOMIC STUDIES*
Arkhangelsky, D., Imbens, G. W.

2023

- **Experimental Design in Marketplaces** *STATISTICAL SCIENCE*
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- **Semi-parametric estimation of treatment effects in randomised experiments** *JOURNAL OF THE ROYAL STATISTICAL SOCIETY SERIES B-STATISTICAL METHODOLOGY*
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- **Causality in Econometrics: Choice vs Chance** *ECONOMETRICA*
Imbens, G. W. W.
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- **Doubly robust identification for causal panel data models** *ECONOMETRICS JOURNAL*
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- **Bayesian Meta-Prior Learning Using Empirical Bayes** *MANAGEMENT SCIENCE*
Nabi, S., Nassif, H., Hong, J., Mamani, H., Imbens, G.
2022; 68 (3): 1737-1755
- **Design-based analysis in Difference-in-Differences settings with staggered adoption** *JOURNAL OF ECONOMETRICS*
Athey, S., Imbens, G. W.
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- **Synthetic Difference-in-Differences** *AMERICAN ECONOMIC REVIEW*
Arkhangelsky, D., Athey, S., Hirshberg, D. A., Imbens, G. W., Wager, S.
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- **THE ET INTERVIEW: PROFESSOR GARY CHAMBERLAIN** *ECONOMETRIC THEORY*
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- **A CAUSAL BOOTSTRAP** *ANNALS OF STATISTICS*
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- **External Validity in Fuzzy Regression Discontinuity Designs** *JOURNAL OF BUSINESS & ECONOMIC STATISTICS*
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 - **Matching on the Estimated Propensity Score** *ECONOMETRICA*
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