

# Adam Chilton

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## Appointments

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### University of Chicago Law School, Chicago, IL

Howard G. Krane Professor of Law, January 2024 – Present  
Walter Mander Research Scholar, July 2017 – Present  
Professor of Law, July 2019 – December 2023  
Assistant Professor of Law, July 2014 – June 2019  
Bigelow Fellow & Lecturer in Law, July 2013 – June 2014

## Education

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### Harvard University, Cambridge, MA (2009-2013)

J.D., May 2013  
Ph.D. in Political Science, May 2013  
A.M. in Political Science, March 2012

### Yale University, New Haven, CT (2003-2007)

M.A. in Political Science, May 2007  
B.A. in Political Science, May 2007

## Books

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### **Trial By Numbers: A Lawyer's Guide to Statistical Evidence**

Adam Chilton, Kyle Rozema  
*Oxford University Press* (2024)

### **How Constitutional Rights Matter**

Adam Chilton, Mila Versteeg  
*Oxford University Press* (2020)

- Winner of the *International Society of Public Law's* best book prize
- Winner of the *American Political Science Association's* Human Rights best book prize
- Reviewed in the *American Journal of Comparative Law*, *Harvard Law Review*, *European Constitutional Law Review*, *International Studies Review*, *Journal of Legal Education*, *Law Quarterly Review*, *Modern Law Review*, and the *University of Chicago Law Review*
- Subject of a symposium organized by the *University of Chicago Law Review*
- Subject of a symposium organized by the *Jerusalem Review of Legal Studies*

## Articles

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### **The “Odd Party Out” Theory of Certiorari**

Adam Bonica, Adam Chilton, Maya Sen  
*Journal of Politics* (forthcoming)

**Political Ideology and Judicial Administration: Evidence from the COVID-19 Pandemic**

Adam Chilton, Christopher Cotropia, Kyle Rozema, David Schwartz  
*Journal of Law, Economics, & Organization* (forthcoming)

**Improving the Signal Quality of Grades**

Adam Chilton, Peter Joy, Kyle Rozema, James Thomas  
*Journal of Law, Economics, & Organization* (forthcoming)

**Constraining Constitution-Making**

Adam Chilton, Cristián Eyzaguirre, David Landau, Mila Versteeg  
*Journal of Law and Empirical Analysis* (forthcoming)

**Which Constitutional Provisions Are Most Important?**

Richard Albert, Netta Barak-Corren, Daniel M. Brinks, Adam Chilton, and 8 Others  
*European Journal for Empirical Legal Studies* (forthcoming)

**Support for Constitutional Rights During Crisis: Evidence from the Pandemic**

Adam Chilton, Kevin Cope, Charles Crabtree, Mila Versteeg  
*American Journal of Comparative Law* (forthcoming)

**The Gravity of Legal Diffusion**

Anu Bradford, Adam Chilton, Katerina Linos  
*University of Chicago Legal Forum* 35-57 (2023)

**The Politics of Constitutional Rights**

Adam Chilton, Mila Versteeg  
Chapter in the *Research Handbook on the Politics of Constitutional Law* 432-435 (2023)

**Legal Bench: A Collaborative Built Benchmark for Measuring Legal Reasoning in Large Language Models**

Neel Guha, Julian Nyarko, Daniel E. Ho, Christopher Re, Adam Chilton, and 35 Others  
*Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems* (2023)

**The Effect of Constitutional Gender Equality Clauses**

Adam Chilton, Mila Versteeg  
*Journal of Legal Studies* 51(2): 329-370 (2022)

**Assessing Affirmative Action's Diversity Rationale**

Adam Chilton, Adam, Justin Driver, Jonathan S. Masur, Kyle Rozema  
*Columbia Law Review* 122(2): 331-405 (2022)

**Small-c Constitutional Rights**

Adam Chilton, Mila Versteeg  
*International Journal of Constitutional Law* 20(1): 141-176 (2022)

**The Expanding Universe of Bilateral Labor Agreements**

Adam Chilton, Bartek Woda  
*Theoretical Inquiries in Law* 23(2): 1-64 (2022)

**Do Legal Origins Predict Legal Substance?**

Anu Bradford, Yun-chien Chang, Adam Chilton, Nuno Garoupa  
*Journal of Law and Economics* 64(2): 207-231 (2021)

**Rethinking Law School Tenure Standards**

Adam Chilton, Jonathan S. Masur, Kyle Rozema  
*Journal of Legal Studies* 50(1): 1-34 (2021)

**Designing Supreme Court Term Limits**

Adam Chilton, Daniel Epps, Kyle Rozema, Maya Sen  
*Southern California Law Review* 95(1): 1-72 (2021)

**United Nations Endorsement and Support for Human Rights: An Experiment on Women's Rights in Pakistan**

Gulnaz Anjum, Adam Chilton, Zahid Usman  
*Journal of Peace Research* 58(3): 462-478 (2021)

**Regulating Antitrust Through Trade Agreements**

Anu Bradford, Adam Chilton  
*Antitrust Law Journal* 84(1): 103-125 (2021)

**Preferences and Compliance with International Law**

Adam Chilton, Katerina Linos  
*Theoretical Inquiries in Law* 22(2): 247-297 (2021)

**The Social Science Approach to International Law**

Daniel Abebe, Adam Chilton, Tom Ginsburg  
*Chicago Journal of International Law* 22(1): 1-23 (2021)

**Political Ideology and the Law Review Selection Process**

Adam Chilton, Jonathan S. Masur, Kyle Rozema  
*American Law and Economics Review* 22(1): 211-240 (2020)

**Reciprocity and Public Opposition to Foreign Direct Investment**

Adam Chilton, Helen Milner, Dustin Tingley  
*British Journal of Political Science* 50(1): 129-153 (2020)

**The Chicago School's Limited Influence on International Antitrust**

Anu Bradford, Adam Chilton, Filippo Maria Lancieri  
*University of Chicago Law Review* 87(2): 297-329 (2020)

**Trade Openness and Antitrust Law**

Anu Bradford, Adam Chilton  
*Journal of Law and Economics* 62(1): 29-65 (2019)

**Legal Rasputins? Law Clerk Influence on Voting at the U.S. Supreme Court**

Adam Bonica, Adam Chilton, Jacob Goldin, Kyle Rozema, Maya Sen  
*Journal of Law, Economics, & Organization* 35(1): 1-36 (2019)

**The Global Dominance of European Competition Law Over American Antitrust Law**

Anu Bradford, Adam Chilton, Katerina Linos, Alex Weaver  
*Journal of Empirical Legal Studies* 16(4): 731-766 (2019)

**Competition Gone Global: Introducing the Comparative Competition Law and Enforcement Datasets**

Anu Bradford, Adam Chilton, Christopher Megaw, Nathaniel Sokol  
*Journal of Empirical Legal Studies* 16(2): 411-443 (2019)

**Why Countries Sign Bilateral Labor Agreements**

Adam Chilton, Eric A. Posner  
*Journal of Legal Studies* 47(S1): 45-88 (2018)

**The Legal Academy's Ideological Uniformity**

Adam Bonica, Adam Chilton, Kyle Rozema, Maya Sen  
*Journal of Legal Studies* 47(1): 1-43 (2018)

**Competition Law Around the World from 1889 to 2010: The Competition Law Index**

Anu Bradford, Adam Chilton  
*Journal of Competition Law & Economics* 14(3): 393-432 (2018)

**Courts' Limited Ability to Protect Constitutional Rights**

Adam Chilton, Mila Versteeg  
*University of Chicago Law Review* 85(2): 293-335 (2018)

**Treaties and Human Rights: The Role of Long-Term Trends**

Adam Chilton, Eric A. Posner  
*Law & Contemporary Problems* 81(1): 1-30 (2018)

**Rights Without Resources: The Impact of Constitutional Social Rights on Social Spending**

Chilton, Adam and Mila Versteeg  
*Journal of Law and Economics* 60(4): 713-748 (2017)

**Measuring Judicial Ideology Using Law Clerk Hiring**

Adam Bonica, Adam Chilton, Jacob Goldin, Kyle Rozema, Maya Sen  
*American Law and Economics Review* 19(1): 129-161 (2017)

**The Political Ideologies of Law Clerks**

Adam Bonica, Adam Chilton, Jacob Goldin, Kyle Rozema, Maya Sen  
*American Law and Economics Review* 19(1): 96-128 (2017)

**Making Doctrinal Work More Rigorous: Lessons from Systematic Reviews**

Will Baude, Adam Chilton, Anup Malani  
*University of Chicago Law Review* 84(1): 37-58 (2017)

**The Limitations of Supply Chain Disclosure Regimes**

Adam Chilton, Galit Sarfaty  
*Stanford Journal of International Law* 53(1): 1-54 (2017)

**Experimentally Testing the Effectiveness of Human Rights Treaties**

Adam Chilton

*Chicago Journal of International Law* 18(1): 164-185 (2017)

**Do Constitutional Rights Make a Difference?**

Adam Chilton, Mila Versteeg

*American Journal of Political Science* 60(3): 575-589 (2016)

**Simplification of Privacy Disclosures: An Experimental Test**

Omri Ben-Shahar, Adam Chilton

*Journal of Legal Studies* 45(2): S41-S67 (2016)

**The Political Ideologies of American Lawyers**

Adam Bonica, Adam Chilton, Maya Sen

*Journal of Legal Analysis* 8(2): 277-335 (2016)

**The Political Motivations of the United States' Bilateral Investment Treaty Program**

Adam Chilton

*Review of International Political Economy* 23(4): 614-642 (2016)

**The Influence of History on States' Compliance with Human Rights Obligations**

Adam Chilton, Eric A. Posner

*Virginia Journal of International Law* 56(2): 211-264 (2016)

**International Law, Constitutional Law, and Public Support for Torture**

Adam Chilton, Mila Versteeg

*Research & Politics* 3(1): 1-9 (2016)

**Revisiting Procedure and Precedent in the WTO: An Analysis of US – Countervailing and Anti-Dumping Measures (China)**

Mostafa Beshkar, Adam Chilton

*World Trade Review* 15(2): 375-395 (2016)

**The Failure of Constitutional Torture Prohibitions**

Adam Chilton, Mila Versteeg

*Journal of Legal Studies* 44(2): 417-452 (2015)

**An Empirical Study of Ideological Bias in Legal Scholarship**

Adam Chilton, Eric A. Posner

*Journal of Legal Studies* 44(2): 277-314 (2015)

**Challenging the Randomness of Panel Assignments in the Federal Courts of Appeals**

Adam Chilton, Marin Levy

*Cornell Law Review* 101(1): 1-56 (2015)

**Foreign Sovereign Immunity and Comparative Institutional Competence**

Adam Chilton, Christopher A. Whytock

*University of Pennsylvania Law Review* 163(2): 411-486 (2015)

**The Laws of War and Public Opinion: An Experimental Study**

Adam Chilton

*Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics* 171(1): 181-201 (2015)

**The Political Economy of Inward FDI: Opposition to Chinese Mergers and Acquisitions**

Dustin Tingley, Christopher Xu, Adam Chilton, Helen V. Milner

*Chinese Journal of International Politics* 8(1): 27-57 (2015)

**Supplying Compliance: Why and When the US Complies with WTO Rulings**

Rachel Brewster, Adam Chilton

*Yale Journal of International Law* 39(2): 201-246 (2014)

**The Influence of Human Rights Agreements on Public Opinion: An Experimental Study**

Adam Chilton

*Chicago Journal of International Law* 15(1): 110-137 (2014)

**Why the Study of International Law Needs Experiments**

Adam Chilton, Dustin Tingley

*Columbia Journal of Transnational Law* 52(1): 172-237 (2013)

**The Doctrinal Paradox & International Law**

Adam Chilton, Dustin Tingley

*University of Pennsylvania Journal of International Law* 34(1): 67-137 (2012)

**The Earned Income Tax Credit, Low Income Workers, and the Legal Aid Community**

Josh Boehm, Adam Chilton, Jonathan Schneller

*Columbia Journal of Tax Law* 3(2): 177-214 (2012)

**Equality, Procedural Justice, and the World Trade Organization**

Adam Chilton, Ryan Davis

*Intercultural Human Rights Law Review* 7(1): 277-328 (2012)

**Essays, Comments, and Reviews**

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**Social Rights Scapegoating**

Adam Chilton, Cristián Eyzaguirre, Mila Versteeg

*Global Constitutionalism* 13(1): 220-227 (2024)

**Beyond Constitutional Rights**

Adam Chilton, Mila Versteeg

*Jerusalem Review of Legal Studies* 28(1): 40-47 (2023)

**Legal Origins and Human Rights Law**

Adam Chilton, Mila Versteeg

*Rutgers International Law and Human Rights Journal* 3(3): 26-48 (2023)

**Introduction: A Second Wave of Comparative Constitutional Studies**

Adam Chilton, Mila Versteeg  
*Journal of Legal Studies* 51(2): 321-328 (2022)

**Measurement and Causal Identification in Constitutional Law: A Reply to Niels Petersen and Konstantin Chatziathanasiou**

Adam Chilton, Mila Versteeg  
*International Journal of Constitutional Law* 19(5): 1842-1853 (2021)

**Empirical Constitutional Studies: Future Directions**

Adam Chilton, Mila Versteeg  
*University of Chicago Law Review Online* (2021)

**What Should Law School Rankings Measure and How Should We Measure it: A Comment on Heald and Sichelman's Rankings**

Adam Chilton, Jonathan S. Masur  
*Jurimetrics* 60(1): 61-67 (2019)

**Country-Specific Investments and the Rights of Non-Citizens**

Adam Chilton, Eric A. Posner  
*Virginia Journal of International Law* 57(3): 575-589 (2018)

**The Optimal Design of Guest Worker Programs: An Introduction**

Adam Chilton, Tom Ginsburg, Eric A. Posner  
*Journal of Legal Studies* 47(S1): 1-4 (2018)

**Book Review: The Continent of International Law by Barbara Koremenos**

Adam Chilton  
*American Journal of International Law* 111(3): 801-805 (2017)

**A Call for Developing a Field of Positive Legal Methodology**

Will Baude, Adam Chilton, Anup Malani  
*University of Chicago Law Review* 84(1): 1-5 (2017)

**Has Trump's Promised Assault on International Law Materialized?**

Adam Chilton  
*University of Illinois Law Review Online: Trump 100 Days* (2017)

**Did the Creation of the United Nations Human Rights Council Produce a Better 'Jury'?**

Adam Chilton, Robert Golan-Vilella  
*Harvard International Law Journal (online)* 58: 7-15 (2016)

**Reconsidering the Motivations of the US Bilateral Investment Treaty Program**

Adam Chilton  
*American Society of International Law Proceedings* 108: 373-376 (2015)

**A Reply to Ronald Dworkin's New Theory of International Law**

Adam Chilton

*University of Chicago Law Review Dialogue* 80: 105-115 (2013)

**Brazil's Pregnancy Registration Requirement and Int'l Commitments**

Adam Chilton

*Journal of Law, Medicine & Ethics* 40(3): 696-700 (2012)

**Book Review: The Idea of Human Rights by Charles E. Beitz**

Adam Chilton

*Harvard Human Rights Journal* 25(1): 237-239 (2012)

**India's Evolving Patent Laws and WTO Obligations**

Adam Chilton

*Journal of Law, Medicine & Ethics* 39(2): 296-300 (2011)

**Book Review: Mobilizing for Human Rights by Beth A. Simmons**

Adam Chilton

*Harvard Human Rights Journal* 24(1): 243-244 (2011)

**Non-Academic Writing**

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**Does Campus Diversity Justify Affirmative Action? Our Study Says Yes.**

Adam Chilton, Justin Driver, Jonathan Masur, Kyle Rozema

*Washington Post*, October 19, 2022

**Biden's Commission is Examining Supreme Court Term Limits. Those Could Have Unintended Consequences.**

Adam Chilton, Daniel Epps, Kyle Rozema, Maya Sen

*Washington Post - Monkey Cage*, April 1, 2021

**Red and Blue America Agree That Now Is the Time to Violate the Constitution**

Adam Chilton, Adam, Kevin Cope, Charles Crabtree, Mila Versteeg

*The Atlantic*, March 25, 2020

**Academic Highlight: The 'Odd Party Out' Theory of Certiorari**

Adam Bonica, Adam Chilton, Maya Sen

*SCOTUS Blog*, February 21, 2020

**Land, Politics, and Insecurity in Slums: A Photo Essay**

Shafali Sharma, Lakshmee Sharma, Adam Chilton, Anup Malani

*Economic & Political Weekly*, January 23, 2020

**The Chicago School's Limited Influence on International Antitrust**

Anu Bradford, Adam Chilton, Filippo Maria Lancieri

*Oxford Business Law Blog*, January 6, 2020



### **Competitive Tensions**

Anu Bradford, Adam Chilton, Katerina Linos  
*Reuters Breakingviews*, November 26, 2019

### **Randomizing Policy and the Risk of Multiple Hypothesis Testing**

Adam Chilton  
*The Regulatory Review*, November 20, 2019

### **Trump Just Blocked a Chinese Takeover of a Sensitive U.S. Company. Here's What's Going On.**

Adam Chilton, Helen Milner, Dustin Tingley  
*Washington Post - Monkey Cage*, September 15, 2017

### **The Political Donations Made by Robert Mueller's Team Are Not Evidence of Bias**

Adam Bonica, Adam Chilton, Maya Sen  
*LA Times*, July 28, 2017

### **The Potential Silver Lining in Trump's Travel Ban**

Adam Chilton, Genevieve Lakier  
*Washington Post*, July 5, 2017

### **Using Experiments to Improve Women's Rights in Pakistan**

Gulnaz Anjum, Adam Chilton  
*openDemocracy*, May 3, 2017

### **New Data Show How Liberal Merrick Garland Really Is**

Adam Bonica, Adam Chilton, Jacob Goldin, Kyle Rozema, Maya Sen  
*Washington Post - Monkey Cage*, March 30, 2016

### **Gaming the Laws of War**

Adam Chilton  
*The New Rambler*, July 2, 2015

### **The Failure of Constitutional Torture Prohibitions**

Adam Chilton, Mila Versteeg  
*Washington Post - Monkey Cage*, April 25, 2015

### **Rappers v. Scotus**

Adam Chilton, Kevin Jaing, Eric A. Posner  
*Slate*, June 13, 2014

## **Working Papers**

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### **The End-Game of Court Packing**

Adam Chilton, Daniel Epps, Kyle Rozema, Maya Sen  
Revise and Resubmit, *American Law and Economics Review*

## **Bilateral Treaties and Foreign Policy Convergence: Evidence from Bilateral Investment Treaties**

Adam Chilton, Weijia Rao

Revise and Resubmit, *American Law and Economics Review*

## **The Effects of Bilateral Labor Agreements: Evidence from the Philippines**

Adam Chilton, Bartosz Woda

Revise and Resubmit, *Journal of Law and Economics*

## **Identifying Constitutional Law**

Adam Chilton, Mila Versteeg

Draft Chapter for the *Concepts, Data, and Methods in Comparative Law and Politics*

## **Professional Experience**

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### **O'Melveny & Meyers LLP, Washington, DC**

*Summer Associate*, Summer 2010 & Summer 2012

### **Department of Justice – Civil Division, Washington, DC**

*Summer Law Intern Program*, Summer 2011

### **The Boston Consulting Group, Washington, DC**

*Associate*, 2007 – 2009

## **Teaching Experience**

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### **Courses & Seminars**

Canonical Ideas in Legal Thought (with Will Baude) (2021-2022, 2022-2023)

Effectiveness of International Law (2019, 2020)

International Trade Law (2016, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)

International Trade & Investment Law (2015)

Immigration Law (2014, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2020)

Immigration Policy (2016, 2017)

Legal Research & Writing (2013-2014)

Torts (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023)

### **Reading Groups (University of Chicago “Greenberg Seminars”)**

Migration, Labor Mobility, and Economic Development (with Anup Malani) (2020-2021)

Global Poverty (with Anup Malani) (2019-2020)

The Law & Economics of Craft Beer (with Daniel Hemel) (2018-2019)

Discrimination in American Institutions (with Emily Buss) (2017-2018)

Wrongful Conflicts (with John Rappaport) (2016-2017)

Iran (with Tom Ginsburg) (2015-2016)

The Limits of Democracy (with Aziz Huq) (2014-2015)

## Summer Courses

Economic Analysis of International Law, UofC Law & Economics Summer School (2017, 2018)  
The Law & Economics of International Trade, University of Hamburg (2016)  
Experimental Approaches to International Law, Max Planck Institute (2014)

## Teaching Assistant

Honors Thesis Adviser, Harvard University (2011-2012, 2012-2013)  
International Law (teaching fellow for Beth Simmons), Harvard University (2012)  
Justice (teaching fellow for Michael Sandel), Harvard University (2010)  
Political Geography (teaching fellow for Alison Mountz), Harvard University (2010)  
Constitutional Law (grader for Chris Warshaw), MIT (2013)

## Academic Service

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### Journal Editing

*Co-Editor:* Journal of Law and Economics  
*Editorial Board Member:* Journal of Law and Courts

### Academic Associations

*Co-President:* Conference on Empirical Legal Studies (2022-2023)  
*Program Committee Chair:* European Law and Economic Association (2024)  
*Program Committee Chair:* American Law and Economic Association (2020)

### Committees

Appointments Committee, Entry Level Hiring Chair (2021-2022)  
Appointments Committee, Lateral Hiring Chair (2020-2021)  
Bigelow Fellowship Program, Co-Chair (2016-2019)  
Dean Review Committee (2019)  
International Programs Committee (2015-Present)  
Joint Degrees Committee (2016-2021)  
Lectures, Conferences, and Honors (2022-2023)

### Conferences Co-Organized

“Bilateral Labor Agreements” (June 2021)  
“Measuring Constitutional Impact” (October 2020)  
“Improving the Lives of India’s Urban Poor” (December 2019)  
“Activism, Advocacy, & Action for India’s Informal Settlements” (December 2019)  
“Rethinking the Chicago School of Antitrust” (May 2019)  
“The Quality of Life in Slums” (December 2018)  
“The Optimal Design of Guest Worker Programs” (October 2016)  
“Developing Best Practices for Legal Analysis” (May 2016)  
“Has International Human Rights Law Failed?” (October 2014)

## **Workshops Co-Organized**

University of Chicago Law - Public Law Workshop (2017-21)  
University of Chicago Law - International Law Workshop (2014-2015)  
University of Chicago Law - Works-In-Progress Workshop (2014-2015)

## **Refereeing**

*Peer-Reviewed Journals:* Acta Politica; American Journal of Comparative Law; American Journal of International Law; American Journal of Political Science; American Law & Economics Review; American Political Science Review; Cambridge Review of International Affairs; Climate Policy; Comparative Political Studies; Environmental Politics; European Journal of International Relations; European Journal of Political Economy; Global Environmental Politics; Human Rights Review; International Interactions; International Journal of Comparative and Applied Criminal Justice; International Journal of Constitutional Law; International Journal of Law, Crime and Justice; International Organization; International Politics; International Review of Law & Economics; Law & Social Inquiry; Law & Society Review; Journal of Business Ethics; Journal of Comparative Politics; Journal of Conflict Resolution; Journal of Empirical Legal Studies; ; Journal of Human Rights; Journal of Law and Courts; Journal of Law and Economics; Journal of Law, Economics, & Organization; Journal of Legal Studies; Journal of Peace Research; Journal of Policy Analysis and Management; Journal of Political Economy; Journal of Politics; Nature – Human Behaviour; PNAS; Political Analysis; Regulation & Governance; Review of International Organizations; Review of International Political Economy; World Politics; World Trade Review

*Law Reviews:* Columbia Law Review; Harvard Law Review; Stanford Law Review; University of Chicago Law Review; Yale Law Journal

*Conferences:* American Law & Economics Association Area Organizer; European Law & Economics Association Area Organizer

*Funding Agencies:* Irish Research Council; Israel Science Foundation; Marsden Fund of New Zealand; National Science Foundation; Research Foundation – Flanders; National Science Center of the Government of Poland

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