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Education

Stanford University, 1975–1979 (Ph.D. Economics)
Cambridge University, 1972–1975 (B.A. First Class Honors, Economics)
Colchester Royal Grammar School, 1965–1972
Little Bromley County Primary School, 1958–1965

Academic appointments

Professor Emeritus, University of Toronto, 2022–
Professor of Economics, University of Toronto, 1999–2022
Professor of Economics, McMaster University, 1990–1999
Associate Professor of Economics, McMaster University, 1985–1990
Visiting Associate Professor of Economics, McMaster University, 1984–85
Assistant Professor of Economics, Columbia University, 1979–86

Short visits

Centro de Economía Aplicada, Departamento de Ingeniería Industrial,
University of Chile, Santiago, Chile, March–April 2019
Department of Economics, Koç University, Istanbul, Turkey, April–May 2015
School of Economics, University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia,
March 2015
Department of Economics, National University of Singapore, January–
February 2015
Kyoto Institute of Economic Research, Kyoto University, September–
November 2014
Department of Economics, Australian National University, January–June
2001
Kyoto Institute of Economic Research, Kyoto University, August–October
1999
Department of Economics, University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New
Zealand, September 1993–May 1994
Institute for Advanced Studies, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, April–May
1990

London School of Economics, May–June 1989
Indian Statistical Institute, New Delhi, January–April 1989
Kyoto Institute of Economic Research, Kyoto University, September–
December 1988
Institute for Advanced Studies, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, January–
June 1980

Editorial positions

Theoretical Economics: Managing Editor, June 2004–June 2009; Editor, July
2009–June 2013; Associate Editor, July 2013–June 2019.
Games and Economic Behavior: Associate Editor, 2001–2002.
Mathematical Social Sciences: Associate Editor, 2000–2002.
International Journal of Game Theory: Associate Editor, 1995–2002.

Published research

Books

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+ 339 pp.). Cambridge: Open Book Publishers, 2020.
Martin J. Osborne, *An introduction to game theory* (xx + 533 pp.). New York:
Oxford University Press, 2003.
Martin J. Osborne and Ariel Rubinstein, *A course in game theory* (xvi + 352
pp.). Cambridge: MIT Press, 1994. (Chinese translation published by
China Social Sciences Publishing House, 2000.)
Martin J. Osborne and Ariel Rubinstein, *Bargaining and markets* (xii +
216 pp.). San Diego: Academic Press, 1990.

Refereed articles

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gregation with costly reporting”, *Economic Journal*, **130** (2020), 208–232.
Sean Horan, Martin J. Osborne, and M. Remzi Sanver, “Positively responsive
collective choice rules and majority rule: a generalization of May’s the-
orem to many alternatives”, *International Economic Review*, **60** (2019),
1489–1504.
Martin J. Osborne and Matthew A. Turner, “Cost benefit analyses versus ref-
erenda”, *Journal of Political Economy*, **118** (2010), 156–187.
Martin J. Osborne and Rabee Tourky, “Party formation in single-issue poli-
tics”, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, **6** (2008), 974–1005.

- Martin J. Osborne, Jeffrey S. Rosenthal, and Matthew A. Turner, "Meetings with costly participation: reply", *American Economic Review*, **95** (2005), 1351–1354.
- Martin J. Osborne and Ariel Rubinstein, "Sampling equilibrium, with an application to strategic voting", *Games and Economic Behavior*, **45** (2003), 434–441.
- Martin J. Osborne, Jeffrey S. Rosenthal, and Matthew A. Turner, "Meetings with costly participation", *American Economic Review* **90** (2000), 927–943.
- Martin J. Osborne, "Entry-detering policy differentiation by electoral candidates", *Mathematical Social Sciences* **40** (2000), 41–62.
- Martin J. Osborne and Ariel Rubinstein, "Games with procedurally rational players", *American Economic Review* **88** (1998), 834–847.
- Martin J. Osborne and Al Slivinski, "A model of political competition with citizen-candidates", *Quarterly Journal of Economics* **111** (1996), 65–96.
- Martin J. Osborne and Paul S. Walker, "A note on 'The early history of the theory of strategic games from Waldegrave to Borel' by Robert W. Dimand and Mary Ann Dimand," *History of Political Economy* **28** (1996), 81–82.
- Jean-Pierre Benoît and Martin J. Osborne, "Crime, punishment, and social expenditure", *Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics* **151** (1995), 326–347.
- Martin J. Osborne, "Spatial models of political competition under plurality rule: a survey of some explanations of the number of candidates and the positions they take," *Canadian Journal of Economics* **28** (1995), 261–301.
- Martin J. Osborne, "Candidate positioning and entry in a political competition", *Games and Economic Behavior* **5** (1993), 133–151.
- Ken Binmore, Martin J. Osborne, and Ariel Rubinstein, "Noncooperative models of bargaining", pp. 179–225 in R. J. Aumann and S. Hart (eds.), *Handbook of Game Theory* (Volume 1). Amsterdam: North-Holland, 1992.
- Martin J. Osborne, "Signaling, forward induction, and stability in finitely repeated games", *Journal of Economic Theory* **50** (1990), 22–36.
- Martin J. Osborne and Carolyn Pitchik, "Equilibrium in Hotelling's model of spatial competition", *Econometrica* **55** (1987), 911–922.
- Martin J. Osborne and Carolyn Pitchik, "Cartels, profits, and excess capacity", *International Economic Review* **28** (1987), 413–428.
- Martin J. Osborne and Carolyn Pitchik, "The nature of equilibrium in a location model", *International Economic Review* **27** (1986), 223–237.
- Martin J. Osborne and Carolyn Pitchik, "Price competition in a capacity-constrained duopoly", *Journal of Economic Theory* **38** (1986), 238–260.

- Martin J. Osborne, “The role of risk aversion in a simple bargaining model”, pp. 181–213 in Alvin E. Roth (ed.), *Game-Theoretic Models of Bargaining*, Cambridge University Press, 1985.
- Martin J. Osborne, “Why do some goods bear higher taxes than others?”, *Journal of Economic Theory* **32** (1984), 301–316.
- Martin J. Osborne, “Capitalist-worker conflict and involuntary unemployment”, *Review of Economic Studies* **51** (1984), 111–127.
- Martin J. Osborne and Carolyn Pitchik, “Profit-sharing in a collusive industry”, *European Economic Review* **22** (1983), 59–74.

Other work

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- Martin J. Osborne, “Mathematical methods for economic theory: a tutorial”, <https://mjo.osborne.economics.utoronto.ca/index.php/tutorial/index/1/>, 1997–2021.
- Martin J. Osborne, “Tutorial on the theory of the firm and industry equilibrium” <https://www.economics.utoronto.ca/osborne/2x3/tutorial>, 1997–2016.
- Martin J. Osborne, “Strategic and extensive games”, *The New Palgrave Dictionary of Economics, 2nd Edition* (Steven Durlauf and Lawrence Blume, eds.), volume 8, pp. 21–32. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 2008.
- Review of “Stability and perfection of Nash equilibria” by Eric van Damme, *Canadian Journal of Economics* **22** (1989), 447–450.
- Martin J. Osborne, “Darwin, Fisher, and a theory of the evolution of the sex ratio”, unpublished paper, May 1996, revised July 1996.
- Martin J. Osborne, “An analysis of power in exchange economies”, PhD thesis, Stanford University, 1979.

Honors

- Economic Theory Fellow, Society for the Advancement of Economic Theory (July 2011).
- Faculty Award, University of Toronto, 2008.
- Fellow of Econometric Society (elected Fall 2003).
- Wrenbury Scholarship, Cambridge University, 1975.
- Adam Smith Prize, Cambridge University, 1974.