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EMPLOYMENT

Jul 2015 -	Professor of Mathematics, Mathematical Institute, University of Oxford
present Sep 2012 -	Official Fellow and Tutor in Mathematics, St John's College, Oxford Associate Professor of Mathematical Finance, Mathematical Institute, U. of Oxford
Jun 2015	
Nov 2008 - Aug 2012	University Research Lecturer Mathematical Institute, University of Oxford
Oct 2006 - Oct 2008	Marie Curie Fellow Department of Mathematics, Imperial College London
Sep 2005 - Aug 2006	ATER (Research and Teaching Assistant)

EDUCATION

Dec 2005	Ph.D. in Mathematics, Honours (fr. très honorable)
	University Paris 6, France and University of Warsaw, Poland
	under direction of Marc Yor and co-direction of Stanisław Kwapień
$\mathrm{Jan}\ 2004$	M.A. in Sociology
	thesis on game-theoretical approach to norms and control
	under direction of Grzegorz Lissowski; University of Warsaw, Poland
$\mathrm{Jun}\ 2002$	M.Sc. in Mathematics, Honours
	under direction of Stanisław Kwapień; Warsaw University, Poland
${\rm Mar}\ 2002$	M.Sc. in Probability Theory
	under direction of Marc Yor; Université Paris 6, France

MAJOR GRANTS

2014 - 2018	European Research Council (ERC) Starting Grant
	$1,\!218,\!000~\mathrm{EUR}$ – funded by the European Commission FP7: $335421\text{-ROBUSTFINMATH}$
2006 - 2008	Marie Curie Intra-European Fellowship at Imperial College London
	152,000 EUR – funded by the European Commission FP6: MEIF-CT-2006-040623

OTHER GRANTS and FELLOWSHIPS

Fall 2019	International Visitor, Sydney Mathematical Research Institute, 15,000 AUD
Dec 2011	Bruti-Liberati Fellowship, University of Technology, Sydney, Australia 7,700 AUD
prior 2010	Travel and Research grants totalling around 17,000 EUR

AWARDS and **HONOURS**

2022	Elected Vice-President of the Bachelier Finance Society
2015	Recognition of Distinction – Professorial title award, University of Oxford, UK
2010	Teaching Award, University of Oxford, UK
2004	Outstanding Young Scientist Prize, 'Polityka Weekly' Fundation, Poland
2017	Plenary invited talk in the 8 th General AMaMeF Conference, Amsterdam
2014	Plenary invited talk in the 5 th SIAM Conference on Financial Mathematics & Engineering, Chicago

SUPERVISION and EXAMINING EXPERIENCE

Post-docs at University of Oxford:

Dr Tongseok Lim, 2016–2018; now Assistant Professor at Purdue University

Dr Gaoyue Guo, 2016–2018; now a lecturer at Centrale Supélec, France

Dr Anna Aksamit, 2015–2017; now a Lecturer at University of Sydney

Dr Pietro Siorpaes, 2014–2016; now a Lecturer at Imperial College London

D.Phil. Students at University of Oxford:

Benjamin Joseph, since 2021; supported by CDT Random Systems

Johannes Wiesel, 2016–2020; now an Assistant Professor at Columbia University supported by my ERC grant and a DAAD scholarship;

Zhaoxu Hou, 2012–2016, supported by Oxford-Man studentship; now at Goldman Sachs Peter Spoida, 2011–2014, supported by DAAD scholarship and Oxford-Man studentship now at Goldman Sachs

Sigrid Källblad, 2009–2013; now an associate professor at Technical University of Vienna co-supervised by Thaleia Zariphopoulou (University of Texas)

supported by Santander Graduate Scholarship and Dr Marcus Wallenberg's foundation Vladimir Cherny, 2009–2013, supported by Clarendon Scholarship; now at JP Morgan

M.Sc. Students:

2008 - I supervised 25 M.Sc. thesis on the full time and part-time M.Sc. programmes present in Mathematical and Computational Finance at University of Oxford

2006 - I supervised 4 M.Sc. thesis on the full time M.Sc. programme

2008 in Mathematical and Computational Finance at Imperial College London

EXAMINING:

Chairman of the Part A Exam Board covering all of the 2nd year mathematics (2020-2021)

Prelims Examiner covering all of the 1st year mathematics (2018-2019)

Chairman of the Supervisory Committee for the MSc in Mathematical Finance (2015–2019)

Examiner for the MSc/Diploma in Mathematical Finance (2008–2013)

Examiner for numerous viva, transfer of status or confirmation D.Phil. (Ph.D.) exams

Mathematical Institute, University of Oxford

2014 - | External Examiner for MRes in Mathematical Sciences

2019 | Imperial College London

External Examiner for viva (Ph.D. defence)

Imperial College London (2013), University of Cambridge (2014)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate Teaching

Oxford | Probability, Measure and Martingales (2nd year), Continuous martingales and stochastic calculus Warsaw | (3rd year), Discrete-time Stochastic Processes with applications to Social Sciences

w (3rd year), Discrete-time Stochastic Processes with applications to Social Sciences (3rd year). I designed and introduced the last two courses to the syllabus.

Oxford | I have extensive experience of teaching in small groups (classes, tutorials) on topics related to Paris | probability and mathematical finance from St John's College and the University of Oxford

Warsaw | and also from University of Warsaw and Université Paris 6

GRADUATE TEACHING at University of Oxford:

Oxford I have extensive experience teaching core and optional courses at full and part-time MSc programs, and on the intensive courses for visiting students from University of Singapore & University of Nanjing Courses taught included: Financial Derivatives, Fixed Income Markets, Risk and Decision Theory, Market Microstructure and Algorithmic Trading, Martingales & Measure changes

INVITED GRADUATE LECTURE COURSES:

2014 Lecture (8h) in German-Polish summer school organised by RTG1845 Berlin-Potsdam and IMPAN

2013 | Lectures (8h) at the Chinese University of Hong-Kong

2012 Lecture (8h) at the 5th European Summer School in Financial Mathematics

ORGANISATION OF SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

Mar 2022	Co-organiser of BIRS Workshop 20w5229 Stochastic Mass Transfers, Banff
Sep 2021 & Oct 2019	Co-organiser of CIRM Workshop Advances in Stochastic Analysis for Handling Risks in Finance and Insurance, Marseille
Sep 2018 & Mar 2010	Member of the Scientific Committee and the main organiser of a major international conference on <i>Robust Techniques in Quantitative Finance</i> in Oxford.
Sep 2017 & Mar 2016	Co-organiser of Workshop on Skorokhod embeddings, Martingale Optimal Transport and their applications hosted in Oxford and supported by my ERC grant.
Nov 2016	Member of the Organising Committee for the Sixth SIAM Conference on Financial Mathematics and Engineering, Austin, TX, USA
Sep 2014	Main organiser of the 7 th European Summer School in Financial Mathematics hosted by the Oxford-Man Institute, Nomura Centre of Mathematical Finance and the Mathematical Institute, University of Oxford
2010 - 2018	Co-organiser of the flagship weekly seminar Mathematical and Computational Finance Group, University of Oxford
Jun 2011	Organiser of an Invited Session during the 35 th Conference on Stochastic Processes and Their Applications (SPA), Oxaca, Mexico
Jun 2007	Member of the Program Committee and Session Organiser Skorokhod Space 50 years on Conference in Kyiv, Ukraine

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Editorial positions	Guest co-editor, Mathematical Finance 31(4), (2021) special issue dedicated to the memory of Mark H. A. Davis Associate Editor, Finance and Stochastics (since 2020) Associate Editor, Stochastic Processes and Their Applications (since 2015) Associate Editor, Mathematical and Financial Economics (since 2014) Associate Editor, SIAM Journal on Financial Mathematics (since 2014) Associate Editor, Applied Mathematical Finance (since 2013)
Leadership	Vice-President, Bachelier Finance Society (2022-)
& committee	Chairmen of the Meetings Committee (2020-), Bachelier Finance Society
work	Member of the <i>Finance</i> and <i>Estates</i> Committees (2014-2020), St John's College Oxford Member of the <i>Executive Committee</i> (2009-2016) and <i>Research Committee</i> (2009-2013) Oxford-Man Institute of Quantitative Finance, University of Oxford
Recruitment	President, St John's College Oxford, 2020
panel	Principal Bursar, St John's College Oxford, 2020
member	Associate Professor, University of Oxford, 2016 & 2018
	Supernumerary Lecturer in Mathematics, St John's College Oxford, 2014 & 2020
	Post-doc, Mathematical Institute, University of Oxford, 2011, 2012, 2018
	Senior Research Fellow, Oxford-Man Institute of Quantitative Finance, 2011 & 2012
chairman	Post-doc (PDRA), Mathematical Institute, University of Oxford, 2014 & 2016
Evaluation panels	Expert for the Ministry of Higher Education of Luxembourg for their comprehensive evaluation of University of Luxembourg (one out of three mathematicians), Sep 2016 Member of the Expert Panel, National Science Centre, Poland, 2020
Referee services	Finance and Stochastics, Mathematical Finance, Annals of Applied Probability, Séminaire de Probabilités, Stochastics (Int. J. Prob. Stoch. Proc.), Stochastic Processes and their Applications, Studia Mathematica, Annales IHP, Electronic Communications in Probability, Mathematical Reviews (AMS), Applied Mathematical Finance, Canadian Mathematical Bulletin, Zentralblatt MATH, SIAM Journal on Control and Optimization, Probab. Theory Related Fields, Inventiones Mathematicae, SIAM Journal on Financial Mathematics, JEMS

SELECTED INVITED TALKS IN CONFERENCES

Apr 2021	XVI Probability Conference, Będlewo, Poland
Dec 2019 Apr 2019	(Plenary) "The Quantitative Methods in Finance 2019 Conference", Sydney, Australia "Waterloo Conference in Statistics, Actuarial Science and Finance", Waterloo, Canada
Nov 2018 May 2018 May 2018	"Research in Options" (IMPA Conference), Buzios, Brazil "Byrne Workshop on Stochastic Analysis in Finance and Insurance", Ann Arbor, USA "Stochastic Analysis and Mathematical Finance" CMO-BIRS Workshop, Oaxaca, Mexico
Jun 2017 May 2017	(Plenary) "8 th General AMaMeF Conference", Amsterdam, Netherlands "Optimal Transport meets Probability, Statistics and Machine Learning" CMO-BIRS Workshop
Nov 2016 May 2016 Apr 2016	"Robust Finance and Model Uncertainty" conferences, Milan, Italy "Stochastic Analysis and Mathematical Finance" CMO-BIRS Workshop, Oaxaca, Mexico "Pathwise methods, Functional Calculus and Mathematical Finance" workshop, WPI, Vienna, Austria
Sep 2015 Mar 2015	"Control & Optimisation UK" workshop, Oxford, UK The 5 th Workshop on "Mathematical Finance and Related Issues", Osaka, Japan
Nov 2014 May 2014 May 2014	(Plenary) 5 th SIAM Conference on Financial Mathematics & Engineering, Chicago one of nine plenary talks, details available at http://www.siam.org/meetings/fm14/ Mathematical Finance: Arbitrage and Portfolio Optimization, BIRS Workshop, Banff, Canada Stochastic Analysis in Finance and Insurance Workshop, MF Oberwolfach, Germany
Jul 2013 Jun 2013	New Developments in Stochastic Analysis: Probability and PDE Interactions, Beijing, China UK Mathematical Finance Workshop, King's College London, UK
Sep 2012 Jul 2012 Jul 2012	Workshop on Mathematical Finance and Related Issues, Kyoto, Japan SIAM Conference on Financial Mathematics, Minneapolis, USA 6 th European Congress of Mathematics, Kraków, Poland
Dec 2011	(Plenary) Quantitative Methods in Finance (QMF) Conference, Sydney, Australia The Bruti-Liberati lecture, details available at http://www.qfrc.uts.edu.au/Bruti_Liberati/
Jul 2011	Mathematical Finance Minisymposium International Congress of Industrial and Applied Mathematics (ICIAM), Vancouver, Canada
Jan 2011	Stochastic Analysis in Finance and Insurance Workshop, Oberwolfach, Germany

SELECTED TALKS IN RESEARCH SEMINARS

PELECIEL	J TALKS IN RESEARCH SEMINARS
Mar 2021	Bachelier Seminar, Paris
Sep 2020 May 2020	Colloquium, Department of Mathematics, Florida State University Bachelier Finance Society One World Seminar
Sep 2019 Jan 2019	Sydney Financial Mathematics Workshop, Sydney, Australia Mathematisches Kolloquium, University of Bielefeld, Germany
Nov 2018 Oct 2018	"Perspectives from Academia and Industry: Synergies in financial research", King's College London Mathematical Finance Seminar, Jiao Tong University, Shanghai, China
$\mathrm{Jul}\ 2017$	Bielefeld Stochastic Afternoon: Math-Finance Session, University of Bielefeld, Germany
$\mathrm{Feb}\ 2016$	London Mathematical Finance Seminar, London, UK
Nov 2015	Decision Mathematics Seminar, Toulouse School of Economics, Toulouse, France
Nov 2014 Sep 2014	Cambridge Finance Seminar, Cambridge, UK De Finetti Risk Seminar, Milan, Italy
Nov 2013	Berlin Probability Colloquium, Berlin, Germany
Sep 2013	Mathematical Finance Seminar, Department of Mathematics, Columbia University, NY, USA
Mar 2013 Jan 2013	Colloquium, Department of Applied Mathematics, Polytechnic University, Hong Kong Probability Seminar, University of Warsaw, Poland
Nov 2011 Feb 2011	Statistics & Probability Seminar, University of Bath, Bath, UK Finance and Stochastics Seminar, Imperial College London, UK
Sep 2010	Stochastic Seminar, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam, Netherlands
Nov 2009	Colloquium, Department of Mathematics, University of Vienna, Austria

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- [1] S. Hu, J. Obłój and X. Zhou, "A Casino Gambling Model under Cumulative Prospect Theory: Analysis and Algorithm", *Manage. Sci.* forthcoming, available at SSRN:3779900.
- [2] I. Guo, G. Loeper, J. Obłój, S. Wang. "Joint Modelling and Calibration of SPX and VIX by Optimal Transport," SIAM J. Financial Math., 22:1, 1–31, 2022.
- [3] D. Bartl, S. Drapeau, J. Oblój and J. Wiesel. "Sensitivity analysis of Wasserstein distributionally robust optimization problems", *Proc. R. Soc. A*, **477**: 20210176, 2021.
- [4] J. Obłój and J. Wiesel. "Distributionally robust portfolio maximisation and marginal utility pricing in discrete time", *Math. Finance* **31**(4): 1454–1493, 2021.
- [5] J. Obłój and J. Wiesel. "A unified Framework for Robust Modelling of Financial Markets in discrete time," *Finance Stoch.*, **25**: 427–468, 2021.
- [6] R. Łochowski, J. Obłój, D. Promel and P. Siorpaes. "Local times and Tanaka-Meyer formulae for cádlág paths", Electron. J. Probab. 26, 2021.
- [7] S. Eckstein, G. Guo, T. Lim and J. Obłój, "Robust pricing and hedging of options on multiple assets and its numerics", SIAM J. Financial Math. 12(1): 158–188, 2021.
- [8] J. Obłój and J. Wiesel. "Statistical estimation of superhedging prices," Ann. Stat. 49(1): 508-530, 2021.
- [9] A. Aksamit, Z. Hou and J. Obłój, "Robust framework for quantifying the value of information for pricing and hedging," SIAM J. Financial Math. 11(1): 27–59, 2020.
- [10] L. Carassus, J. Obłój and J. Wiesel. "The robust superreplication problem: a dynamic approach," SIAM J. Financial Math. 10(4): 907–941, 2019.
- [11] M. Fukasawa and J. Obłój, "Efficient discretisation of stochastic differential equations," *Stochastics* **92**(6): 833–851, 2020.
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- [15] M. Beiglböck, T. Lim and J. Obłój. "Dual attainment for the martingale transport problem," *Bernoulli* **25**(3): 1640–1658, 2019
- [16] A. Aksamit, S. Deng, J. Obłój and X. Tan. "Robust pricing-hedging duality for American options in discrete time financial markets," *Math. Finance* 29(3): 861–897, 2019.
- [17] X. He, S. Hu, J. Obłój and X. Zhou. "Two explicit Skorokhod embeddings for simple symmetric random walk," *Stoch. Proc. Appl.* (online), **129**(9): 3431–3445, 2019.
- [18] A.M.G. Cox, J. Obłój and N. Touzi, "The Root solution to the multi-marginal embedding problem: an optimal stopping and time-reversal approach," *Prob. Theory Relat. Fields* **173**: 211–259, 2019
- [19] S. Källblad, J. Obłój and T. Zariphopoulou. "Time-consistent investment under model uncertainty: the robust forward criteria," *Finance Stoch.* **22**(4): 879–918, 2018.
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- [22] J. Obłój and P. Spoida. "An Iterated Azéma-Yor Type Embedding for Finitely Many Marginals." Ann. Probab. 45(4): 2210–2247, 2017.
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