



Minibiographies of the Keynote Speakers for ERMAS 2017, 26-28 July, Cluj-Napoca, Romania¹

Eric Maskin is the Adams University Professor at Harvard University. Professor Maskin received the 2007 Nobel Memorial Prize in Economics—together with L. Hurwicz and R. Myerson—for “laying the foundations of mechanism design theory”. With over one hundred top journal publications, he also made seminal contributions to, among other fields: game theory, contract theory, social choice theory, and political economy—for which he was awarded numerous other prestigious prizes and honors, including Fellowships of learned societies such as professional science associations or national science academies, honorary professorships or degrees, and editorships of leading journals. Outside his academic work, he has also advised or consulted for many (inter)national public or private organizations. Eric Maskin received his Ph.D from Harvard University in 1976, and has also held positions at Cambridge University, MIT and the Institute for Advanced Studies. He is a past President of the Econometric Society and of the Game Theory Society.

Ariel Pakes is the Thomas Professor of Economics at Harvard University, and a previous faculty at Yale, Wisconsin and Jerusalem Universities, after having received his PhD from Harvard in 1979. Professor Pakes has published numerous, widely cited top journal articles in the fields of industrial organization, econometric theory, and the economics of technological change—with a recent focus on research developing techniques which allow to empirically analyze industrial organization models. Among the many prestigious prizes and honors received for his scientific contributions, he has been awarded the Frisch Medal of the Econometric Society in 1986, and was elected Fellow of the Econometric Society, of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and of the Industrial Organization Society. Ariel Pakes has also served the profession by, inter alia, being an editor of several leading economics or general science journals, by advising or lecturing for many broader professional groups and governmental bodies, and by supervising more than fifty graduate students.

Áureo de Paula is Professor of Economics at University College London, also affiliated with the Sao Paulo School of Economics, the Centre for Microdata Methods and Practice, the Institute for Fiscal Studies, and CEPR. Professor de Paula's research has been published in top economics journals, and is at the intersection of applied economic theory, econometrics, and empirical microeconomics; it features both methodological contributions, such as on identification and estimation of multi-agent models, as well as empirical applications, such as on beliefs and risky behavior in developing nations. He has received several important grants and honors, such as, for instance, a five-year European Research Council Starting Grant, and editor appointments at leading Economics journals—including currently at the Review of Economic Studies. Áureo de Paula received his PhD from Princeton University in 2006, and was a faculty member at University of Pennsylvania, as well as visiting faculty at Harvard and Northwestern, prior to University College London.

Víctor Ríos-Rull is the Lawrence R. Klein Professor of Economics at University of Pennsylvania, and an NBER Research Associate; he has received his PhD from the University of Minnesota in 1990, and has previously held positions at Carnegie Mellon University, the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, and the University of Minnesota. With numerous and widely cited articles published in top journals in economics, Professor Ríos-Rull has been studying the empirical and theoretical implications of inequality, heterogeneity, and demographic dynamics for the macroeconomy, as well as analyzing economic policies in the context of government limited-commitment problems. Among the multiple, prestigious awards and honors received for his scientific contributions, he has been elected a Fellow of the Econometric Society, and appointed in editorial positions at several leading Economics journals. Víctor Ríos-Rull has also had other highly appreciated contributions in the academic realm, such as, for example, advising over forty PhD dissertations.

¹Websites of the ERMAS 2017 conference: <http://www.econacademia.net/ermas2017.html> and <https://econ.ubbcluj.ro/ermas2017/en>.