

Ph.D. in Economics and Management
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Economics of Information, 20 hours

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Topics:

- Introduction to the Economics of Information and the theory of incentives (½ lecture).
- Models of signalling and refinements (2 lecture).
- Principal-agent model: baseline model (2 and ½ lecture).
- Adverse selection in principal-agent models (2 lectures).
- Moral hazard in principal-agent models (2 lectures).
- Incentives and mechanism design (1 lecture).
- Auction theory (1 lecture).

Logistic:

- All classes are in “Aula LIM”, Via del Santo 33
- Timetable for Lectures:
 - January: 16th (3h), 17th (4h), 24th (4h), 29th (3h)
 - February: 5th (3h), 12th (3h).

Textbooks:

- Laffont, J.J, Martimort, D. *The Theory of Incentives: the principal-agent model*, Princeton University Press, 2009.
- Mas-Colell, Whinston and Green, *Microeconomic Theory*, Oxford University Press 1995, Chapters 13, 14, 23.

Other useful books:

Bolton, P., Dewatripont M. *Contract Theory*, MIT press, 2004.