

Gergely Ganics



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Gergely's research focuses on forecasting, macroeconometrics and financial stability. He has published in the *International Journal of Forecasting* and the *Journal of Business & Economic Statistics*. He earned his PhD in economics from Universitat Pompeu Fabra in 2017.

Statement

It was in 2019 when I had the first opportunity to present a paper at the International Symposium on Forecasting. I clearly remember the vibrant atmosphere of the conference in Thessaloniki, where I met forecasters from various fields, and I had the chance to interact with many of the attendants. Then came the pandemic, and with IIF Directors Pilar Poncela and Laurent Ferrara we established the MacroFor Section within the Institute. Since then, I have been serving as the Secretary of the Section. In Spring 2021, we launched a successful online seminar series, where both leading experts and upcoming researchers have had the opportunity to present their latest findings in front of a diverse audience whose members hail from all over the world. For an overview of our past and future activities, please visit our website at <https://forecasters.org/programs/communities/macroeconomic-forecasting-macrofor/> and follow us on Twitter ([@MacroFor](https://twitter.com/MacroFor)). Furthermore, both at the 2020 Virtual ISF and the 2022 ISF in Oxford I organized invited sessions.

If elected, I would be honored to serve on the Board of Directors of the IIF, continuing the excellent work that the past and present Members have done. I would like to contribute to the IIF on at least two fronts. First, the Institute could co-fund short research stays of its Members at forecasting institutions. This would promote collaboration at an international level, leading to a cross-fertilization of ideas and a better understanding of the frontier in seemingly distant fields. Second, I would like to enhance the IIF's commitment to helping junior researchers and practitioners. For example, we could provide opportunities to present their work at the annual ISF and at specialized workshops. Additionally, we could organize short courses specifically tailored to their needs on trending topics which are usually not part of the curriculum.

Thank you for reading my statement, and I hope to count on your vote! If you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me at gergely.ganics@bde.es.