

Press release

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Andrew Rhodes awarded an ERC Consolidator Grant

Congratulations to **Andrew Rhodes**, Professor at Toulouse School of Economics, for receiving a Consolidator Grant from the European Research Council.

His research interests include industrial organization, competition policy, and digital economics.

Andrew Rhodes obtained this 1.2 million euros grant for his project:
Data and Market Power in the Digital Economy.



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*I feel very honoured to have
been awarded this grant.*

Andrew Rhodes

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Data and Market Power in the Digital Economy

Improvements in technology are enabling firms to collect and process increasingly large amounts of detailed information about their customers and their competitors. This growing use of data is fundamentally changing the nature of competition.

"The research in my proposal seeks to deepen our understanding of how access to data is changing firms' market power, as well as the implications of this for antitrust and competition policy.

The proposal is structured around four main workstreams (ecosystems, personalisation, consumer search, and AI algorithms) and will bring together a team of international researchers", Andrew explains.

Get to know Andrew Rhodes

Andrew Rhodes is a Professor of Economics at TSE, as well as a Research Fellow at the Center for Economic and Policy Research (CEPR). He works on industrial organisation, with a special focus on competition policy and the digital economy.

He obtained his PhD in 2010 from the University of Oxford (Nuffield College). He then spent three more years in Oxford as a British Academy postdoctoral fellow (Department of Economics), and as the Rank-Manning junior research fellow (New College). He joined TSE in 2013 and became a Professor in 2019.

He previously received young economist awards at the EARIE and JEI conferences, and more recently was awarded the Robert F. Lanzillotti prize in antitrust economics.

About the European Research Council

321 researchers have won 2022 European Research Council (ERC) Consolidator Grants. The funding - worth in total €657 million - is part of the EU's Horizon Europe programme. It will help excellent scientists, who have 7 to 12 years' experience after their PhDs, to pursue their most promising ideas.

The ERC was set up by the European Union in 2007 in order to fund creative researchers of any nationality and age, to run projects based across Europe. It is the premier European funding aiming at supporting investigator-driven frontier research across all fields, based on scientific excellence. Its overall budget from 2021 to 2027 is more than 16 billion euros, as part of the Horizon Europe programme.

About Toulouse School of Economics

TSE is a world-renowned center for research and education hosting more than 150 international faculty including Jean Tirole, 2014 Nobel laureate in economics. Created in 1981 by French economist Jean-Jacques Laffont, it strives to provide solutions to today's key economic and social issues, promote excellence in research and higher education and connect research to policy in France, Europe and worldwide.

Over the past forty years, TSE has emerged as one of the best economics departments in Europe, ranked among the top three beneficiaries in economics of the prestigious European Research Council (ERC) grants. On the wider scale, TSE today ranks 9th economics department worldwide according to the RePEc ranking. TSE is particularly renowned for its scientific contributions in industrial economics, finance, energy and climate economics, and econometrics.

Our competitive international higher education programs within the University of Toulouse pioneer a novel approach to higher education in France. These research-oriented courses train our 2 300 students to master and adapt recent theories and techniques to solve the real-world challenges of their future employers.

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