



# Member Profile

## Dr. Maria Gallego, Affiliated Member

Dr. Maria Gallego, affiliated member of the Institute, advances research within two priority research themes of the MS2Discovery Institute. The themes are Operations Research and Decision Science (Tecton 6) and Econometrics and Quantitative Approaches to Economics, Business and Political Science (Tecton 8).

Dr. Gallego joined the Institute in 2014. In 1995, she came to Wilfrid Laurier University where she is now an Associate Professor for the Department of Economics. She also held the Director position for the Master of Arts in Business Economics Program for the Department. Prior to coming to Laurier, she was a full time lecturer at the University of Toronto at Scarborough and Concordia University. She received her PhD and MA in Economics from the University of Toronto.

She has received the Merit Award from Wilfrid Laurier University both in 2012 and 2009. She has also co - authored a book, Leadership or Chaos: The Heart and Soul of Politics. Dr. Gallego is a member of various Scientific Committees including the Association for Public Economic Theory in 2014. In 2011, she was the Program Chair for the Canadian Public Economic Study Group and in 2008, The Political Economy of Bargaining.

Currently, Dr. Gallego is working on modeling multilateral negotiations like those encountered in intergovernmental federal negotiations or multi - lateral negotiations of the European Union. Other projects include modelling elections in democracies and anocracies as well as studying how campaign advertising affects electoral outcomes. Her research interests include political economy, social choice, game theory, international political economy and economic theory. In 2015, Dr. Gallego received an International Workshop Grant from the Banff International Research Station to fund her research.



Dr. Gallego welcomes inquiries from potential students. She is willing to supervise graduate students interested in political economy or along topics that examine the interactions between economy and government. She has supervised a total of eight students.