

Ilia Kapelevich, Ph.D.

Consultant

Dr. Ilia Kapelevich is a Consultant with Coherent Economics and an applied microeconomist with expertise in econometric methods, labor economics, and industrial organization. He applies these tools to address complex economic problems in both consulting and research settings. His professional interests include antitrust litigation, intellectual property, and securities and financial markets. Dr. Kapelevich earned his Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Florida, where his research focused on education, labor economics, and political economy with an emphasis on causal inference.

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA, Gainesville, FL
Doctor of Philosophy in Economics
Master of Arts in Economics

YESHIVA UNIVERSITY, New York, NY
Master of Science in Quantitative Economics

LAUDER BUSINESS SCHOOL, Vienna, Austria
Bachelor of Arts in International Business Administration (Finance concentration)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

COHERENT ECONOMICS, Chicago, IL
Consultant, 2025 – Present.

REDPEAK ECONOMICS CONSULTING, Seattle, WA
Economist, 2022 – 2025.

BANK AUSTRIA, Vienna, Austria
Intern at Credit Treasury (Risk Department), 2018 – 2018.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA, Gainesville, FL
Instructor, Economics, 2024 – 2025.
Graduate Teaching Assistant, Economics, 2020 – 2023.



RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA, Gainesville, FL
Ph.D. Candidate, 2022 – 2025.
Graduate Research Assistant in Economics, 2020 – 2025.

S&P GLOBAL MARKET INTELLIGENCE, New York, NY
Research Project (Capstone), 2019 – August 2019.

WORKING PAPERS

Why Proportional Elections Aren't Proportional: The Checkmark Effect in U.S. Presidential Primaries with Neel U. Sukhatme (University of Michigan Law School) and Scott Kostyshak (Pompeu Fabra University).

Exploring Gender Disparities in Personalized Online Education: Insights from a For-Profit Setting.

Examining Teacher Value-Added in Personalized Online Education: A Case Study of SkyEng.

PRESENTATIONS

American Law & Economics Association Conference – Chicago, IL, May 2026

Southern Economic Association – Washington, DC, November 2024

Southern Economic Association – New Orleans, LA, November 2023

SELECTED CASE WORK

Worked on an antitrust matter involving agricultural and consumer products at the state enforcement level that resulted in payouts to consumers through settlement. Supported senior testifying economists in developing econometric frameworks to estimate overcharges and consumer harm. Responsibilities included large-scale data preparation, model specification, robustness and sensitivity testing, and evaluation of assumptions underlying damages calculations.

Supported an antitrust matter involving high-frequency trading in natural resource futures. Conducted transaction-level analysis and econometric modeling to assess trading behavior and evaluate potential market effects.

Provided analytical support in a major antitrust litigation involving consumer-facing products. Assisted with the development and validation of empirical frameworks used to quantify consumer harm, with a focus on model selection, specification, and robustness.



Supported a major antitrust matter involving payment card networks and processors through analyses of fees and merchant-level impacts using transaction-level data. Responsibilities included data processing, econometric modeling, and assessment of competitive effects.

Contributed to an antitrust matter involving generic drugs by assisting with pricing and competition analyses and supporting settlement calculations, including estimation of overcharges and damages.

Developed AI-driven analytical tools to improve efficiency and consistency in economic analyses, including structured data workflows, standardized model implementation, and validation through quality control and robustness checks.

HONORS, AWARDS, GRANTS, CONTRACTS, FELLOWSHIPS

Lawrence Kenny Graduate Student Teaching Award, 2024

UF Hamilton Center Graduate Fellow, 2024

Madelyn M. Lockhart Award, 2023