

MARTIN A. NOWAK
Curriculum Vitae

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Ph.D. Vienna (Dr. rer. Nat.)
M.A. (honoris causa) Oxford
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Ph.D. (honoris causa) Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology

Current Position

Professor of Mathematics and of Biology, Harvard University

Education

1975-1983 Albertus Magnus Gymnasium in Vienna
1983-1989 University of Vienna, studying Biochemistry and Mathematics
1985 First Diploma: Biochemistry (first class honors)
1987 Diploma thesis: Theoretical Chemistry
1987 Second Diploma: Biochemistry (first class honors; finished one year faster)
1987-1989 Doctoral thesis: Mathematics
1989 Final exams for degree *Doctor rerum naturalium* (with highest honors)
Promotion "sub auspiciis praesidentis"

Scientific Career

University of Vienna:

1987-1988 Institute for Theoretical Chemistry, Peter Schuster
1987-1989 Institute for Mathematics, Karl Sigmund
1988 Max Planck Institute for Biophysical Chemistry, Göttingen, Manfred Eigen
1993 "Habilitation" at the Institute of Mathematics, University of Vienna

University of Oxford:

1989-1990 Erwin Schrödinger Scholarship to work with Robert May (Lord May of Oxford)

1990-1992 Guy Newton Junior Research Fellow, Wolfson College
 1991 Royal Society Research Grant
 1992-1998 Wellcome Trust Senior Research Fellow in Biomedical Sciences
 1993-1996 E. P. Abraham Junior Research Fellow, Keble College
 1995-1998 Head of Mathematical Biology Group
 1996-1998 Senior Research Fellow, Keble College
 1997-1998 Professor of Mathematical Biology

Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton:

1998-2003 Head, Program in Theoretical Biology, Institute for Advanced Study
 1999-2003 Associated Faculty, Princeton University, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology
 2000-2003 Associated Faculty, Princeton University, Program in Applied and Computational Mathematics

Harvard University:

2003 - Professor of Mathematics and of Biology
 2003 - 2020 Director, Program for Evolutionary Dynamics

Prizes, Named Lectures, Memberships

1990 *Promotion sub auspiciis praesidentis rei publicae*
 1990 Prize from the Austrian Science Minister
 1995 Richardson Lecture, Keble College
 1996 Weldon Memorial Prize, Oxford University
 1997 Shanks Lecture, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee
 1998 Albert Wander Prize and Memorial Lecture, University of Bern, Switzerland
 1999 Porter Lecture, Rice University, Houston, Texas
 1999 Erwin Schroedinger Lecture, University of Vienna, Austria
 1999 Akira Okubo Prize, International and Japanese Society for Mathematical Biology
 1999 Roger F. Murray Prize, Institute for Quantitative Research in Finance
 2000 Gergen Lecture, Duke University
 2001 Benjamin Pinkel Lecture, University of Pennsylvania
 2001-2026 Corresponding Member, Austrian Academy of Sciences
 2001 Rainich Lectures, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
 2001 David Starr Jordan Prize, Stanford University, Cornell University, Indiana University
 2003 Henry Dale Prize, The Royal Institution, London
 2006 Invited Lecture, Congress for Mathematics, Madrid
 2006 R.R. Hawkins Award for *Evolutionary Dynamics*
 2007 Radon Lecture, Austrian Academy of Sciences
 2008 Coxeter Lectures, Fields Institute, Toronto
 2010 Templeton Lectures, Johns Hopkins University
 2010 Doctor Honoris Causa, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania

2011	Max Planck Lecture, Stuttgart, Germany
2012	MBI 10th Anniversary Keynote talk, Ohio State University
2012	Plenary speaker, Canadian Mathematical Society
2013	Plenary speaker, International Congress of Ecology, London, England
2013	Simons Lecture, Institute for Mathematics and its Applications, Minneapolis
2013	Andre-Aisenstadt Chair, Centre de Recherches Mathématiques, Montreal
2014	Plenary Opening Talk, Nephrology Conference, Baden, Austria
2014	Keynote Lecture, 11th Austrian Research and Innovation Talk (ARIT)
2015	Plenary speaker, Collins Lecture Series, Massachusetts General Hospital
2015	Plenary speaker, Drug Discovery and World Therapy Congress, Boston
2016	Invited Lecture, Fermilab, Illinois
2016	Sewall Wright Speaker, University of Chicago
2016	Fannie Cox Prize for Excellence in Science Teaching, Harvard University
2017	AACR Team Science Award
2018	The Edmund R. Michalik Distinguished Lecture Series, University of Pittsburgh

Research Interests

Evolution; Evolutionary dynamics; Evolutionary game theory; Adaptive dynamics; Stochastic evolution; Finite populations; Evolutionary graph theory; Evolution of cooperation; Cooperation as a third fundamental principle of evolution, beside mutation and selection; Direct reciprocity; Indirect reciprocity; Spatial selection; Reputation; Fairness; Group selection; Cancer genetics, evolution, treatment; Infection dynamics; Virus dynamics; HIV, HBV, COVID-19; Quasispecies theory; Genetic redundancy; Evolution of language; Origin of evolution, Pre-life; Evolution of eusociality; Clonal hematopoiesis; Science and philosophy; Science and religion.

Books

Nowak, M. A. & R. M. May (2000). *Virus Dynamics: Mathematical Principles of Immunology and Virology*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Nowak, M. A. (2006). *Evolutionary Dynamics: Exploring the Equations of Life*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press.

Nowak, M. A. & R. Highfield (2011). *SuperCooperators: Why We Need Each Other to Succeed*. Simon & Schuster.

Coakley, S. & **M. A. Nowak**, eds. (2013). *Evolution, Games, and God: The Principle of Cooperation*. Harvard University Press.

Nowak, M (2024) *Beyond*, Angelico Press, New York

Nowak, M (2025) *Within*, Angelico Press, New York

Selected Publications

La Porte, P., C. Hilbe, N.E. Glynatsi & M.A. Nowak (2026) Payoff equivalence and complete strategy spaces in direct reciprocity, *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A.* 123: (5) e2518486123.

J. Tkadlec, C. Hilbe & **M.A. Nowak** (2023). Mutation enhances cooperation in direct reciprocity. *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A.* 120: (20) e2221080120. [DOI: 10.1073/pnas.2221080120](https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.2221080120)

Schmid, L., Hilbe, C., Chatterjee, K. & **Nowak, M.A.** (2021). A unified framework of direct and indirect reciprocity. *Nature Hum Behav* DOI: 10.1038/s41562-021-01114-8

Heyde, A., Rohde, D., Cameron, S.M., Zhang, S., Hoyer, F.F., Gerold, J.M., Cheek, D., Iwamoto, Y., Schloss, M.J., Vandoorne, K., Iborra-Egea, O., Munoz-Guijosa, C., Bayes-Genis, A., Reiter, J.G., Craig, M., Swirski, F.K., Nahrendorf, M., **Nowak, M.A.**, Naxerova, K. (2021). Increased stem cell proliferation in atherosclerosis accelerates clonal hematopoiesis. *Cell*. 184(5): 1348-1361. DOI: 10.1016/j.cell.2021.01.049

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Hauser, O.P., Hilbe, C., Chatterjee, K. & **M.A. Nowak** (2019). Social dilemmas among unequals. *Nature* DOI: 10.1038/s41586-019-1488-5

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Noble, C., Olejarz, J., Esvelt, K., Church, G. & **M. A. Nowak** (2017). Evolutionary dynamics of CRISPR gene drives. 3 *Science Advances* 4. e1601964. DOI: 10.1126/sciadv.1601964

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Rand, D. G., Greene, J. D. & **M. A. Nowak** (2012). Spontaneous giving and calculated greed. *Nature* 489 (7416): 427-430. DOI: 10.1038/nature11467

Rosenbloom, D. I. S., Hill, A. L., Rabi, S. A., Siliciano, R. F. & **M. A. Nowak** (2012). Antiretroviral dynamics determines HIV evolution and predicts therapy outcome. 18 *Nat. Med.* 9: 1378-1385. DOI: 10.1038/nm.2892

Michel, J. B., Shen, Y. K., Presser Aiden, A., Veres, A. & M. K. Gray, The Google Books Team, Pickett, J. P., Hoiberg, D., Clancy, D., Norvig, P., Orwant, J., Pinker, **Nowak, M. A.** & E. Lieberman Aiden (2011). Quantitative analysis of culture using millions of digitized books. 331 *Science* 6014: 176-182. DOI: 10.1126/science.1199644

Nowak, M. A., Tarnita, C. E. & E. O. Wilson (2010). The evolution of eusociality. *Nature* 466: 1057-1062. DOI: 10.1038/nature09205

Yachida, S., Jones, S., Bozic, I., Antal, T., Leary, R., Fu, B., Kamiyama, M., Hruban, R. H., Eshleman, J. R., **Nowak, M. A.**, Velculescu, V. E., Kinzler, K. W., Vogelstein, B. & Iacobuzio-Donahue, C. A. (2010). Distant metastasis occurs late during the genetic evolution of pancreatic cancer. *Nature* 467: 1114–1117. DOI: 10.1038/nature09515

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