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Research Interests & Methods

Political Economy; Labor Economics; Economics of Migration; Structural Econometrics; RCTs.

Positions

Postdoctoral researcher at Rockwool Foundation Berlin *October 2023–*
Postdoctoral researcher at Università di Padova *February 2022–September 2023*
Postdoctoral researcher at Free University of Bolzano Bozen *February 2021–January 2022*

Affiliations

Laboratory for Effective Anti-Poverty Policies *October 2018–*

Education

Bocconi University *September 2015–August 2021*
Milan, Italy
Ph.D. Candidate/Ph.D. Fellow
Advisor: Jérôme Adda

Yale University *Spring 2018*
New Haven, USA
Visiting Assistant in Research
Contact: Joseph Altonji

Ca' Foscari University *April 2015*
Venice, Italy
Laurea, Economics and Management, 110 *cum laude*

Georgia State University *January 2015*
Atlanta, USA
B.S., Economics, Minor in Sociology, *Summa cum Laude*

Research

Working papers

Rescue on Stage: Border Enforcement and Public Attention in the Mediterranean Sea
[[Link to draft on Dropbox](#)] [[Link to WB Development Impact blog post](#)]

Third Party Interest, Resource Value, and the Likelihood of Conflict
Joint with Matteo Bizzarri and Riccardo Franceschin
[Link to CSEF WP]

Fueling Organized Crime: Oil Thefts and the Mexican Drug War
Joint with Gianmarco Daniele, Marco Le Moglie, and Paolo Pinotti
[Link to CEPR WP] [Link to SSRN WP]

Informing Risky Migration: Experimental Evidence from Guinea
Joint with Lucia Corno and Eliana La Ferrara

Work in progress

Migration Routes
Joint with Jérôme Adda

Strategic Use of Social Media by Political Parties: Evidence from Italy
Joint with Federico Boffa, Eugenio Levi, and Steven Stillman

Immigration, Competition, and Discrimination: Evidence from Venezuelans in Peru
Joint with Andre Groeger, Gianmarco León-Ciliotta, and Steven Stillman

Awards and Scholarships

Scholarship for most promising Bocconi PhD Candidates
Fondazione Romeo ed Enrica Invernizzi *September 2019–August 2021*

Fully-Funded PhD Scholarship
Bocconi University *September 2015–August 2019*

Roberto Franceschi Research Grant
Fondazione Roberto Franceschi *January 2018*

Netspar Bachelor Thesis Award
Netspar *January 2016*

Erasmus+ Scholarship
EU *September 2014–January 2015*

Atlantis Programme Scholarship
EU and USA *August 2013–August 2014*

President's List of Georgia State University
GSU *Fall 2013–Summer 2014*

Conferences, Workshops, & Seminars

Africa Meeting of the Econometric Society Spring (online); BSE Summer Forum Migration, Barcelona; Novafrica Conference on Economic Development, Lisbon; Annual Conference of the International Society of Political Psychology, Athens; Measuring Migration Network, Oxford; Chicago/LSE Crime Conference, London; CEPR/Misum/SITE Development Economics Conference, Stockholm; Seminar at KRTK, (Budapest, Hungary); Seminar at the University of Alicante (Spain); Seminar at UNIL (Lausanne, Switzerland); Seminar at Università Bicocca (Milan, Italy); PhD Class in Sapienza University (Rome, Italy) *2022*

Spring Meeting of Young Economists (online); Conference on the Political Economy of Power Relations (Milan, Italy); CLEAN Winter Workshop (Milan, Italy); Seminar at Masaryk University of Brno 2021

EALE SOLE AASLE World Conference (online); Econometric Society World Congress (online); Seminar at Università of Pavia; Virtual PhD Conference at Bocconi, organized and presented 2020

Forced Displacement, Asylum Seekers and Refugees: Economic Aspects and Policy Issues, COMPAS and QMUL (London, UK); 5th Workshop on the Economics of Migration, LISER, (Esch-Belval, Luxembourg); Development and Political Economy SF Bay Area (Stanford, USA); 12th International Conference on Migration and Development, AFD and WB (Madrid, Spain); Workshop on Political Economy, UNIBZ (Brunico, Italy); Oxford Development Workshop, CSAE (Oxford, UK) 2019

Organized Seminars

Virtual PhD Workshop on Migration at Bocconi 2020

Bocconi PhD Students' Seminar Series 2017-2019

Refereeing

American Economic Review, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economic Studies, International Migration; European Journal of Law and Economics; Scandinavian Journal of Economics; Labour Economics

Teaching Experience

Instructor

Economics and Governance of Migration (Master), Ca' Foscari University of Venice Spring 2022

Teaching Assistant

Labor Economics (Undergraduate), Free University of Bolzano-Bozen Fall 2021

Macroeconomics - Labor (PhD), Bocconi University Fall 2017-2020

Development Economics (Master), Bocconi University Spring 2020-2022

Labor Economics (Master), Bocconi University Spring 2017, 2019, 2020

Incentive Design and Policy (Undergraduate), Bocconi University Spring 2019-2020

Microeconomics (Undergraduate), Bocconi University Fall 2016-2020

Languages

Italian (native), English (proficient), French (intermediate), Spanish (intermediate)

IT Skills

Python, Stata, Matlab, L^AT_EX, GPU Computing with CUDA.

Other Activities

Venice International University: Summer Institute of Ageing *June 2015*
Venice

Ca' Foscari-Harvard Summer School *June 2013*
Venice

Université de Versailles-Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines *Fall 2014*
Paris, France
Erasmus +