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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Matching, Market Design, Economics of Education, Human Capital, Computational Methods

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

Feb. 2026 University of Lausanne, Faculty of Business and Economics (HEC)
Senior FNS Researcher

Affiliations

Feb 2026 Research Fellow, Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research (LISER)
2024 Honorary Research Associate, University of Bristol, School of Economics

PAST POSITIONS

2025 – 2026 Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research (LISER)
Postdoctoral Research Associate

2022 – 2024 University of Bristol, School of Economics
Research Associate

EDUCATION

2019 – 2024 **Ph.D. in Economics**
University of Bristol, UK
Thesis: “*Essays on Education Market Design*”
Advisors: *Simon Burgess and Hans Henrik Sievertsen*
Committee: *Gregory Jolivet (University of Bristol); Camille Terrier (Queen Mary University of London)*

2018 – 2019 **Master in Analysis and Policy in Economics**
École des hautes études en sciences sociales (EHESS), Paris, France

2016 – 2017 **Post Graduate Master in Economics and Finance**
University of Naples, Federico II, Italy

2014 – 2016 **M.Sc. in Economics and Finance**
University of Salerno, Italy

2011 – 2014 **B.A. in Economics and Business Administration**
University of Salerno, Italy

WORKING PAPERS

- “When Geography Shapes Preferences: Redesigning Teacher Assignment in Italy”, with [Battal Dogan](#)
 - “*Best Paper Award*” and “*Exemplary Track Paper Award in Applied Modeling*” at the 25th ACM Conference on Economics and Computation (2024)
- “The Economics of Age-at-School Entry: Insights from Evidence and Methods”, with [Elizabeth Dhuey](#), [Luca Fumarco](#), [Levi Halewyck](#), [Simon ter Meulen](#) (*Revise & Resubmit Journal of Economic Literature*)

WORK IN PROGRESS

- “Modifying school choice for more equitable outcomes in England”, with [Simon Burgess](#), [Estelle Cantillon](#), [Ellen Greaves](#)
- “Retention Policies in Teacher Reassignment”
- “Choosing in the Dark. Information Revelation and Teacher Distribution”
- “The Italian North-South Divide. Market Design for Balanced Teacher Reassignment.”
- “Solving High-Dimensional Portfolio Choice Models in School Choice”

POLICY WRITING

- “Modifying school choice for more equitable outcomes in England” (2025), with [Simon Burgess](#), [Estelle Cantillon](#), [Ellen Greaves](#). Report
- “School admissions in England: The rules schools choose on which pupils to admit” (2023), with [Simon Burgess](#), [Estelle Cantillon](#), [Ellen Greaves](#), [Min Zhang](#). Report

PUBLICATIONS

“Lost in Translation. Reading Performance and Math Performance of Second-Generation Immigrant Children in Italy”, with [Giuseppe Russo](#), *Journal of Human Capital*, 2025, Vol. 19, No. 1

REFEREEING

Journal of Economic Inequality, Social Choice and Welfare, Social Indicators Research

AWARDS

- *ACM EC* (2024) “*Best Paper Award*”
- *ACM EC* (2024) “*Exemplary Track Paper Award in Applied Modeling*”
- School Bursary, School of Economics, University of Bristol (2019-2023), full scholarship (Ph.D.)
- *Antoine Faure-Grimaud Prize* (2017) for outstanding student performance, University of Naples, Federico II

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- **University of Lausanne, Switzerland** (Lecturer)

- Experimental Methods (Spring 2026)
- **University of Bristol, UK** (Graduate Teaching Assistant)
 - Probability, Statistics and Econometrics (2019-20; 2020-21; 2021-22)
 - Mathematics for Economics (2020-21; 2021-22)
- **University of Salerno, Italy** (Teaching Assistant)
 - Macroeconomics (2018-19)

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

- 2025 | LISER; INTEDU-AISSEC Workshop on “Inequality and Education: Measurement, Evidence, and Policy” (University of Modena and Reggio Emilia)
- 2024 | 25th ACM Conference on Economics and Computation (Yale)
- ≤ 2023 | Masaryk University; University of Bristol; University of Trieste; WEAI 96th Annual Conference; AIEL 35th National Conference of Labour Economics