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## ACADEMIC POSITION

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Assistant Professor, **SOFI, Stockholm University**

*September 2023 - Present*

## EDUCATION

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PhD in Economics, **University College London (UCL)**

*2018 - 2023*

Exchange Scholar in Economics, **Yale University**

*2021 - 2022*

MRes in Economics, **University College London**

*2017 - 2018*

MSc in Economics (*with distinction*), **University College London**

*2015 - 2016*

BSc in Economics and Social Sciences (*final grade: 110/110*), **Bocconi University**

*2012 - 2015*

Visiting Exchange Student in Economics (*award: Dean's list*), **Northwestern University** *Fall 2014*

## RESEARCH FIELDS

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Labor Economics, Development Economics, Economics of Education

## AFFILIATION

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PhD Scholar, **Centre for Microdata Methods and Practice (CeMMAP)**

*2022 - Present*

Scholar, **James M. and Cathleen D. Stone Centre on Inequality at UCL**

*2022 - Present*

Research Affiliate, **Global Labor Organization (GLO)**

*2022 - Present*

## WORKING PAPERS

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**Skill Formation with Siblings.**

**Intergenerational Mobility in Socio-emotional Skills**, with Orazio Attanasio and Áureo de Paula.

**Socioeconomic Gradients in Test Scores across Latin American and the Caribbean**, with Pedro Carneiro - CAF Working Paper 2022/07.

**Parental Beliefs, Perceived Health Risks, and Time Investment in Children: Evidence from COVID-19**, with Gabriella Conti and Michele Giannola - IFS Working Paper W22/51.

**Interest-Based Negotiation over Natural Resources**, with Darin Christensen, Alexandra Hartman and Cyrus Samii.

**Voting from Abroad: Assessing the Impact of Local Turnout on Migrants' Voting behavior**, with Divya Dev and Rubén Pobleto-Cazenave - Tinbergen Institute Discussion Paper 2021-087/V - *R&R Journal of Comparative Economics*.

## AWARDS

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FELLOWSHIP IN ECONOMICS OF EDUCATION FTC-CUBE

*2022 - 2023*

YALE-UCL BURSARY AWARD

*2021*

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RESEARCH COUNCIL (ESRC) STUDENTSHIP  
with Advanced Quantitative Methods Award

*2019 - 2021*

LINO VENINI DOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIP

Fondazione Banca Popolare di Novara

*2018 - 2019 & 2021 - 2022*

BEST TEACHING ASSISTANT AWARD  
Teaching on a 3rd year UG course, UCL

2020

EUROPEAN ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION (EEA) conference grant

2020

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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Teaching Assistant for HOUSEHOLD ECONOMICS (ECON0115), <b>UCL</b>	<i>Fall 2022</i>
Teaching Assistant for ECONOMETRICS (ECON0019), <b>UCL</b>	<i>Spring 2022</i>
Teaching Assistant for INTRODUCTORY MICROECONOMICS (ECON115 01), <b>Yale</b>	<i>Fall 2021</i>
Teaching Assistant for ECONOMIC POLICY ANALYSIS (ECON0024), <b>UCL</b>	<i>Fall 2020, Spring 2021</i>
Teaching Assistant for ECONOMICS OF EDUCATION (ECON0056), <b>UCL</b>	<i>Spring 2019, 2020, 2021</i>
Teaching Assistant for ISSUES IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (ECON0030), <b>UCL</b>	<i>Spring 2020</i>
Teaching Assistant for ECONOMICS OF LABOUR (ECON0047), <b>UCL</b>	<i>Fall 2018 and 2019</i>
Teaching Assistant for PARTIAL IDENTIFICATION IN PRACTICE, <b>UCL/CEMMAP</b>	<i>Spring 2019</i>
Instructor for INTRO TO MATLAB (MSC RESEARCH METHODS), <b>UCL</b>	<i>Spring 2019</i>

## SEMINAR / CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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2023: Bank of Spain; Singapore Management University; Australian National University; Monash University; NU Astana; Koc University; City University of London; SOFI Stockholm University; Peking University HSBC; Inter-American Development Bank; Opportunity and Mobility Workshop, LSE; Essen Health Conference; Workshop on Fertility, Health, and Human Capital, Queen's University Belfast; 7th Workshop on Subjective Expectations, Bocconi; Workshop on Migration and Family Economics, IESEG Paris; UChicago & SNU workshop on Inequality and Mobility.

2022: Yale Labor Lunch; Bank of Portugal; Institute for Fiscal Studies; Labor/Family workshop, KU Leuven; Novafraica conference Lisbon; CESifo Venice Summer Institute on Personality and Attitudes in Economics; EcHo workshop, RHUL; Brucchi Luchino labor workshop, Naples; GLO conference.

2021: LSE PSPE; Oxford Development Economics; Yale Development Economics; IFS-UCL-LSE/STICERD Development Economics; Workshop on Social Mobility, ZEW Mannheim; CESifo Workshop on Opportunities, Mobility, and Well-Being; IAAE Rotterdam; Econometric Society Summer School in Structural Econometrics, Bonn University; 6th IZA Economics of Education workshop.

2020: Bank of Italy Human Capital workshop; Barcelona GSE Summer Forum Workshop on Human Capital Formation; EEA Congress Rotterdam; EALE/SOLE/AASLE World Labour Conference.

2019: ENTER Jamboree, Tilburg University (Discussant); CINTIA Workshop on Expectations and Risks, Ca' Foscari University of Venice; Munich Young Economists Meeting; HCEO/FAIR Summer School on Inequality, NHH; 3rd IZA/HSE workshop, Higher School of Economics in St. Petersburg.

## SHORT ACADEMIC VISITS

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Inter-American Development Bank - Research Department	<i>One week - August 2023</i>
Bank of Portugal - Research Department	<i>One week - July 2022 &amp; 2023</i>

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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Research Consultant, <b>United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)</b>	<i>2018 - 2019</i>
Research Assistant for Professor Pedro Carneiro, <b>University College London</b>	<i>2017 - 2019</i>
Research Fellow, <b>Politecnico di Milano University</b>	<i>2016 - 2017</i>

## POLICY REPORTS

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**Technical Report: Impact Evaluation of the Fund for Innovation and Technology Development (FITD) Grant**, with Pedro Carneiro. Republic of North Macedonia, 2020.

**Technical Report: UNHCR India, Iran and Tunisia - Targeting and Allocation of Humanitarian Aid**, with Alexandra Hartman and Nils Metternich. Geneva, Switzerland: UNHCR, 2019.

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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ENTER STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE, **University College London** *2019 - 2021*

Co-organizer of the UCL APPLIED MICROECONOMICS READING GROUP *2018 - 2020*

## MISCELLANEOUS

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**Languages:** Italian (native), English (fluent), Spanish (intermediate), French (beginner).

**Computational skills:** Stata, R, Matlab, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X.

## REFERENCES

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Inter-American Development Bank