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<b>Education</b>	<b>University of Oxford, Department of Economics</b> Ph.D. Economics, 2017-2021 M.Phil. Economics, 2014-2016 <b>University of Nottingham, School of Economics</b> B.Sc. Honors Economics and Econometrics, 2011-2014	
<b>Visiting Fellowships</b>	<b>Harvard University</b> , Department of Government, Fall 2024, Fall 2019, Spring 2019 <b>University of Venice</b> , Department of Economics, Spring 2022 <b>European University Institute</b> , Department of Economics, Spring 2019	
<b>Fields</b>	Political Economy, Economic History, and Applied Microeconomics	
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<b>Job Market Paper</b>	<b>Black Empowerment and White Mobilization: The Effects of the Voting Rights Act</b> (with G. Facchini, M. Tabellini, and C. Testa) <i>Journal of Political Economy</i> , R&R [link] <i>Abstract</i> : How did southern whites respond to the 1965 Voting Rights Act (VRA)? Leveraging newly digitized data on county-level voter registration by race between 1956 and 1980, and exploiting pre-determined variation in exposure to the federal intervention, we document that the VRA increases both Black and white political participation. Consistent with the VRA triggering white counter-mobilization, the surge in white registrations is concentrated in counties where African Americans represent a political threat. Counter-mobilization leads to a short-run increase in support for racially conservative candidates, and to a slow-down in local public spending salient to Black Americans, such as public sector employment and education.	
<b>Published and Forthcoming Papers (Main)</b>	<b>Race, Representation and Local Governments in the U.S. South: The Effect of the Voting Rights Act</b> (with G. Facchini and C. Testa) <i>Journal of Political Economy</i> , 2023, 131 (4): 994-1056 [link] <i>Abstract</i> : The Voting Rights Act of 1965 redefined race relations in the United States. Yet evidence on its effect on Black office holding remains scant. Using novel data on Black elected officials between 1962 and 1980, we assess the impact of the Voting Rights Act on the racial makeup of local governments in the Deep South. Exploiting predetermined differential exposure of Southern counties to the mandated federal intervention, we show that the latter fostered local Black office holding, particularly in the powerful county commissions, controlling local public finances. In the presence of election by district, covered counties experienced Black representation gains and faster capital spending growth.	

## **The Voice of Radio in the Battle for Equal Rights: Evidence from the U.S. South**

*Economics & Politics*, 2023, 35 (1): 163-226 [\[link\]](#)

*Abstract:* Although the 1960s race riots have gone down in history as America's most violent and destructive ethnic civil disturbances, a consensus on the factors able to explain their insurgence is yet to be found. Using a novel data set on the universe of radio stations airing Black-appeal programming, the effect of the media on riots is found to be sizable and statistically significant. A marginal (1%) increase in signal reception from these stations is estimated to lead to a 2.4% and 4.1% rise in the mean levels of the frequency and intensity of riots, respectively. Several mechanisms behind this result are considered, with the quantity, quality, and length of exposure to radio programming all being decisive factors.

**Sixty Years of the Voting Rights Act: Progress and Pitfalls** (with G. Facchini, M. Tabellini, and C. Testa)

*Oxford Review of Economic Policy*, 2024, 40 (3), forthcoming [\[link\]](#)

*Abstract:* We review the literature on the effects of the 1965 Voting Rights Act (VRA), which removed formal restrictions to Black political participation. After a brief description of racial discrimination suffered by Black Americans since Reconstruction, we introduce the goals that the VRA was meant to achieve. Next, we discuss the local-level impact of the law on political participation and representation, on public goods provision and policing practices, and on labor market outcomes. We then turn to whites' reactions, from political realignment to electoral counter-mobilization to changes in voting rules and arrests patterns. We conclude by discussing how the evidence reviewed in this article can inform policy-making and the design of legislation aimed at reducing racial discrimination and inequality.

### **Published and Forthcoming Papers (Other)**

**Corruption as a Push and Pull Factor of Migration Flows: Evidence from European Countries** (with L. Bossavie, D. Garrote Sanchez, and M. Makovec)

*Empirica*, 2024, 51 (1): 263-281 [\[link\]](#)

**Labor market outcomes during opposite resource shocks**

*Empirica*, 2024, 52 (1), forthcoming [\[link\]](#)

**The Impact of Trade on Income Inequality in Mexico** (with O. J. de Groot)

*Estudios Económicos*, 2025, 40 (1), forthcoming [\[link\]](#)

### **Working Papers (In Progress)**

**Teacher Identity and Black Achievement: The Impact of Early Schools for Freed People** (with L. Althoff and M. Tabellini)

**From Ballot to Bench: Black Representation in Southern Justice and Law Enforcement** (with G. Facchini, C. Testa, and H. Y. You)

**The Effects of NAFTA on Mexican Local Labor Markets** (with M. Faber, F. Mattei, and M. Tabellini)

**West German Television and East German Smoking Rates** (with S. A. Hartmann)

### **Teaching (Oxford)**

#### **Graduate Courses**

International Finance, Course Co-convenor, Saïd Business School, 2022-2024

#### **Undergraduate Courses**

##### **First-year Courses**

Microeconomics, 2017-2018; 2021-present

Maths for Economists, 2023-present

Macroeconomics, 2017-2018; 2022-2023

##### **Second-year Courses**

Microeconomics, 2018-2019; 2021-present

##### **Third-year Courses**

History of the World Economy, 2021-2023

Economics of Developing Countries, 2021-2022

Microeconomic Analysis, 2020-2021

Quantitative Economics, 2020-2021

### **Past Employment**

World Bank Group, 2020-2023; Goldman Sachs, 2015, 2016-2017, and 2018; United Nations, 2017; Bank of England, 2016; Deloitte, 2013; Confindustria, 2012; Banca Generali, 2012

### **Awards**

Best Paper Award, 48th Annual Economic and Business History Society Conference, 2023, for *Black Empowerment and White Mobilization: The Effects of the Voting Rights Act*

University of Oxford

ESRC Studentship Full Scholarship, 2014-2016 (MPhil) and 2017-2019 (DPhil)  
ESRC & Oxford Research Grants awarded to conduct field research in the U.S. and Mexico, 2017 and 2019  
Doctoral Completion Bursary, 2019

University of Nottingham

Prize for Academic Excellence: highest grade in the graduating class, 2014  
Highest grade in 3rd year, 2014, and highest grade in 2nd year (2013)

**Refereeing**

The Journal of Economic History, Southern Economic Journal, Urban Affairs Review, Migration and Ethnic Themes, Regional Science Policy & Practice, Bloomsbury Publishing

**Languages**

Italian (native), English (fluent), Spanish (fluent)