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EDUCATION

2020 – present	Universidad Carlos III de Madrid PhD in Economics. Supervisor: Luigi Minale	Madrid, Spain
Spring 2025	University of British Columbia Visiting PhD Student. Host: Nathan Nunn	Vancouver, Canada
2016 – 2019	Bocconi University MSc in Economic and Social Sciences	Milan, Italy
2013 – 2016	Bocconi University BSc in International Economics, Management and Finance	Milan, Italy
Fall 2015	Erasmus School of Economics Exchange student	Rotterdam, Netherlands

FIELDS

Political Economy, Gender Economics, Economic History

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE AND OTHER EMPLOYMENT

Summer 2022	Bank of Italy Research Assistant	Rome, Italy
2018 – 2020	Bocconi University Research Assistant to Prof. Paola Profeta	Milan, Italy
Summer 2017	Presidency of the Council of Ministers Intern	Rome, Italy

JOB MARKET PAPER

“Bella Ciao! The Political Legacy of Women in the Italian Resistance”

What happens when women join the fight? This paper studies the Italian Resistance in WWII, when thousands of women took on political and military roles within clandestine networks. Using a novel micro-level dataset on the members of the Resistance ($\approx 200\,000$), I uncover the long-run political effects of women’s wartime agency. Across municipalities, higher female Resistance translated into more women running for national office and stronger support for women’s rights, with enduring effects. Identification relies on extensive prewar controls and an instrument based on terrain ruggedness, which increased reliance on local women to sustain Resistance cells. By stepping into roles traditionally reserved for men, these women catalyzed a cultural transformation. The findings shed new light on how brief, salient shocks can update beliefs about gender roles and permanently alter the trajectory of women’s empowerment.

WORKING PAPERS & IN PROGRESS

“Gender Differences in Political Budget Cycles”, with Paola Profeta.

“Local Labour Market Conditions and the Selection into Politics”, with Nicola Mastrorocco and Luigi Minale.

“Education and fertility in Italy after the university access reform in the 1960s”, with Paolo

Piselli.

PUBLICATIONS

Accettura, Carmela et al. (2018). “Economic Division, Unemployment and the Future of Europe”. In: *Allianz Summer Academy Issue 2017*, pp. 40–50.

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

2025 UBC (brown bag); NICEP Conference 2025 (University of Nottingham); Workshop on “Mend the Gap in Economic Opportunities in Europe and Central Asia” (Bocconi University, EIEF, World Bank); 3rd Workshop in Economic History (Uppsala University); 11th IEB Workshop on Political Economy (Universitat de Barcelona); UC3M (brown bag); 4th Naples School of Economics PhD and Post-Doctoral Workshop.

2024 49th SAEe (University of Illes Balears); UC3M (brown bag).

2023 Workshop on Women and Politics (Bocconi University); ENTER Jamboree (University of Mannheim); UC3M (brown bag).

2021 4th IZA Workshop on Gender and Family Economics: “Women in Leadership”.

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

FPI Fellowship (Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation)	2023 – 2026
PIPF Fellowship (Universidad Carlos III de Madrid)	2022 – 2023
Graduate program scholarship (Universidad Carlos III de Madrid)	2020 – 2022
Research scholarship (Bank of Italy)	2022
“Ermenegildo Zegna Founder’s Scholarship”	2020 – 2022
Outstanding distinction, “Bonaldo Stringer” fellowship (Bank of Italy)	2019
“Valeria Solesin” award for MSc thesis	2019
Post-lauream scolarship, Academic Field “13/A3 Public Economics” (Bocconi University)	2019
“Cassa dei Dottori Commercialisti” scholarship for undergraduate studies	2014 – 2015

TEACHING

2023; 2024; 2025. Quantitative Microeconomics, UC3M - *Teaching Excellent Acknowledgement*.

2021; 2022. Game Theory, UC3M - *Teaching Excellent Acknowledgement*.

2022. Economics II (Macroeconomics), UC3M.

2020. Diversity Management and Policy, Bocconi University.

2020. International Macroeconomics, Bocconi University.

2020. Public Economics, Bocconi University.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Referee for European Economic Review; International Tax and Public Finance.

LANGUAGES

Italian (native), English (fluent), Spanish (fluent), French (intermediate).

PROGRAMMING

Stata, Python, QGIS, L^AT_EX, Office.

REFERENCES

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