

# Chiara Zanardello

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## DOCTORAL STUDIES

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Jan-Jun 2024	Visiting Graduate Fellow Host advisor: <i>Joel Mokyr</i>	<b>Northwestern University</b>
2021 – Present	Ph.D. Candidate Economics PhD Project: <i>Essays on human capital, migration, and economic history</i> Supervisor: <i>David de la Croix</i> Expected graduation: <i>Fall 2025</i>	<b>UCLouvain</b>

## PRE-DOCTORAL STUDIES

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2020 - 2021	M.Res. Economics (Joint Degree)	<b>UCLouvain</b>
2019 - 2021	M.Sc. Economics and Political Science	<b>University of Milan</b>
Fall 2018	Undergraduate Exchange Program (Erasmus+)	<b>University of Latvia</b>
2016 - 2019	B.A. Economics and Commerce	<b>University of Verona</b>

## REFERENCES

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**Professor Joel Mokyr**  
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## WORK IN PROGRESS

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- Early Modern Academies, Universities, and Economic Growth

Using a unique micro-level database spanning Early Modern scholars and educational institutions, I explore the impact of innovative knowledge on Europe's economic growth from 1500 to 1800. Employing advanced DID estimators, I observe that the establishment of scientific academies leads to a 15% increase in population growth rates after 150 years in the cities hosting them. However, literary academies show no discernible positive effect on long-term growth. I also do not find any detectable effect in the entire sample of academies, suggesting the importance of micro level data on scholars' field of study. Moreover, I test the qualitative evidence about academies fostering universities' reforms by showing that scientific academies rapidly enhance the quality of universities in the same urban area. Overall, the paper provides the first evidence on the pivotal role of scientific academies in the economic growth of Europe and in the modernization of universities.

- How important were premodern universities and academies in the spread of new ideas?  
(with *David de la Croix*, and *Rossana Scebba*)

## PUBLICATIONS

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Zanardello, Chiara (2023). "Market forces in Italian Academia today (and yesterday)". In: *Scientometrics* 128, pp. 651–698. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11192-022-04579-0>.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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2023	TA for David de la Croix, <i>Advanced Macroeconomics III</i> (Graduate)	<b>UCLouvain</b>
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## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

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- 2023 Clément, Blandine, and **Zanardello, Chiara** *Scholars and Literati at the Academy of Georgofili (1753 – 1800)*. Repertorium Eruditorum Totius Europae.  
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.14428/rete.v11i0/AGeorgofili>
- de la Croix, David, and **Zanardello, Chiara** *Scholars and Literati at the University of Modena (1175–1800)*. Repertorium Eruditorum Totius Europae.  
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.14428/rete.v9i0/UModena>
- Zanardello, Chiara** *Literati and Scholars at the Dissonanti Academy in Modena (1680-1800)*. Repertorium Eruditorum Totius Europae.  
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.14428/rete.v9i0/AModena>
- de la Croix, David, and **Zanardello, Chiara** *Scholars at the Royal Academy of Sciences in Paris (1666-1793)*. Repertorium Eruditorum Totius Europae.  
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.14428/rete.v9i0/ASc>
- 2022 **Zanardello, Chiara** *Scholars and Literati at the Philosophical Society of Oxford (1651–1690)*. Repertorium Eruditorum Totius Europae.  
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.14428/rete.v8i0/AOxford>
- Rolla, Cecilia, and **Zanardello, Chiara** *Scholars and Literati at the Academy of Sciences of Bologna (1714–1800)*. Repertorium Eruditorum Totius Europae.  
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.14428/rete.v7i0/ABologna>
- Zanardello, Chiara** *Scholars and Literati at the University of Turin (1404–1800)*. Repertorium Eruditorum Totius Europae.  
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.14428/rete.v7i0/UTurin>
- 2021 de la Croix, David, and **Zanardello, Chiara** *Scholars and Literati at the Academy of Sciences of Turin (1757–1800)*. Repertorium Eruditorum Totius Europae.  
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.14428/rete.v5i0/ATurin>

## CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

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- 2022 IRES Lunch Seminar (UCLouvain), Conference “Early modern science, technology, and institutions” (UManchester), Doctoral Workshop (UCLouvain), AMSE Summer School “The Economics of Growth” (Aix-Marseille University), Conference “Religion, culture and economic growth in historical perspective” (UCLouvain)
- 2023 Doctoral Workshop (UCLouvain), IRES Lunch Seminar (UCLouvain), Econometric Society Winter Meeting (UManchester)

## SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS

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- 2023 **Mobility scholarships:** Scientific Stay Grant (FRS-FNRS), and Travel Grant (FWB)
- 2023 **Ph.D. Fellowship** (within *PDR (FRS-FNRS)* – Main promoter: David de la Croix)
- 2021 **Ph.D. Fellowship** (within *ERC grant 883033* – Supervisor: David de la Croix)
- 2020 **Joint Degree Program UNIMI – UCLouvain**
- 2020, 2021 **Right to University Education (DSU)** (University of Milan)
- 2018 **Erasmus+ Study Abroad Program**
- 2017, 2018, 2019 **Right to University Education (DSU)** (University of Verona)

## MISCELLANEOUS

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- Digital Skills R, Stata, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, TeamPortal, Matlab, EViews
- Languages Italian (mother tongue), English (advanced), French (advanced), German (intermediate)
- Volunteering Youth group in Nove, VI (2017 - 2022), Civil Protection in Nove, VI (2020), Educator of Azione Cattolica in Nove, VI (2015 - 2019)