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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Economics, University of Zurich (Switzerland), 2017 – 2023 (expected).

Advisors: Gregory S. Crawford, Marco Ottaviani (Bocconi), Armin Schmutzler, and Holger Sieg (UPenn)

M.Sc. Economics and Social Science, Bocconi University (Milan, Italy), 2017.

Final Grade: *110 cum laude*

Thesis: *P-Hacking in Clinical Trials?* (Advisors: Marco Ottaviani and Jérôme Adda)

B.Sc. Economics (with Minor Mathematics), University of Mannheim (Germany), 2014.

Final Grade: *1.2 with distinction*

Thesis: *Equilibria in Generalized Second-Price Auctions with Asymmetrically Informed Bidders.*
(Advisor: Thomas Tröger)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Empirical Industrial Organization, Structural Econometrics, Information Economics, Machine Learning.

PUBLICATION

[P-hacking in clinical trials and how incentives shape the distribution of results across phases](#)

(with Jérôme Adda and Marco Ottaviani)

Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences 117 (24) 13386-13392, June 2020.

Related Op-eds: [VoxEU](#), [ProMarket](#).

WORKING PAPERS

What's in a Five Star Rating? An Empirical Model of Bayesian Persuasion (*Job Market Paper*)

Pre-Registration and Credibility of Clinical Trials (with Marco Ottaviani)

The Order of Move in a Conversational War of Attrition

HONORS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND GRANTS

Zurich GSE PhD Dissertation Fellowship, 2022–2023.

Zurich GSE Director's Grant (US\$ 6,600, maximum amount), May 2021.

[UBS Center Scholarship](#), 2017–2021.

[UniCredit & Universities Masterscholarship](#), 2014–2016.

Bocconi Graduate Merit Award, 2014–2016.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Fourth Annual Theory of the Firm Conference on Academic Lobbying at Columbia University, NYC (December 2019).

Workshop on the Economics of Research and Experimentation at Bocconi University, Milan (March 2017).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Zurich

Industrial Economics (undergraduate), TA for Armin Schmutzler, Spring 2019 & Spring 2020.

Supervision of 1 Bachelor and 3 Master Theses, 2020 – current.

University of Mannheim

Introduction to Statistics (undergraduate), TA for Toni Stocker, Spring 2013.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Refereeing: *Economic Journal*.

Organization of the IO Reading Group and Team Meeting at the University of Zurich, 2020 – current.

Collaborator on ERC Advanced Grant 295835 EVALIDEA (PI Marco Ottaviani), 2015–2017.

IGIER Visiting Student Initiative, 2015–2016.

Internship at the Centre for European Economic Research (Mannheim, Germany) – Research Group “Competition and Regulation”, 2014.

SKILLS

Programming

MATLAB, Stata, Python, Julia, Mathematica, L^AT_EX.

Languages

English (fluent), German (native), Italian (fluent), Latin.

Last updated: September 27, 2022