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Dipartimento di Economia e Management,
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Education

University of Pisa (Pisa, IT), November 2023 – ongoing

Ph.D. in Life Course Research

XXXIX cycle. Doctoral programme of national interest, headquartered at University of Florence

Curriculum: socio-demographic

Scholarship title: *Individual behaviour and its interplay with public policies during pandemic events*

Supervisor: Prof. Piero Manfredi, co-supervisors: Prof. Nicola Salvati, Prof. Barbara Pacini

Ph.D. representative for the 2024-2026 mandate

Bocconi University (Milan, IT), September 2020 – December 2022

Master of Science - Economic and Social Sciences (ESS)

Grade: 110/110 cum laude

Thesis title: *Determinants of protective behavior uptake against COVID-19: empirical evidence from Zimbabwe*

Supervisor: Prof. Alessia Melegaro

Bocconi University (Milan, IT), September 2017 – October 2020

Bachelor's degree - Economic and Social Sciences (BESS)

Grade: 110/110 cum laude

Thesis title: *1811 ICA case: an analysis of collusive captive banks on the Italian car sales financing market*

Supervisor: Prof. Chiara Fumagalli

Cornell University (Ithaca, U.S.), January 2020 – May 2020

Exchange program

School of Industrial and Labor Relations (ILR)

Research Interests

Interplay individual behaviour – public policy – infectious diseases

Behavioural epidemiology

Vaccine hesitancy

Public Health

Professional experience

DONDENA Centre for Research On Social Dynamics and Public Policy (Milan, IT), March 2023 – ongoing

Research assistant

Research Project: ERC IMMUNE - *Modelling the Impact of huMan behavioUrs on iNfections sprEad*

Focused on the analysis of human behavior in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. Worked with social contact data (preprocessing and analysis), and on a systematic review concerning epidemic modelling topics.

Principal investigator: Prof. Alessia Melegaro

European Commission – DG Competition (Bruxelles, BE), July 2021 – October 2021

Internship

Intern at the Chief Economist Team.

Supervisor: Dr. Hendrik Meder

IGIER: Innocenzo Gasparini Institute for Economic Research (Milan, IT), July 2019 – October 2019

Research assistant

Experimental Economics project.

Tutor: Prof. Barbara Rindi

Visiting positions

Fondazione Bruno Kessler (Trento, IT), June 2025 - ongoing

Visiting Ph.D. student in the Health Emergencies Unit

Tutor: Dr. Giorgio Guzzetta

Publications

Preprints

- Lucchini L., Marziano V., et al., “Post-pandemic social contacts in Italy: implications for social distancing measures on in-person school and work attendance” ([arXiv](#))
- Balsamo D. et al., “Mapping inequities in Global Vaccine Sentiment Research” ([medRxiv](#))

Seminars and Conferences

2024	FloPS - Florence Population Studies Workshop , Fiesole, IT (oral presentation)
2025	INF-ACT Conference 2025 , Napoli, IT (poster)
	11th Conference of the European Survey Research Association (ESRA) , Utrecht, NL (oral presentation), <i>forthcoming</i>
	BehEpi CCS25 Satellite , Siena, IT (oral presentation), <i>forthcoming</i>

Language and IT Skills

Italian (native language); English (Advanced); French (Good)

Proficient in R and Stata. Good knowledge of Python. Basic knowledge of MATLAB, WordPress, SQL, and Photoshop. Proficient user of LaTeX language. Deep knowledge of Office package.

Other relevant experiences

2024	ESPIDAM - European Summer Program in Infectious Disease Analysis and Modelling , Stockholm
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