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## Education

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2017 - Present	<b>University College London</b> Ph.D. in Economics
2013 - 2016	<b>Bocconi University</b> M.Sc. Economics and Social Sciences
2010 - 2013	<b>Bocconi University</b> B.Sc. Economics and Management

## Research Interests

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Applied microeconomics, Health economics, Personnel Economics

## Work in Progress

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Technology, Skills, and Performance: The Case of Robots in surgery  
(Job Market Paper)

Crowding, Contact Time, and Patient Outcomes  
*with D.C. Chan, J. Gruber, and S. Strobel*

Firms' Gender Composition and Women's Employment  
*with M. Distefano and T. Surovtseva*

Killer Deals: The Impact of Hospital Mergers on Hospital Quality  
*with T.P. Hoe*

## Teaching and Work Experience

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2018 - present	<b>Teaching Assistant</b> Advanced Microeconomic Theory (Graduate level) Microeconomic Theory (Graduate level) Health Economics (Graduate level) Game Theory (Undergraduate level)
2020 - 2022	<b>Research Assistant</b> Centre for Research and Analysis of Migration (CReAM)
2017	<b>Research Consultant</b> Europe Economics
2016 - 2017	<b>Graduate Research Internship</b> Competition and Markets Authority - Chief Economist Team
2015 - 2016	<b>Research Internship</b> European Central Bank - DG Research
2015	<b>Internship</b> European Commission - DG Competition

## Honors, Awards & Scholarships

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2017 - present	Institute of Fiscal Studies Graduate Scholar
2021 - present	Department of Economics Scholarship
2017 - 2021	ESRC Scholarship
2016	Competition and Markets Authority employee recognition price

## Seminars, Conferences, and Workshops (including scheduled)

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2022	Tilburg University(Enter Seminar), Institute of Fiscal Studies(WiP, Seminar)
2021	Royal Economic Society – Easter School
2020	Essen Health Conference, Judge Business School at Cambridge University, American Society of Health Economists Conference, CEEMAP (Econometrics School)
2018	NBER, Health Economics Bootcamp

## Miscellaneous

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**Citizenship** Italy, UK settled status

**Languages** Italian (native), English (fluent)

**Programming languages** R, Stata, Python

## Reference

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### **Prof. Marcos Vera Hernandez** (Ph.D. advisor)

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### **Prof. David C. Chan**

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