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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)

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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2023	<b>PhD Intern - Amazon</b> Economic Decision Science Team
2018 - 2023	<b>Teaching Assistant</b> Advanced and Standard 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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2023	Best Paper Award Hessen Health Conference
2017 - 2023	Institute of Fiscal Studies Graduate Scholar
2021 - 2023	Department of Economics Scholarship
2017 - 2021	Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) Scholarship
2016	Competition and Markets Authority Employee Price

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

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2023	AIES Conference Rome, University of Konstanz (Faculty Seminar), University of Turin (Faculty Seminar), Innsbruck University (Faculty Seminar), European Health Economics Association (Spring Seminar), Centre for Primary Care Health Services Research at The University of Manchester (Seminar), Essen Health Conference
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

**Referee work** Journal of the European Economic Association, International Journal of Health Economics and Management, Royal Statistical Society

## Reference

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