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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, Public Policy

## Work in Progress and Published Research

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**Technological gains with heterogeneous users and applications: evidence from robotic surgery (JMP)**

**Crowding, contact time, and health outcomes**  
with D.C. Chan, J. Gruber, and S. Strobels

**Killer deals: the impact of hospital mergers on hospital quality**  
with T.P. Hoe

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

**Using Real Time Location Data to measure bed-side contact time between nurses and patients**  
with A.M. Cannaby, V. Carter, T.P. Hoe, and S. Strobels  
Submitted

**Compliance with a real time location system within a major hospital.**  
with A.M. Cannaby, V. Carter, T.P. Hoe, and S. Strobels  
Submitted

**The feasibility and validity of using a real time location system to measure bed side contact time**  
with A.M. Cannaby, V. Carter, T.P. Hoe, and S. Strobels  
Journal of Research in Nursing, November (2021)

## Teaching and Work Experience

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2018 - present	<b>Teaching Assistant</b> Advance Microeconomics Theory (Graduate level) Microeconomics Theory (Graduate level) Health Economics (Graduate level) Game Theory (Undergraduate level) <i>Teacher of the Year Award</i>
2020 - 2022	<b>Research Assistant</b> at the 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

### Seminars, Conferences, and Workshops

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October 2022	Institute of Fiscal Studies - Seminar
February 2022	Tilburg university - Seminar
April 2021	Royal Economic Society - Easter School
October 2020	Essen Health Conference
April 2020	Judge Business School at Cambridge University Conference - Accepted
June 2020	American Society of Health Economists Conference - Accepted
June 2020	CEEMAP - Econometrics School
December 2012	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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