

Elena Ashtari Tafti

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Education and Academic Appointments

2023 - Present	Ludwig Maximilians Universität Assistant Professor of Economics Chair of Empirical Economics
2017 - 2023	University College London Ph.D. in Economics
2013 - 2016	Bocconi University M.Sc. Economic and Social Sciences
2010 - 2013	Bocconi University B.Sc. Economics and Management

Research Interests

Applied Microeconomics, Innovation, Health, and Personnel Economics

Work in Progress

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

2023	PhD Intern - Amazon Economic Decision Science Team
2018 - 2023	Teaching Assistant Advanced and Standard Microeconomic Theory (Graduate level) Health Economics (Graduate level) Game Theory (Undergraduate level)
2020 - 2022	Research Assistant Centre for Research and Analysis of Migration (CReAM)
2017	Research Consultant Europe Economics
2016 - 2017	Graduate Research Internship Competition and Markets Authority - Chief Economist Team
2015 - 2016	Research Internship European Central Bank - DG Research
2015	Internship European Commission - DG Competition

Honors, Awards & Scholarships

2023	Best Paper Award Essen 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)

2024	IFO (Digital Innovation and Transformation Seminar), ROCKWOOL Foundation Copenhagen (Seminar), University of Konstanz (Faculty Seminar), University of Turin and Collegio Carlo Alberto (Faculty Seminar), Essen Health Conference, UCL Alumni Conference
2023	NBER Health Economics Fall Meeting, Health Econometrics Workshop Johannes Kepler University, Innsbruck University (Faculty Seminar), Institute for Strategy, Technology, and Organization at LMU (Fall 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

Citizenship Italian, UK settled status

Languages Italian (native), English (fluent)

Programming languages Stata, SQL, R, Python

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

Reference

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

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Prof. Aureo de Paula (Ph.D. advisor)

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Prof. David C. Chan

Position: Professor of Health Policy, Stanford University
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