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Employment

Jan 23 BROWN UNIVERSITY, Assistant Professor of Economics
Sep 21 - Dec 22 MIT, Economics Department, Postdoctoral Associate

Education

2021 UZH, PhD in Economics (summa cum laude)
 Thesis title: "Essays in Development Economics and Political Economy"
 Committee: David Yanagizawa-Drott, Lorenzo Casaburi, Hans-Joachim Voth
2018 - 2019 HARVARD UNIVERSITY, Economics Department, Visiting Fellow
2015 UNIVERSITÀ DI BOLOGNA, M.Phil. in Economics (LMEC)
2013 UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO - BICOCCA B.Sc. in Economics and Business
2012- 2013 EBERHARD KARLS UNIVERSITÄT TÜBINGEN, Erasmus

Publications

"Worth your weight: experimental evidence on the benefits of obesity in low-income countries."
American Economic Review, 2023, Vol. 113 (9), pp. 2287-2322.

"EU transfers and euroscepticism: can't buy me love?", with A. Borin and M. Mancini, *Economic Policy*, 2021, Vol. 36, Issue 106, pp. 237-286.

Working Papers

"Work over just cash: Informal redistribution among employers and workers in Kampala, Uganda."
(with Jeremia Stalder)

"Mental health in European Economics departments" (with Clara Sievert, Paul Barreira, and Valentin Bolotnyy), IZA Discussion Paper No. 16309

Research in Progress

"Would you hire a female mechanic? Experimental evidence from motor-mechanics managers in Uganda." (with Claude Raisaro)

"Health costs vs. social gains: Misperceived socio-economic incentives in health decisions" (with Sili Zhang)

Grants & Awards

Oct '22	<i>RESTUD Tour North America (UCSD, the University of Chicago, and UPenn)</i>
July '21	<i>Swiss Re Fund for Development Economic - Top-up grant (USD 10'800)</i>
Nov '20	<i>SNSF Early Postdoc Mobility scholarship</i>
July '20	<i>Diligentia Stiftung Research Grant, with D. Yanagizawa-Drott (USD 39'500)</i>
Dec '19	<i>GRC Travel Grant (USD 2'800)</i>
Sep '19	<i>Swiss Re Fund for Development Economics (USD 27'000, maximum amount)</i>
May '19	<i>Director's Grant Zurich GSE (USD 5'400, maximum amount)</i>
Nov '18	<i>SNSF Doc. Mobility scholarship</i>
Mar '17	<i>B. Stringher scholarship (particolarmente meritevole) • Banca D'Italia</i>

Conferences & seminar presentations

2023 (*sched.)	<i>PSE*; AMSE*; UBC*; LSE*; University of St. Andrews (virtual)*; Kellogg- UBC PED Conference*; BFI Women in Applied Microeconomics*; Zurich Workshop on Economics and Psychology*; BSF Advances in Microdevelopment; ODDO conference; BREAD & MIT conference.</i>
2022	<i>Chicago Booth; LEAP Conference Bocconi; WEFIDEV (virtual); University of Cologne; University of St. Gallen; University of Stavanger.</i>
2021	<i>M.I.T., UCSD, UChicago, UPenn, EEA-ESEM congress; Weggis Workshop in Political Economy and Development, JEES.; Northwestern Rookiefest; Job Market: Brown University, CEMFI, Collegio Carlo Alberto, Harris School of Public Policy, IIES, NHH, NES Moscow, Nova, PSE, Rady School of Management at UC San Diego, Stockholm University, World Bank Research.</i>
until 2020	<i>BREAD; NEUDC; DEVPEC (virtual); Essen Health Conference (virtual); Early Career Behavioral Economics Conference, BRIQ (virtual); European Trade Study Group (ETSG), European University Institute and University of Florence.</i>

Teaching

2023	<i>1620 Introduction to Econometrics, undergraduate, Brown, Instructor</i>
2023	<i>2510 Graduate Development I, graduate, Brown, Instructor</i>
2022	<i>Economics and Psychology, undergraduate, MIT, Co-instructor with F. Schilbach</i>

Refereeing and Relevant Professional Activities

Refereeing	<i>AER, AER: INSIGHTS, ECONOMETRICA, JAE, JDE, QJE.</i>
2017- 2019	<i>Research Assistant for Fabrizio Zilibotti, SNSF Project 100018_165616</i>
2018	<i>Member of hiring committee ("Economics of Child and Youth Development") UZH</i>
2017	<i>Ph.D. Intern, DG Economics, Statistics and Research, Bank of Italy</i>

Personal skills

IT Stata • R • Python • \LaTeX • OTree • HTML (beginner)

Languages Italian (native) • English (fluent) • Spanish (fluent) • German (advanced)