

# EUGENIA MARIA FREZZA

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## EDUCATION

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**Trinity College Dublin, Ireland**

*2019 - ongoing*

**PhD in Economics**

*Supervisor:* Prof. Alejandra Ramos & Selim Gulesci

**Visiting Scholar:** University of Stockholm, Sweden

*2023 - Spring*

**University of Bologna, Italy**

*2016-2018*

**MSc in Economics, LMEC** - *Summa cum Laude*

**Erasmus Exchange Program:** one semester at the University of Oslo, Norway

**University of Torino, Italy**

*2013-2016*

**BSc in Economics and Trade**

**Erasmus Exchange Program:** one semester at the University of Bordeaux, France

## ACADEMIC FIELDS OF INTEREST

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**Primary:** Development Economics, Gender Economics, Education Economics

**Secondary:** Labour Economics, Political Economy

## WORKING PAPERS

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**Fast Internet and gender norms: evidence from Sub-Saharan Africa**

*Awarded the ISWE prize from the Irish Economic Association*

Is internet a tool for women's empowerment or does it exacerbate discriminatory gender norms? I answer this question by exploiting the gradual arrival of fast internet between 2008-2012 on African coasts via submarine cables from Europe to retrieve a causal effect of internet on gender norms around attitudes towards intimate-partner-violence (IPV). Specifically, I compare individuals' attitudes towards violence in locations with high internet penetration and those without, exploiting differences in the timing of the high-speed internet arrival. Results show that fast internet leads to more regressive gender norms. Individuals located in connected areas are more likely to find violence justifiable. This effect is stronger for males. I then explore the potential mechanisms behind this result. The most likely mechanism to be at play in this setting is that internet causes more regressive gender norms because it might change the balance of power within the household, by affecting labour market opportunities for men and women differently.

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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**Attitudes and Intimate Partner Violence: Evidence from India**

**Natural resources and education: evidence from Bangladesh** joint with Selim Gulesci (Trinity College) and Ashikur Rahman (Policy Research Institute of Bangladesh)

**Intimate Partner Violence and Female Genital Cutting** joint with Suzanna Khalifa (Aix-Marseille School of Economics)

## CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOP

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**2022:** TCD Trinity College Dublin PhD Working Group, Irish Economic Association (University of Limerick) **2021:** TCD Trinity College Dublin PhD Working Group, ASSET (Aix-Marseille School of Economics), ESRI PhD Workshop **2020:** TCD Trinity College Dublin PhD Working Group

## OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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**Trinity College Dublin** *October 2020- August 2021*  
**Research Assistant - Prof. Selim Gulesci**

**Polytechnic University of Milan, Italy** *April 2019 - August 2019*  
**Research Assistant Fellowship - Prof. Miriam Manchin**

**Fondazione Agnelli in Torino, Italy** *February- July 2019*  
**Research Assistant Internship**

**University of Bologna, Italy** *October 2018- December 2018*  
**CLOUD LAB project -DIPARTIMENTI DI ECCELLENZA MIUR**

**University of Bologna, Italy** *May 2018 - October 2018*  
**Internship for final dissertation: Research Assistant - Prof. Margherita Fort**

## TEACHING

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**Impact Evaluation** - Master course, Trinity College Dublin. 2022  
**Econometrics** - Bachelor course, Trinity College Dublin. 2020-2021  
**Intro to Economic Policy** - Bachelor course, Trinity College Dublin. 2019-2020

## LANGUAGES AND COMPUTER SKILLS

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**Languages:** Italian (Native), English (Fluent), French (Fluent), Portuguese (Intermediate)  
**Comupter:** Microsoft Office, Stata, LaTeX, R, MatLab, Python

## GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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**ISWE Prize for the Best Paper by a Woman Economist** *2022*  
 Irish Economic Association.  
**Dermot McAleese - Best Teaching Assistant** *2021*  
 Trinity College Dublin.  
**Irish Research Council Scholarship** *2021*  
 Government of Ireland Postgraduate Scholarship Programme 2021.  
**Policy-Lab project award from School of Policy (AREL)** *2017*  
*Title of the project:* A proposal for the reorganization of education cycles in Italy.  
*Supervisor:* Andrea Gavosto, Fondazione Agnelli Torino.