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Current Employment

Postdoctoral Researcher – IAE-CSIC and Barcelona School of Economics, Spain	2023-present
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Doctoral Studies

Ph.D. in Economics – University of Geneva, Switzerland	2017-2023
Visiting Scholar – IAE-CSIC and Barcelona School of Economics, Spain	Spring 2022
Doctoral Program – Study Center Gerzensee, Switzerland	2017-2018

Pre-Doctoral Studies

M.A. in Economics – University of Lausanne, Switzerland	2015-2017
B.A. in Economics of Financial Markets and Institutions – University of Rome Tor Vergata, Italy	2011-2015

Research Interests

Political Economy, Labour Economics, Applied Economics

Job Market Paper (WINNER: Young Economist Award – EEA 2023)

The Institutional Role of the Italian Mafia: Enforcing Contracts When the State Does Not

I present a simple theoretical framework to explain why citizens may turn to the Mafia for contract enforcement when the State is increasingly unable to fulfill this service. I empirically test the main model prediction using a novel database of Mafia-controlled areas across Italy between 2014 and 2019. I obtain confidential yearly data from the Superior Council of the Judiciary about the judge's retirement, which I use as a source of exogenous variation in the State's enforcement capacity. Results indicate that the Mafia expands its control over the territory when the State weakens its contract enforcement capacity.

Working Papers

- [1] The Persistence of The Sicilian Mafia – Braccioli F.
[2] Education expansion, college choice and labour market success – Braccioli F., Ghinetti P., Moriconi S., Naguib C., Pellizzari M.

References

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Grants & Awards

Young Economist Award – European Economic Association Annual Congress – 2'000€ with the paper: "The Institutional Role of the Italian Mafia: Enforcing Contracts When the State Does Not"	2023
Subside Tremplin – University of Geneva, Switzerland	2022
Swiss National Science Foundation, Mobility Grants in Projects – 6'500CHF	2022
Best Teaching Assistant Award – IEE/GSEM University of Geneva, Switzerland	2021

Seminar and Conference Presentations (*invited – *cancel due to conflict with JM interviews schedule)

2023 – European Winter Meeting of the Econometric Society (Manchester, UK); *International Economic Association World Congress (Bogotá, Colombia); Applied Young Economist Webinar Political Economy Workshop (online); *21st

Trobada Barcelona School of Economics (Barcelona, Spain); IEE Brown Bag Seminar (Geneva, Switzerland); Spring Young Economist Meeting (Torino, Italy); European Economic Association Annual Congress (Barcelona, Spain); 7th Workshop on the Economics of Organized Crime (Pavia, Italy); Women in Political Economy Workshop (Stockholm, Sweden); 13th International Workshop on Applied Education Economics (Catanzaro, Italy); Royal Economic Society Ph.D. Conference (Glasgow, United Kingdom); Canadian Economics Association Annual Conference (online); *Department of Economics Seminar (Verona, Italy)

2022 – VPDE 15th Ph.D. Workshop in Economics (Torino, Italy); Gerzensee Alumni Conference (Bern, Switzerland); Rare Voices Research Cluster Political and Labor Economics (online); IEE Brown Bag Seminar (Geneva, Switzerland)

2021 – Gerzensee Alumni Conference (Bern, Switzerland); *Brown Bag Seminar (Bern, Switzerland); 1st Rare Voices in Economics Conference (Geneva, Switzerland); Reading Group Political and Development Economics (Lausanne, Switzerland); IEE Brown Bag Seminar (Geneva, Switzerland)

2020 – Ph.D. Workshop IHEID (Geneva, Switzerland); IEE Brown Bag Seminar (Geneva, Switzerland)

Teacher Assistant

Coordination for Introduction to Microeconomics B.A. – University of Geneva	2021-2022
Introduction to Macroeconomics B.A. (in French) – University of Geneva	2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2020
Introduction International Economics B.A. (in French) – University of Geneva	2017-2018, 2020-2021
Introduction to Microeconomics B.A. (in French) – University of Geneva	2017-18

Research Assistant

Labour Economics – University of Geneva, Switzerland for Prof. Michele Pellizzari	2019-2020
Development Economics – University of Lausanne, Switzerland for Prof. Elena Esposito	Spring 2017
Demography Economics – Lund University, Sweden for Prof. Volha Lazuka and Prof. Jonas Helgertz	Spring 2015

Conference & Seminar Organization

Co-organizer 1 st Rare Voices in Economics Conference, Geneva Switzerland – Budget 20'000CHF Sponsors: LIVES (University of Geneva); Geneva 2030 Ecosystem Micro Grant, Economics Department, Gender Centre, and Centre for Finance and Development (IHEID)	2021
Co-organizer, co-moderator public roundtable Pathways for more Inclusive Economics Departments	2021
Co-organizer Women in Economics Workshops Series (8 events) Joint University of Geneva, The Geneva Graduate Institute, University of Lausanne (Switzerland)	2020

Academic Service

Co-founder and co-president  Rare Voices in Economics (RViE) -former Women in Economics Léman	2019-2022
Presented RViE at (invited):	
- IEE Research Day (GSEM – University of Geneva)	2023
- The Playing Field in Academia (Warsaw, Poland)	2023
- Royal Economic Society Annual Conference (online)	2022
- Equality Committee (GSEM – University of Geneva)	2022
- Study Center Gerzensee (Bern, Switzerland)	2022
Co-founder and co-organizer RViE Mentoring Program	2020-2022
Collaboration with the Royal Economic Society Consciously Inclusive Mentoring Program	
Founder and co-organizer IEE Ph.D. Mentoring Program (University of Geneva, Switzerland)	2020-2022

Languages

Italian (native) – English (fluent) – French (fluent) – Spanish (intermediate)

IT Skills

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