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Current Employment

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

Doctoral Studies

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- **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

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- **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 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

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- **The Persistence of The Sicilian Mafia**
 - **Education Expansion, College Choice, and Labour Market Success** – with Ghinetti, Moriconi, Naguib, Pellizzari

References

| Michele Pellizzari | Jérémy Laurent-Lucchetti | Enriqueta Aragonès |
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Grants & Awards

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| ▪ Young Economist Award – European Economic Association Annual Congress (2'000€) | 2023 |
| ▪ Subside Tremplin – University of Geneva, Switzerland | 2022 |
| ▪ Mobility Grants in Projects – Swiss National Science Foundation | 2021 |
| ▪ Best Teaching Assistant Award – IEE/GSEM University of Geneva, Switzerland | 2021 |

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

2024 – Ph.D. Economics Virtual Seminar (*scheduled*); Workshop in Networks and Political Economy, Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne

2023 – European Winter Meeting of the Econometric Society; °International Economic Association World Congress; UAB-IAE Internal Applied Seminar; Applied Young Economist Webinar Political Economy Workshop; *21st Trobada Barcelona School of Economics; IEE Brown Bag Seminar; Spring Young Economist Meeting; European Economic Association Annual Congress; 7th Workshop on the Economics of Organized Crime; Women in Political Economy Workshop; 13th International Workshop on Applied Education Economics; Royal Economic Society Ph.D. Conference; Canadian Economics Association Annual Conference; *University of Verona

2022 – VPDE 15th Ph.D. Workshop in Economics; Gerzensee Alumni Conference; Rare Voices Research Cluster Political and Labor Economics; University of Geneva Brown Bag Seminar

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

2020 – Ph.D. Workshop IHEID; University of Geneva Brown Bag Seminar

Referee

Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics

Teaching Experience

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| ▪ University of Geneva – Teaching Assistant (*in French): | |
| • Coordination for Introduction to Microeconomics B.A. | 2021-2022 |
| • *Introduction to Macroeconomics B.A. | 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2020 |
| • *Introduction International Economics B.A. | 2017-2018, 2020-2021 |
| • *Introduction to Microeconomics B.A. | 2017-2018 |

Research Assistant

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

Conference & Seminar Organization

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

Academic Service

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- **Co-founder and co-president Rare Voices in Economics (RViE)** 2019-2022
 - **Invited presentation of RViE:**
 2023 - IEE Research Day (University of Geneva); The Playing Field in Academia (Warsaw, Poland)
 2022 - Royal Economic Society Annual Conference (online); Equality Committee (University of Geneva); Study Center Gerzensee (Bern, Switzerland)
 - **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) 2020-2022

Languages

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

IT Skills

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