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### Current Employment

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

### 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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| Michele Pellizzari<br>IEE-GSEM University of Geneva<br>Switzerland<br>michele.pellizzari@unige.ch | Jérémy Laurent-Lucchetti<br>IEE-GSEM University of Geneva<br>Switzerland<br>jeremy.lucchetti@unige.ch | Enriqueta Aragonès<br>IAE-CSIC and BSE<br>Spain<br>enriqueta.aragones@iae.csic.es |
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### Grants & Awards

Young Economist Award – European Economic Association Annual Congress – 2'000€ 2023  
with the paper: "The Institutional Role of the Italian Mafia: Enforcing Contracts When the State Does Not"  
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); \*21<sup>st</sup>

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); 7<sup>th</sup> Workshop on the Economics of Organized Crime (Pavia, Italy); Women in Political Economy Workshop (Stockholm, Sweden); 13<sup>th</sup> 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); 1<sup>st</sup> 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

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| 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

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| 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

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

## Academic Service

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| 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      |
| - <a href="#">The Playing Field in Academia</a> (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 <a href="#">RViE Mentoring Program</a>   | 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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