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### RESEARCH INTERESTS

**Primary Fields:** Applied Microeconometrics, Labor and Demographic Economics, Gender Economics

**Secondary Fields:** Health Economics, Family Economics

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### REFERENCES

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### GRADUATE STUDIES

**European University Institute**

*Ph.D. Candidate in Economics*

Florence, Italy

*2016 – present*

Thesis title: *Essays in Applied Microeconometrics: fertility, nutrition and employment*

Supervisors: Prof. Thomas Crossley, Prof. Alessandro Tarozzi

Expected completion date: March 2022

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### UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

**European University Institute**

*Master of Research in Economics*

Florence, Italy

*2016*

**Bocconi University**

*Master of Science in Economics, 110 cum laude/110*

Milan, Italy

*2012 – 2015*

**University of Mannheim**

*Erasmus*

Mannheim, Germany

*Fall semester 2013*

**Univeristy of Roma Tre**

*Bachelor's in Economics, 110 cum laude/110*

Rome, Italy

*2011 – 2014*

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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<b>Panel Data for Banking Sector Analysts</b> <i>Teaching fellow for Prof. Jeffrey Wooldridge, Florence School of Banking and Finance</i>	Florence, Italy <i>Fall 2020</i>
<b>Topics in Microeconometrics</b> <i>Teaching assistant for Prof. Thomas Crossley</i>	EUI, PhD level <i>Spring 2020</i>
<b>Economic Measurement</b> <i>Teaching assistant for Prof. Thomas Crossley</i>	EUI, PhD level <i>Winter 2019</i>
<b>Applied Microeconomics: Theory and Empirics</b> <i>Teaching assistant for Prof. Michèle Belot. and Prof. Philipp Kircher</i>	EUI, PhD level <i>Winter 2018</i>

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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<b>Research assistant for Prof. Michèle Belot, EUI</b>	Dec 2017
<b>Research assistant for Prof. Micaela Sviatschi and Riccardo Ciacci, EUI</b>	Dec 2017
<b>Research assistant for Prof. Guido Alfani, Bocconi University</b>	Nov-Dec 2015
<b>Intern at IFAD - International Fund for Agricultural Development</b> <i>Programme Management Division</i>	Spring 2015
<b>Research assistant for Prof. Nicola Gennaioli, Bocconi University</b>	Sept-Dec 2014
<b>Research intern at the European Central Bank</b> <i>Competitiveness Research Network</i>	Winter 2014

## CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

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<b>VPDE 14th PhD Workshop in Economics (scheduled)</b> <i>PhD Workshop in Economics, Turin (Italy)</i>	<i>November 2021</i>
<b>7th Potsdam PhD Workshop 2021</b> <i>PhD Workshop in Empirical Economics, Postdam (Germany)</i>	Virtual <i>September 2021</i>
<b>ESPE 2021</b> <i>European Society for Population Economics, Barcelona (Spain)</i>	Virtual <i>June 2021</i>
<b>LACEA Health Economics Workshop 2020</b> <i>Research Institute for Development, Growth and Economics (RIDGE), Uruguay</i>	Virtual <i>December 2020</i>

## GRANTS AND AWARDS

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<b>EUI Ph.D. Grant</b> <i>European University Institute</i>	Florence, Italy <i>2019 – 2020</i>
<b>Ph.D. Grant</b> <i>Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs</i>	Rome, Italy <i>2016 – 2019</i>

## LANGUAGES AND TECHNICAL SKILLS

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**Languages:** Italian (native), English (C1), Spanish (B1)  
**Software:** MS Office, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X  
**Programming:** *Advanced:* Stata; *Intermediate:* R, Python; *Basic:* VBA, QGIS

### **Not the right time for children: unemployment, fertility and abortion**

I analyze the effect of local unemployment rates on fertility rates, abortion rates, and the abortions to pregnancies ratio, combining population statistics and administrative data on induced abortions performed in Italy between 2004 and 2016. This is the first paper to causally investigate the effect of local economic conditions on abortion choice. Using a shift-share instrument measuring labor demand, I exploit demand-driven shocks to unemployment. A one standard deviation (sd) increase in unemployment induces a 0.9 sd decrease in the fertility rate, a 0.27 sd increase in the abortion rate, and a 0.35 sd increase in the abortion ratio. These effects are mostly driven by women above 25 years old, and the effect is particularly strong in the 35-49 age group, while young women (15-24) are unaffected.

### **OTHER RESEARCH**

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#### **Do food price shocks affect farmers' nutrition? A study on rising quinoa prices in Peru**

Research on the effect of food price changes on farmers' welfare has yielded contrasting results. The case of quinoa provides an ideal event study, where quinoa prices steeply increased from 2008 onwards, led by increasing international demand. I study the effect of this price shock on the nutrition of Peruvian households in a difference in differences framework. Results point to a limited effect on nutritional outcomes: quinoa farmers have a 4% higher caloric intake after the quinoa boom compared to farmers of other crops in the same province, but overall diet quality does not significantly change. When comparing households across districts that traditionally engage in quinoa production, there appears to be no significant difference in overall caloric intake and diet quality after the quinoa price boom.

#### **Gender Quotas and childcare availability in a rationed context (in progress)**

*with Alice Dominici (EUI) and Olivia Masi (EUI)*