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RESEARCH

JOB MARKET PAPER

Feather-Handed Fascists: Surveillance as a Signal of Bureaucratic Loyalty (with P. Grau-Vilalta and A. Xamo)

We show that surveillance in autocracies can be shaped less by ideology or competence than by bureaucrats' need to signal loyalty. Using prefect-level data from Fascist Italy (1922–40), it shows that career bureaucrats without credible loyalty markers engaged in significantly more surveillance than early regime loyalists, and highlight evidence that career concerns drive coercive behavior.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Picking Winners: Evidence on State-steered Industrialization

Sirens: Evidence on Propaganda and Repression Under Autocracy

Pitchforks: Strategic Allocation of Policy Benefits Under Autocracy

Seeds: Economic Development and the Persistence of Authoritarianism

Scoops: A Theory of Access Journalism and Media Crookedness (with K. Heo)

OTHER PROJECTS

Climate Migration and Political Tensions (with M. Emeriau and S. Wolton)

Bricks: The Long-term Political Impact of Public Housing

PRESENTATIONS

2025 | NYU CompPol Seminar, MPSA, KCL's APSG, Political Connections, EPSA, APSA, LSE PSPE WiP Seminar

2024 | EPSA, SISP, LSE SPEECH Seminar, LSE PSPE WiP Seminar, Naples School of Economics Workshop

2023 | LSE Government WiP Seminar

TEACHING

LECTURER

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON

[PUBLOO98](#) *The Politics of Public Policy*

GTA

LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

[GV101](#) *Introduction to Political Science* (Prof Wolton)

[EC260](#) *Political Economy of Public Policy* (Prof Dewan, Prof Larcinese)

[GV225](#) *Public Choice and Politics* (Prof Dewan)

[GV4J7](#) *Introductory Mathematics for Political Science* (Dr Kudinova)

EDUCATION

2021 - 2026

PhD in POLITICAL ECONOMY

London School of Economics (London, United Kingdom)

2017 - 2020

MSc in GOVERNMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

Bocconi University (Milan, Italy)

2014 - 2017

BSc in ECONOMICS, MARKETS, AND INSTITUTIONS

University of Bologna (Bologna, Italy)

EXPERIENCES

2020 - 2021

PRE-DOCTORAL RESEARCH ASSISTANT, **Bocconi University** (Milan, Italy)

2019 - 2019

JUNIOR IT CONSULTANT, **Capgemini** (Milan, Italy)

2018 - 2018

EVENTS ASSISTANT, **Italian Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong** (Hong Kong)

2016 - 2017

CITY COUNCILLOR, **Municipal Council** (Cesenatico, Italy)

MISCELLANEA

Organizing

PSPE WiP Seminar Series (lead organiser, 2 years, weekly)

Behavioural Political Economy Workshop (assistance, 2 editions)

London Seminar for Graduate Political Science (founder, one edition)

IT

Working knowledge of Stata, R, python, \LaTeX .

Basics of Mathematica, git, html.

Languages

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