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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 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

ASSOCIATE LECTURER, UCL

PUBL0098 The Politics of Public Policy

GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT, LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS

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, UK)
2025	Visiting Research Affiliate **New York University** (NYC, USA)
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)