Gaia Gaudenzi

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Education

2017-2016 | MSc in Economics and Business - Government and International Organizations, **Bocconi University**.

Final grade: 110/110. Master thesis: Incentives in educational policies: the effect of Argentina's Ley

Federal de Educacion on enrollment in secondary school

2018–2017 MA in International Economic Policy, **SciencesPo**. Double Degree program.

2013–2016 BSc in Economics and Business, **Bocconi University**. Final grade: 108/110

Research Experience

Oct 2022– Current

Pre-doctoral Research Assistant, Becker Friedman Institute, UChicago (US)

Supervisors: Rachel Glennerster and Anne Karing

- Supporting experimental and survey design of a Randomized Evaluation aimed at understanding the impact of two training programs on increasing vaccination rate and people's ability to identify misinformation.
- Running statistical and econometric analyses on primary data using Stata.

Oct 2020-Jul 2022

Research Assistant, Bocconi University (LEAP) Milan (Italy)

Supervisors: Eliana La Ferrara and Michela Carlana

- Managed the data collection activities of a Tutoring Online Project aimed at helping disadvantaged students during distance learning in Italy, supervised a team of 13 Research Assistants and coordinated 800 volunteer tutors.
- Cleaned, processed and ran statistical analysis on collected data using Stata and R.
- Implemented advanced econometric techniques, such as randomization inference and causal forest.

Jul 2019-Jun 2020

Research Coordinator, BRAC University Dhaka (Bangladesh)

Supervisors: Nina Buchmann and Atonu Rabbani

- Worked on a media experiment to reduce Intimate Partner Violence in rural Bangladesh and developed a web application using Python, Django and HTML to implement a behavioural experiment.
- Produced summary statistics on collected data using Stata.

Sep 2018–Jun 2019

Consulting Associate, Charles River Associate International Brussels (Belgium)

• Conducted empirical economic analysis on competition-related cases such as litigations, mergers, cartels and damage estimation with the use of Stata.

Apr 2018-Sep 2018

Institute of Latin American Studies, Sorbonne University Paris (France)

• Research assistant for Prof. V. Chiodi (Sorbonne University and SciencesPo). Drafted an official World Bank report to assess the potential of Agriculture in Equatorial Guinea.

Publications

Carlana, Michela, Gaia Gaudenzi, and Eliana La Ferrara. "Italy: Tutoring Online Program (TOP): A Successful Global Experience." *Inter-American Development Bank, September 2023.* Access the paper here

Leveraging pro-social behavior to tackle educational poverty: some takeaways and future perspectives. Laboratory for Effective Anti-Poverty Policies Blog. Access the blog post here

Research Grants

LEAP Student Grant for the solo-authored project "Shifting your mind: reducing stress and anxiety among university students in Italy." — 4,000 euros

Professional skills

Proficient user of Stata, SurveyCTO, Qualtrics, oTree and LaTeX. Intermediate user of R, Python, Django, HTML and GitHub. Completed the DIME MSIES course (2021).

Languages

Italian mother tongue. Fluent in English, French and Spanish. Fair knowledge of Portuguese. Basic knowledge of Russian.