

# Gaia Gaudenzi

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## Experience

Oct 2022– Current	<b>Pre-doctoral Research Assistant, Becker Friedman Institute, UChicago <i>Chicago (US)</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Worked with <b>R. Glennerster</b> (UChicago), <b>A. Karing</b> (UChicago) and <b>S. Horn</b> (UChicago) on a program aimed at increasing vaccination rate and teaching people's ability to spot information.</li><li>• Coded the survey instruments for data collection on SurveyCTO and managed all the pilot data collection activities, supervising a team of 3 people in Sierra Leone.</li><li>• Cleaned, processed and conducted preliminary analyses on collected data using Stata.</li><li>• Drafted summary statistics and regression output for the academic paper in LaTeX.</li></ul>
Oct 2020–Jul 2022	<b>Research Assistant and Project Manager, Bocconi University (LEAP) <i>Milan (Italy)</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Worked with <b>E. La Ferrara</b> (Bocconi) and <b>M. Carlana</b> (Harvard HKS) on a Tutoring Online Project aimed at helping disadvantaged students during distance learning in Italy.</li><li>• Coded the survey instruments for baseline and endline data collection using Qualtrics and managed all the data collection activities, supervising a team of 13 Research Assistants.</li><li>• Monitored the implementation of the program (November-May), coordinating 800 volunteer tutors.</li><li>• Cleaned, processed and conducted preliminary analyses on collected data using Stata and R.</li><li>• Drafted summary statistics and regression output for the academic paper in LaTeX.</li><li>• Conducted a literature review on education inequality, gender and race stereotypes, and de-biasing interventions in the field of education and employment.</li><li>• Currently working on applied machine learning techniques on a large administrative dataset to make predictions on educational outcomes based on observable characteristics.</li></ul>
Jul 2019–Jun 2020	<b>Research Coordinator, BRAC University <i>Dhaka (Bangladesh)</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Worked with <b>N. Buchmann</b> (PhD Candidate, Stanford University), and <b>A. Rabbani</b> (BRAC University and University of Dhaka) on a media experiment to reduce Intimate Partner Violence in rural Bangladesh.</li><li>• Developed the survey instruments in SurveyCTO and a web application using Python, Django and HTML to implement a behavioural experiment in rural Bangladesh.</li><li>• Coded the High Frequency Checks and supervised a team of 5 people during the data collection.</li><li>• Cleaned, processed and conducted analyses on data using Stata.</li><li>• Managed relationships with local stakeholders, wrote donor reports and supported the PIs in writing grant proposals.</li><li>• Conducted a literature review on types of intervention conducted in developing countries to reduce domestic and intimate partner violence.</li></ul>
Sep 2018–Jun 2019	<b>Consulting Associate, Charles River Associate International <i>Brussels (Belgium)</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Conducted empirical economic analysis on competition-related cases such as litigations, mergers, cartels and damage estimation with the use of Stata.</li></ul>
Apr 2018–Sep 2018	<b>Institute of Latin American Studies, Sorbonne University <i>Paris (France)</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Research assistant for <b>V. Chiodi</b> (Sorbonne University and SciencesPo). Drafted an official World Bank report to assess the potential of Agriculture in Equatorial Guinea.</li></ul>
Jun 2016–Aug 2016	<b>Nous Connectar <i>Phnom Penh (Cambodia)</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Created a database for the microfinance market in Cambodia containing (a) financial analysis of potential client companies, (b) business potential and solvency, (c) assessment of idiosyncratic risk.</li></ul>

## Publications

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

## 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

## Education

2017–2016 MSc in Economics and Management of Government and International Organizations, **Bocconi University**. Final grade: 110/110  
2018–2017 MA in International Economic Policy, **SciencesPo**. Double Degree program.  
2013–2016 BSc in Economics and Management, **Bocconi University**. Final grade: 108/110

## 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**.

## Volunteering and interests

**Niños de Guatemala** Worked as a volunteer to raise funds for educational projects for poor children in Guatemala. Organised fundraising parties of up to 400 people raising more than 2000 euros in tickets sold.

**Hobbies** **Photography** [Click here to see my portfolio](#) , **Gardening**.