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Research Interests & Methods

Economics of Migration; Development Economics; Political Economy; Structural Econometrics; RCTs.

Positions & Affiliations

Università di Padova
Postdoctoral researcher (Assegnista di Ricerca)

February 2022–

Free University of Bolzano Bozen
Postdoctoral researcher (Assegnista di Ricerca)

February 2021–February 2022

Laboratory for Effective Anti-Poverty Policies
Student Affiliate

October 2018–

Education

Bocconi University
Ph.D. Candidate/Ph.D. Fellow

September 2015–August 2021

Bocconi University
Milan, Italy
Ph.D. in Economics
Advisor: Jérôme Adda

January 2021

Yale University
New Haven, USA
Visiting Assistant in Research
Contact: Joseph Altonji

Spring 2018

Ca' Foscari University
Venice, Italy
Laurea, Economics and Management, 110 *cum laude*
Advisor: Giacomo Pasini

April 2015

Georgia State University
Atlanta, USA
B.S., Economics, Minor in Sociology, *Summa cum Laude*

January 2015

Research

Working papers

Rescue on Stage: Border Enforcement and Public Attention in the Mediterranean Sea
[\[Link to draft on Dropbox\]](#) [\[Link to WB Development Impact blog post\]](#)

Third Party Interest, Resource Value, and the Likelihood of Conflict
Joint with Matteo Bizzarri and Riccardo Franceschin
[\[Link to CSEF WP\]](#)

Fueling Organized Crime: Oil Thefts and the Mexican Drug War
Joint with Gianmarco Daniele, Marco Le Moglie, and Paolo Pinotti
[\[Link to SSRN WP\]](#)

Work in progress

Informing Risky Migration: Experimental Evidence from Guinea
Joint with Lucia Corno and Eliana La Ferrara

The Mediterranean Media Diet: News Events, Political Messages, and Intentions to Vote in Italy
Joint with Federico Boffa, Eugenio Levi, and Steven Stillman

Awards and Scholarships

Scholarship for most promising Bocconi PhD Candidates Fondazione Romeo ed Enrica Invernizzi	<i>September 2019–August 2021</i>
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Fully Funded PhD Scholarship Bocconi University	<i>September 2015–August 2019</i>
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Roberto Franceschi Research Funds Fondazione Roberto Franceschi	<i>January 2018</i>
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Netspar Bachelor Thesis Award Netspar	<i>January 2016</i>
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Erasmus+ Scholarship EU	<i>September 2014–January 2015</i>
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Atlantis Programme Scholarship EU and USA	<i>August 2013–August 2014</i>
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President's List of Georgia State University GSU	<i>Fall 2013–Summer 2014</i>
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Refereeing

American Economic Review, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economic Studies, International Migration.

Conferences & Workshops

(upcoming) Africa Meeting of the Econometric Society Spring (online); *(upcoming)* BSE Summer Forum Migration, Barcelona; *(upcoming)* Novafrica Conference on Economic Development, Lisbon; *(upcoming)* Annual Conference of the International Society of Political Psychology, Athens; *(upcoming)* Measuring Migration Network (online); *(upcoming)* Chicago/LSE Crime Conference, London; *(upcoming)* CEPR/Misum/SITE Development Economics Conference, Stockholm. 2022

Spring Meeting of Young Economists (online). 2021

EALE SOLE AASLE World Conference (online); Econometric Society World Congress (online); Virtual PhD Conference at Bocconi, organized and presented (online). 2020

Forced Displacement, Asylum Seekers and Refugees: Economic Aspects and Policy Issues, COMPAS and QMUL (London, UK); 5th Workshop on the Economics of Migration, LISER, (Esch-Belval, Luxembourg); Development and Political Economy SF Bay Area (Stanford, USA); 12th International Conference on Migration and Development, AFD and WB (Madrid, Spain); Workshop on Political Economy, UNIBZ (Brunico, Italy); Oxford Development Workshop, CSAE (Oxford, UK). 2019

13th National Conference of the Italian Health Economists' Association (AIES) (Bologna, Italy). 2016

Invited Seminars & Workshops

Junior Economics Seminar, UNIL (Lausanne, Switzerland); Junior Economics Seminar, Università Bicocca (Milan, Italy); invited class in the PhD Course 'The Political Economy of Populism,' Sapienza University of Rome. 2022

Conference on the Political Economy of Power Relations (Milan, Italy); Economics Seminar at Masaryk University of Brno (online); CLEAN Winter Workshop (Milan, Italy). 2021

Economics seminar at the University of Pavia. 2020

Organized Seminars & Workshops

Virtual PhD Workshop on Migration at Bocconi (online). 2020

Bocconi PhD Students' Informal Seminar Series. 2017-2019

Research Assistantships

Bocconi University Spring 2017
Translation of a Matlab code for an RDD-class estimator in STATA.

Bocconi University September 2017
Evaluation of business proposals by participants of the ADANSONIA project.

Transplant Center of Padua University Summer 2015
Data collection for a research effort about kidney transplant chains.

University of Venice and Transplant Center of Padua University
Data collection and analysis for the project ‘Incorporating Patients’ Preferences in
Kidney Transplant Decision Protocols’ of Ca’ Foscari University and University of
Padova.

Summer 2014

Teaching Experience

Free University of Bolzano-Bozen

Labor Economics (Undergraduate)
Teaching Assistant for Steven Stillman

Fall 2021

Bocconi University

Development Economics (Master)
Teaching Assistant for Eliana La Ferrara, Alfredo Burlando, and Alexia Delfino

Spring 2020-2021

Labor Economics (Master)
Teaching Assistant for Thomas Le Barbanchon, Jérôme Adda, and Tito Boeri

Spring 2017, 2019, 2020

Macroeconomics 2 (PhD)
Teaching Assistant for Antonella Trigari and Luigi Iovino

Fall 2017-2020

Incentive Design and Policy (Undergraduate)
Teaching Assistant for Fausto Panunzi, and Salvatore Piccolo

Spring 2019-2020

Microeconomics (Undergraduate)
Tutor for Fausto Panunzi

Fall 2016-2020

RA Supervision

RA supervision for text classification during the project ‘Rescue on Stage: Border Enforcement and Public Attention in the Mediterranean Sea.’

2018-2019

RA supervision for data collection during the project ‘Informing Risky Migration: Experimental Evidence from Guinea.’

2018-2020

Grant Proposal Writing

Task for an internal funding application at UNIBZ by Federico Boffa, Steven Stillman, and Giacomo De Luca with the project ‘Populism, Competence, and Political Communication.’

2020

Own grant application for Fondazione Franceschi Research Funding with the project ‘Border Enforcement and Rescue Policy in the Central Mediterranean.’

2017

Other Activities

Venice International University: Summer Institute of Ageing
Venice

June 2015

Ca’ Foscari-Harvard Summer School
Venice

June 2013

Université de Versailles-Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines
Paris, France
Erasmus +

Fall 2014

Languages

Italian (native), English (proficient), French (intermediate), Spanish (intermediate).

IT Skills

Python, Stata, Matlab, L^AT_EX, GPU Computing With CUDA.