

# Giacomo Battiston

---

Faculty of Economics and Business  
Free University of Bolzano-Bozen  
Via Cassa di Risparmio, 21  
Bolzano, 39100, Italy

Mail: [gbattiston@unibz.it](mailto:gbattiston@unibz.it)  
Skype: [giacomo.battiston](https://www.skype.com/people/giacomo.battiston)  
[www.giacomobattiston.com](http://www.giacomobattiston.com)

## 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

*September 2019–August 2021*

Fully Funded PhD Scholarship

Bocconi University

*September 2015–August 2019*

Roberto Franceschi Research Funds

Fondazione Roberto Franceschi

*January 2018*

Netspar Bachelor Thesis Award

Netspar

*January 2016*

Erasmus+ Scholarship

EU

*September 2014–January 2015*

Atlantis Programme Scholarship

EU and USA

*August 2013–August 2014*

President's List of Georgia State University

GSU

*Fall 2013–Summer 2014*

## Refereeing

---

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

## Conferences & Workshops

---

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); 5 <sup>th</sup> Workshop on the Economics of Migration, LISER, (Esch-Belval, Luxembourg); Development and Political Economy SF Bay Area (Stanford, USA); 12 <sup>th</sup> 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
13 <sup>th</sup> National Conference of the Italian Health Economists' Association (AIES) (Bologna, Italy).	2016

## Invited Seminars & Workshops

---

(planned) Junior Economics Seminar, UNIL (Lausanne, Switzerland); (planned) Junior Economics Seminar, Università Bicocca (Milan, Italy).	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 Translation of a Matlab code for an RDD-class estimator in STATA.	Spring 2017
Bocconi University Evaluation of business proposals by participants of the ADANSONIA project.	September 2017
Transplant Center of Padua University Data collection for a research effort about kidney transplant chains.	Summer 2015
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) *Fall 2021*  
Teaching Assistant for Steven Stillman

### *Bocconi University*

Development Economics (Master) *Spring 2020-2021*  
Teaching Assistant for Eliana La Ferrara, Alfredo Burlando, and Alexia Delfino

Labor Economics (Master) *Spring 2017, 2019, 2020*  
Teaching Assistant for Thomas Le Barbanchon, Jérôme Adda, and Tito Boeri

Macroeconomics 2 (PhD) *Fall 2017-2020*  
Teaching Assistant for Antonella Trigari and Luigi Iovino

Incentive Design and Policy (Undergraduate) *Spring 2019-2020*  
Teaching Assistant for Fausto Panunzi, and Salvatore Piccolo

Microeconomics (Undergraduate) *Fall 2016-2020*  
Tutor for Fausto Panunzi

## 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 *June 2015*  
Venice

Ca’ Foscari-Harvard Summer School *June 2013*  
Venice

Université de Versailles-Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines *Fall 2014*  
Paris, France  
Erasmus +

## Languages

---

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

## IT Skills

---

Python, Stata, Matlab, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, GPU Computing With CUDA.