

# Giacomo Battiston

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## Research Interests & Methods

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

## Positions & Affiliations

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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

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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

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### *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

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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

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

## Conferences & Workshops

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

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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

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

Bocconi PhD Students' Informal Seminar Series. 2017-2019

## Research Assistantships

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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

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### ***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

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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

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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

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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**

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

## **IT Skills**

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