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Research Interests & Methods

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

Current Positions & Affiliations

Free University of Bolzano Bozen

February 2021-February 2022

Postdoctoral researcher (Assegnista di Ricerca)

Laboratory for Effective Anti-Poverty Policies Student Affiliate October 2018-

January 2021

Education

Bocconi University

Ph.D. Candidate/Ph.D. Fellow

September 2015-August 2021

Bocconi University

Milan, Italy Ph.D. in Economics

Ph.D. in Economics Adivsor: Jérôme Adda

Yale University Spring 2018

New Haven, USA

Visiting Assistant in Research

Contact: Joseph Altonji

Ca' Foscari University

April 2015

Venice, Italy

Laurea, Economics and Management, 110 cum laude

Advisor: Giacomo Pasini

Georgia State University January 2015

Atlanta, USA

B.S., Economics, Minor in Sociology, Summa cum Laude

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 |
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| 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); Vrtual PhD Conference at Bocconi, organized and presented (online).

2020

| Forced Displacement, Asylum Seekers and Refugees: Economic Aspects and Policy sues, COMPAS and QMUL (London, UK); 5 th Workshop on the Economics of Mig tion, LISER, (Esch-Belval, Luxembourg); Development and Political Economy SF Bay A (Stanford, USA); 12 th International Conference on Migration and Development, AFD a WB (Madrid, Spain); Workshop on Political Economy, UNIBZ (Brunico, Italy); Oxfo Development Workshop, CSAE (Oxford, UK). | gra- .rea and |
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| 13^{th} National Conference of the Italian Health Economists' Association (AIES) (Bolog Italy). | gna, 2016 |
| Invited Seminars & Workshops | |
| (planned) Junior Economics Seminar, UNIL (Lausanne, Switzerland); (planned) Junior Enomics Seminar, Università Bicocca (Milan, Italy). | Eco- 2022 |
| Conference on the Political Economy of Power Relations (Milan, Italy); Economics Seminat Masaryk University of Brno (online); CLEAN Winter Workshop (Milan, Italy). | nar 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 |
| Touching Experience | |

Teaching Experience

$Free\ University\ of\ Bolzano-Bozen$

Labor Economics (Undergraduate) Teaching Assistant for Steven Stillman Fall 2021

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) 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

June 2015

Venice

Ca' Foscari-Harvard Summer School

June 2013

Venice

Université de Versaillles-Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines

Fall 2014

Paris, France Erasmus +

Languages

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

IT Skills

Python, Stata, Matlab, LATEX, GPU Computing With CUDA.