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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

CUNEF University

Lecturer, 2025-

Institute of Economic Analysis (CSIC) & Barcelona School of Economics

Postdoctoral Fellow in Economics, 2023-2025

Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona School of Economics

Postdoctoral Fellow in Economics, 2020-2023

EDUCATION

Boston University, Boston, MA

Ph.D. in Economics, 2020

University of Tor Vergata, Rome, Italy

M.Sc. in Economics, 2014

University of Roma Tre, Rome, Italy

B.A. in Political Science, 2012

WORKING PAPERS

“Nation-Building through Transitional Justice,” joint with Thomas Gautier and Daniela Horta Saenz (November 2025).

“Socializing Alone: How Online Homophily Has Undermined Social Cohesion in the US,” joint Ruben Enikolopov, Maria Petrova and David H. Yanagizawa-Drott (November 2025).

“Outmigration and Economic Development: Evidence from the Italian Mass Migration,” joint with Nicola Fontana, Marco Manacorda and Marco Tabellini (October 2025).

“Media and Assimilation: Evidence from the Golden Age of Radio,” (September 2025).

“The Legacy of the Reconquesta on Class Conflict,” joint with Daniel Carrera, Stefano Falcone and Andrea Pop Catalisan (September 2025).

“Regulating Child Labor: Evidence from the US Progressive Era,” joint with James J. Feigenbaum (July 2020).

PUBLICATIONS

“War, Socialism and the Rise of Fascism: An Empirical Exploration,” joint with Daron Acemoglu, Giuseppe De Feo and Giacomo De Luca.

The Quarterly Journal of Economics, Volume 137, Issue 2, May 2022, Pages 1233–1296.

SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS

“Diversity and Conflict in New Democracies,” joint with Silvia Farina, Thomas Gautier and Daniela Horta Saenz.

“Ideology, Conformity and Performance,” joint with Francesco Barilari.

CONFERENCES & SEMINARS (INCLUDING SCHEDULED)

2025:

University of Southern Denmark, CEEH (Munich), Workshop on the Economics and Politics of Migration, Catalan Economic Society Congress, ESPE Naples, Queensland University, University of Melbourne, Monash University, UNSW, SIOE, SPANDE Workshop, University of Barcelona

2024:

BU Development Brown Bag, Barcelona Summer Forum, ASREC, University of Barcelona (brown bag), Universitat Autonoma Barcelona (brown bag), University Pompeu Fabra

2023:

ASSA meetings, Federal Communication Commission, SITES, Neudc Harvard, Spanish Economic Association

2022:

University of Bayreuth, Universitat Autonoma Barcelona, Northwestern University Econ History Internal Seminar, Echo Workshop (London), University of Stellenbosch, ASREC (London), University of Naples-Parthenope

2021:

ASSA meetings, Bocconi Political Economy Reading Group, University of Milan-Bicocca, Economic History Association, University of Barcelona

2020:

University of St Andrews, Universita degli Studi di Padova, ENS de Lyon, University of Basel, NERA

2019:

Social Science History Association Annual Meetings, Harvard Economic History Workshop, Stanford Economic History Workshop, Economic History Association, European Historical Economics Society, Economic History Association at UdeSA, Harvard Economic History Workshop

2018:

Italian Economic History Association Meetings (ASE), World Economic History Congress, Harvard Economic History Workshop, Summer School on Socioeconomic Inequality

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

ICREA 2025 Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings	2025
Best Paper Award, SITES conference	2023
STEG CEPR SRG	2021
UNU-WIDER Grant	2021
Manuel Abdala Gift Grant, Boston University	2020
Institute for Economic Development Research Grant, Boston University	2018
Economics Department Summer Research Grant, Boston University	2017
Economic History Association Exploratory Travel Grant	2017

TEACHING

Cunef University, International Political Economy (Undergraduate)

2025

Boston University, Department of Economics:
EC 204 Empirical Economics 2019
EC 204 Empirical Economics 2018

PROFESSIONAL
ACTIVITIES

Referee: *Quarterly Journal of Economics, Journal of the European Economic Association, AEJ: Applied Economics, Economic Journal, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Development Economics, Explorations in Economic History, Journal of Economic History, Journal of Comparative Economics, PLOS one, Social History*

Discussant: *AEA (2021), NEUDC (2023), BSE Summer Forum (2024)*