Eni Iljazi

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EDUCATION

Harvard University – Visiting Student SUMMER 2023

- Linear Algebra and Differential Equations **(A)**

Yale University – Visiting Student 2021 - 2022

- Real Analysis **(A)**
- Empirical Economics and Public Policy (*audited* Ph.D. Economics 2nd year field course)

London School of Economics and Political Science – MSc Economics 2018 - 2019
with Merit

- Econometrics (*Distinction*) | Microeconomics | Macroeconomics | Political Economy

University of California Berkeley – Study Abroad Programme 2016 - 2017
GPA 3.7

- Urban Economics | Development Economics | Property and Liberty | Comparative Constitutional Law

Utrecht School of Economics – BSc Economics (Honours) 2014 - 2017
GPA 4.0 , Cum Laude Distinction, Dean's List

- Major: Economics
- Minor: Law

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Associate – Development Data Lab (DDL) 2022 - 2024

Principal Investigators: Prof. Paul Novosad & Prof. Sam Asher

Joint appointment at the World Bank and Imperial College London

- Co-authored a paper investigating access to opportunity by studying the parental backgrounds of Nobel laureates in the sciences, leveraging hand-collected biographical information supplemented with IPUMS census data. Led data build, analyzed income and education rankings by gender and region, and wrote the first draft of the paper.
- Produced extensive results to address referee comments for a study of judicial in-group bias in Indian courts. Working with a dataset of 23 million criminal case records, I wrote custom packages to map sections to crime categories, tested for judge/lawyer balance, and ran regressions on acquittal rates following religious riots.
- Contributed to the creation and quality assessment of SHRUG 2.0 - a high-resolution open-access repository for Indian data - by collecting, cleaning, and linking new datasets and validating existing ones using QGIS and Python.
- Integrated household income and expenditure survey data to extend analyses on inter-generational mobility in South Asia and estimated inequality of opportunity measures in Bangladesh.

Predoctoral Fellow - Yale University Tobin Center for Economic Policy 2021 - 2022

Principal Investigator: Prof. Ian Ayres

- Co-authored a paper on political dynastic effects leveraging variation in term limits across U.S. state house and senate legislatures.
- Developed an algorithm (Python and R) to perform string matching detecting similar last names using data from 125,000 elections for the 1960 – 2010 time period.
- Led a multi-arm RCT on sunk opportunity costs and reactive incentives. Recruited participants, stratified randomization, and conducted primary data collection.
- Harmonized NYC Department of Education datasets for a project analyzing teacher heterogeneity for grades 3-8. Constructed student-teacher linkages, standardized grades across cohorts, and estimated teacher value-added measures from individual-level test scores.
- Supervised a team of 6 research assistants collecting data on 401(k) plans for a project investigating retirement funds misallocation.

Working Papers

- Who becomes a Nobel Prize winner? (joint with Paul Novosad and Sam Asher)

- Term Limits, Nepotistic Tendencies, and Dynastic Effects: Observations from U.S. State Legislature Elections (joint with Ian Ayres and Paolo Tamase)

Single Authored Papers

- Bargaining with Asymmetric Information: An Analysis of Plea Deals in the Presence of Racial Discrimination (LSE MSc Dissertation, 2019)

- An Empirical Study of Interest Rate Pass-Through Under a Negative Rate Regime (USE BSc Dissertation, 2017)

- The Effects of the Private Prison Industrial Complex on Urban Blight and Immigration Reform (UC Berkeley Urban Economics Capstone, 2017)

Teaching

London School of Economics and Political Science   2020 - 2021

Graduate Teaching Assistant – Statistics Department   *(Teaching Award 2021)*

- Statistical Theory

- Quantitative Methods

Oxford University   2020 - 2021

Graduate Teaching Assistant – Saïd Business School

- Corporate Finance

University College London (UCL)   2020 - 2021

Graduate Teaching Assistant – Economics Department

- International Trade

Conferences

Oxford University – Mathematical Institute Summer School   2021
Lectures in Economic Networks

Macroeconomics Annual Policy Symposium – Utrecht University   2017
Panelist with the Vice President of the European Central Bank (ECB) and Principal Organizer

EU Commission Financial and Institutional Reforms for an Entrepreneurial Society (FIRES) Project   2016
Produced reports on policy round-table discussions for relevant stakeholders and media participants

Software

STATA | Python | R | LaTeX | Bash Script | Jupyter Notebook | QGIS | Emacs | Markdown

Languages

Albanian | English | Italian | Spanish | French