

Jan Mazza

Via delle Fontanelle, 18 | (+39) 3394642168
50014 Fiesole, Florence | jan.mazza@gmail.com
Italy | www.janmazza.com

Education

- 08/2019 – PhD in Economics
EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE
- First supervisor: Professor Ramon Marimon
 - Second supervisor: Professor Thomas Crossley
 - Research interests: structural economics, household finance, macro-finance, political economy, text analysis
- 01/2022 – 06/2022 Visiting Researcher (European Doctoral Program in Quantitative Economics)
POMPEU FABRA UNIVERSITY
- 08/2019 – 07/2020 MRes in Economics
EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE
- 08/2016 – 12/2017 MSc in Economics and Philosophy
LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE
Merit
- Dissertation: *The Hypothesis of the Extended Mind and its Implications for the Distinction between Person and Property*
- 09/2014 – 07/2016 Master's Degree in Economics
UNIVERSITY OF BOLOGNA
Summa cum laude (110/110 L)
- Dissertation: *The Italian Job(s): Computerisation and the Future of Italian Employment*
 - Erasmus Exchange at LUDWIG-MAXIMILIÄNS UNIVERSITY OF MUNICH (03/2016 – 07/2016)
- 09/2011 – 07/2014 Bachelor's Degree in Economics, Markets and Institutions
UNIVERSITY OF BOLOGNA
Summa cum laude (110/110 L)
- Dissertation: *"Capital in the Twenty-First Century by Thomas Piketty": a Quantitative Analysis of Past, Present and Future Inequalities*
 - Erasmus Exchange at UNIVERSITÉ PANTHÉON-ASSAS PARIS-2 (10/2012 – 02/2013)
-

Working Papers

- 2022
- *Does the feedback of blood results in observational studies influence response and consent? A randomised study of the Understanding Society Innovation Panel*, with Michaela Benzeval, Alexandria Andrayas, Tarek Al Baghal, Jonathon Burton, Thomas F. Crossley and Meena Kumari, submitted to BMC Medical Research Methodology

Work in progress

- 2022
- *Inheritance expectations and youths' educational choices in Italy*
- Italy exhibits an increasingly old population and substantial wealth, whose distribution is skewed towards the elderly. Coupled with dismal economic growth, this has translated into a growing flow of bequests over household disposable income. At the same time, both Italian higher education rate and the associated skill-premium are among the lowest of advanced economies. Could inheritance expectations play a role in youths' educational choices, thereby affecting the degree of intergenerational persistence in wealth and income? I first investigate

this empirically, relying on the Survey on Household Income and Wealth (SHIW) by the Bank of Italy. I document how expecting an inheritance, even after controlling for many relevant variables at household and individual level, is associated with higher likelihood of attending university. Individuals aged 18-25 expecting an inheritance are some 20 percentage points (approximately 50%) more likely to pursue higher education. Expected housing wealth appears to be the driver of this conditional association. These findings survive a series of robustness checks. I then propose a toy-model to illustrate one of the possible mechanisms through which expected inheritance might increase the likelihood of attending university, namely uncertain returns to education. The last, tentative, part presents a quantitative model aimed at studying some counterfactual scenarios and establishing the relevance of the different channels at play.

- 2021
- *Unconventional monetary policy communication*, with Andrej Mijakovic
- Central bank communication has numerous facets. This paper studies the role of official speeches by central bank representatives for financial market outcomes. First, we uncover the main themes discussed by central bankers combining unsupervised machine learning techniques with data on the entire universe of speeches given by Executive Board Members of the European Central Bank since 1999. Second, we find that central bank speeches convey important information about the central bank's perceived reaction function. Asset prices respond strongly to the content revealed in speeches, suggesting a novel channel through which central banks can influence market expectations.
- 2022
- *Classical and non-classical measurement errors in blood pressure measures from Understanding Society: an estimation*, with Thomas F. Crossley

Policy Publications

- 2019
- *Added value in Cohesion Policy: Learning from the programme characteristics that produce the best results*, with Zsolt Darvas, Antoine Mathieu-Collin and Catarina Midoes, prepared for the Regional Development Committee (REGI) of the European Parliament, 2019
- 2018
- *A monetary policy framework for the ECB to deal with uncertainty*, with Gregory Claeys and Maria Demertzis, Bruegel Policy Contribution No 2018/21, prepared for the Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee (ECON) of the European Parliament, 2018

Teaching Experience

- 01/2023 – 04/2023 Teaching Assistant
SCHOOL OF TRANSNATIONAL GOVERNANCE (EUI)
- Assisted in designing and delivering *Economics II: Macro and International Economics* taught by professor Georgios Papakonstantinou, compulsory module for 1st year Master's students
- 09/2022 – 01/2023 Teaching Assistant
SCHOOL OF TRANSNATIONAL GOVERNANCE (EUI)
- Assisted in designing and delivering the *Crisis Seminar* taught by professor Georgios Papakonstantinou, elective module for 2nd year Master's students
- 09/2022 Teaching Associate
SCHOOL OF TRANSNATIONAL GOVERNANCE (EUI)
- Prepared and taught a 12-hour crash course on *Data for Policy Analysis*, mandatory course for 1st year Master's students
- 09/2021 – 01/2022 Teaching Assistant
SCHOOL OF TRANSNATIONAL GOVERNANCE (EUI)
- Assisted in designing and delivering the *Crisis Seminar* taught by professor Georgios Papakonstantinou, elective module for 2nd year Master's students

Professional Experience

- 10/2021 – 02/2022 Academic Collaborator
ROBERT SCHUMAN CENTRE FOR ADVANCED STUDIES (EUI)

- Tasked with maintenance and improvement of EUI COVID19 Metadata portal under the supervision of professor David Levine
- 01/2021 – 12/2021 Research Assistant
EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE
- Assisted professor Thomas Crossley in analysing health data from UK *Understanding Society*
- 08/2018 – 07/2019 Research Assistant
BRUEGEL
- Published policy contributions on monetary policy and cohesion policies for different committees of the European Parliament
 - Authored and co-authored blog posts, translated in Italian (*lavoce.info*) and German (*makronom.de*) and quoted by the Financial Times
 - Full list of contributions: <https://www.bruegel.org/author/jan-mazza/>
- 04/2018 – 07/2018 Intern in EU Public Affairs
ASSONIME (Association of Italian Joint Stock Companies)
- Monitored EU legislative procedures and media releases (in particular in the fields of company law, taxation, financial services)
- 10/2017 – 02/2018 Blue Book Trainee
EUROPEAN COMMISSION - DG BUDGET
Unit B1 (Multi-annual financial framework) and B4 (Revenue policy and Control of other own resources)
- Prepared original quantitative and qualitative contributions for high-level meetings on new potential own resources for the EU budget
 - Drafted articles featured in scientific reviews concerning the post-2020 Multi-annual Financial Framework

Achievements

- | | |
|------|--|
| 2015 | Recipient of ERASMUS+ EXCHANGE PROGRAMME scholarship |
| 2012 | Recipient of University of Bologna scholarship awarded for ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE in 2012 (among the best students of the University) |
| 2012 | Recipient of ERASMUS EXCHANGE PROGRAMME scholarship |
-

Language and IT skills, certificates

- | | |
|-----------|--|
| Languages | ITALIAN (native), ENGLISH, FRENCH, SPANISH (fluent) |
| Software | MICROSOFT OFFICE, STATA, R, JULIA, L ^A T _E X: advanced
PYTHON, MATLAB: proficient |
| GRE | Quantitative reasoning: 170/170 |