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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

**University of Bologna**, Associate Professor of Economics, 2023 –

**University of Bologna**, Assistant Professor of Economics, 2021 - 2023

**New York University Abu Dhabi**, Assistant Professor of Economic History, 2016 - 2021

**European University Institute**, Max Weber Fellow, 2015 - 2016

## EDUCATION

**California Institute of Technology**, PhD, Social Science, 2010–2015

**City University, London**, PG Diploma, Economics of Competition and Regulation, 2008–2013

**University of Cambridge**, MA (Cantab), Economics, 2002–2005

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Primary: Economic history, political economy, behavioral economics.

Secondary: Public finance, public economics, applied microeconomics, urban economics.

## PUBLICATIONS IN PEER REVIEWED JOURNALS

“Looming Large or Seeming Small? Attitudes Towards Losses in a Representative Sample”, with Erik Snowberg, Colin Camerer, and Stephanie Wang, *The Review of Economic Studies* (2025) 92(5).

“Gradual Franchise Extensions and Government Spending in Nineteenth-Century England”, *The Journal of Politics* (2024) 86(1).

“Econographics”, with Colin Camerer, Mark Dean, Pietro Ortoleva and Erik Snowberg, *Journal of Political Economy: Microeconomics* (2023) 1(1).

“Interest Rates, Sanitation Infrastructure, and Mortality Decline in Nineteenth-Century England and Wales”, *Journal of Economic History* (2022) 82(1).

“Saving Face Through Preference Signaling and Obligation Avoidance”, with Matthew Chao, *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization* (2020) 176.

“The contribution of infrastructure investment to mortality decline: evidence from England and Wales, 1861-1900”, *Economic History Review* (2019) 72(1).

- Winner of T.S. Ashton Prize for best article by a junior scholar.

“Democratic Reform and Opposition to Government Expenditure: Evidence from Nineteenth-Century Britain”, *Quarterly Journal of Political Science* (2018) 13(4).

## WORKING PAPERS

“Democracy, Redistribution, and Inequality: Evidence from the English Poor Law”, Conditionally Accepted at *Journal of the European Economic Association*.

“Justices of the Peace: Legal Foundations of the Industrial Revolution”, with Tim Besley, Dan Bogart and Nuno Palma.

“State Capacity and the (In)Effectiveness of Medical Technology: The Difficult Path to Safe and Reliable Vaccination in Victorian Britain”.

“Preference Elicitation: Common Methods and Potential Pitfalls”, Forthcoming in the *Handbook of Experimental Methodology, Vol I.* with Geoffrey Fisher.

“Dynamically Optimized Sequential Experimentation (DOSE) for Estimating Economic Preference Parameters”, with Erik Snowberg, Colin Camerer, and Stephanie Wang. NBER Working Paper 33013.

“Reassessing Qualitative Self-Assessments and Experimental Validation”, with Pietro Ortoleva, Erik Snowberg, Leeat Yariv, and Colin Camerer. NBER Working Paper 33520.

“Willingness-to-Accept, Willingness-to-Pay, and Loss Aversion”, with Mark Dean, Pietro Ortoleva, Erik Snowberg, and Colin Camerer. NBER Working Paper 30836.

## WORK IN PROGRESS

“The Historical Development of Fiscal and Legal Capacity in England and Wales”, with Tim Besley, Dan Bogart and Nuno Palma.

“Inequality and Welfare Expenditure: Evidence from the New Poor Law”.

“Time Stability of Econographics”, with Colin Camerer, Pietro Ortoleva and Erik Snowberg.

“International Econographics”, with Colin Camerer, Salvatore Nunnari, Pietro Ortoleva, and Erik Snowberg.

“Econographics and Political Behavior”, with Colin Camerer, Pietro Ortoleva and Erik Snowberg.

“Democratization and the Development of the British Local Newspaper Industry”, with Cyril Thomson.

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Book Review of *The Rise of a Victorian Ironopolis: Middlesbrough and Regional Industrialization*. By Minoru Yasumoto. Woodbridge: Boydell, 2011. Journal of Economic History, September 2013.

Book Review of *The River Pollution Dilemma in Victorian England: Nuisance Law Versus Economic Efficiency*. By Leslie Rosenthal. Farnham: Ashgate, 2014. Australian Economic History Review, November 2015.

*An Economic Impact Assessment of the CCPMO*, with Gavan Conlon and Patrice Muller (London: London Economics, 2008).

## DATASETS

Municipal Borough and Urban Sanitary Authority Financial Accounts, 1872-1910. Hosted by the UK Data Service, 10.5255/UKDA-SN-856646 [Link](#)

## GRANTS

2023: PRIN Voting mechanisms, socio-economic contextual factors, and electoral outcomes (PI), with Graziella Bertocchi, Tommaso Colussi, Giorgio Bellettini, Carlotta Berti Ceroni, Martin Gonzalez-Eiras, Giovanni Prarolo.

2018: NYUAD Research Enhancement Fund, How do states become strong? The historical development of fiscal and legal capacity in England and Wales, with Tim Besley and Nuno Palma.

2013-2016: INET History Project, Democratization, mortality and the provision of local public

goods in England.

2014-2015: National Science Foundation Award 1357995, Doctoral Dissertation Research in Economics: Public Funding of Sanitation Infrastructure: An analysis of Voter Behavior and Health Outcomes, with Philip T. Hoffman.

## **FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**

2025: Awarded *Abilitazione* for rank of Full Professor, Sector 13/A1. 2020: Winner of T.S. Ashton Prize for best article by a junior scholar in the *Economic History Review*.

2014-15: JIN Fellow, Institute for Humane Studies Fellowship Program.

2014: Fee Waiver Scholarship, MPSA Annual Conference.

2013: John Ledyard Prize for best Third Year Paper, California Institute of Technology.

## TEACHING

*University of Bologna*

“Introduction to Economics”, 2022–.

“Social Norms, Culture, and Economic Decision-Making”, 2022–.

“Industrial Organization”, 2023–.

“Workshop: Building Empirical Case Studies in Health Economics”, 2023–.

*New York University Abu Dhabi*

“Global Economic, Political and Social Development since 1500”, 2016–2021.

“Introduction to Game Theory”, 2016.

“Statistics for the Social and Behavioral Sciences”, 2016.

## UNIVERSITY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

*University of Bologna*

Department of Economics Search Committee 2022-2023.

Member of Commission for DSE call “Advances in economics” - Rep. n. 167/2022 Prot. n. 1677 of 21/12/2022.

Convener of Internal Seminar 2024–

Organizer of Economic History Reading Group 2022–

Master Thesis Coordinator, HEMAP, 2023–2024. Erasmus Coordinator, HEMAP, 2025–. Internships Coordinator, HEMAP, 2025–.

*New York University Abu Dhabi:*

Economic History Search Committee (2016–17, 2017–18, 2018–19).

*Economic History Society:*

Elected Member of Council 2023–2028

New Researcher Poster Prize Committee 2024, 2025.

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Referee: *American Economic Review*, *Econometrica*, *Journal of Political Economy*, *JPE: Micro*, *The Economic Journal*, *Journal of Economic History*, *AEJ: Micro*, *Games and Economic Behavior*, *American Political Science Review*, *European Economic Review*, *Journal of the Economic Science Association*, *Management Science*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Economic History Review*, *Euro-*

*pean Review of Economic History, Economica, Journal of Economic Surveys, Journal of Institutional Economics, Journal of Risk and Uncertainty, Journal of Politics, Quarterly Journal of Political Science, Science, BMC Cancer, The History of the Family, International Journal of Development Issues.*

Workshop and conference organization: “Economic History Workshop” (NYUAD, 2020), “Historical Political Economy” (NYUAD, 2019), “The Political Economy of Regulation” (EUI, 2016), Quantitative Methods Working Group (EUI, 2016) including “Introduction to Text Analysis” (by Pablo Barberá), “Online surveys” (by Thomas Leeper), “Data Visualization” (by Richard Traummüller).

Discussant / Chair: American Economic Association (2019), Midwest Political Science Association (2017); World Congress of Cliometrics (2017), European Political Science Association (2016, 2022), Associazione per la Storia Economica (2022), Economic History Society (2023, 2024, 2025).

## CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

University of Ghent (2025); Purdue University (2025); Associazione per la Storia Economica (2019, 2023, 2025); European Society for Historical Demography (2025); Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics (2015, 2025); Virtual Conference in HPE (2025); Decision: Theory, Experiments, and Applications (2019, 2025); International Macro History Online Seminar (2025); ROBO Political Economy Workshop (2025); Workshop on Frontiers in Measurement and Survey Methods, Naples (Naples); CEPR Economic History Symposium (2022, 2025); CEPR Workshop on Public Health Interventions (2025); CEPR Applied Micro-Economic History Workshop (2025); University of Rome, Tor Vergata (2024); University of Warwick (2024); University of Bath (2024); University of Cambridge (2024); California Institute of Technology (2023); Virtual Historical Political Economy Seminar Series (2024); Economic History Society (2016, 2019, 2021, 2022, 2024); American Economic Association (2018, 2020, 2022, 2023); University of Southern Denmark Historical Economics and Development Group (2023, 2017); University of Manchester (2022); University of Basel (2022); Bocconi Economic History Workshop (2022); SDU Historical Political Economy Workshop (2022); University of Southern Denmark (2021); NYU Abu Dhabi (2021); Korea University (2021); University of California, Davis (2021); University of Essex (2021); New Economic School (2021); Higher School of Economics (2020); University of Bologna (2020); Winter Meetings of the Econometric Society (2020); Higher School of Economics (2020); Annual Meeting of the Danish Society for Economic and Social History (2020); American Economic Association (2018, 2020); Virginia Tech (2019); IMEBESS (2019); European Political Science Association (2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020,

2022); American Political Science Association (2019); NYUAD Historical Political Economy Conference (2019); NYUAD Experimental Economics Workshop (2019); Asia-Pacific Economic Science Association (2019); EUI Max Weber Fellows Social Sciences Conference (2016, 2018, 2022); Economic and Social History Society of Ireland (2018); Economic History Association (2018); World Economic History Congress (2018), New Economic School (2018); EUI Alumni Conference (2017, 2022); Economic Business History Society (2017, 2018, 2021); Midwest Political Science Association (2014, 2017); World Congress of Cliometrics (2017); California Institute of Technology (2019); Labour Markets and Living Standards in Britain, 1870-1960 (University of Essex) (2017); Winter Experimental Social Sciences Institute, NYUAD (2017); Joint Quantitative Political Science Conference for Asia and Australasia (2017); NYU/CEPR/CAGE Economic History Conference (2016); University of Florence (2016); Paris School of Economics (2015); Stanford GSB (2015); UC Berkeley (2015); Middlebury College (2015); Monash (2015); Australian National University (2015); NYU Abu Dhabi (2015); All-UC Economic History Group Graduate Student Workshop, (2013, 2014); Economic History Association (poster, 2014)

## **PRESS COVERAGE**

2023: Long-Run Health Matters [Link](#).

2019: Unherd [Link](#).

2018: The Economist [Link](#).

2015: Marginal Revolution. [Link](#).

## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Senior Economic Consultant, London Economics, 2006-2010

Analyst, Mergers & Acquisitions, Merrill Lynch, 2005-2006