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Italian, Canadian
Married, two children (born in 2020 and 2022)

Positions

2020 – present	Associate Professor of Economics and International Development, McGill University
2022 – 2023	Visiting Scholar, Department of Economics and Business, Universitat Pompeu Fabra
2018	Visiting Assistant Professor, Jackson Institute for Global Affairs, Yale University
2015 – 2020	Assistant Professor of Economics and International Development, McGill University

Affiliations

2023 – present	IZA – Institute for the Study of Labor, Research Fellow
2020 – present	MONT ² – Montreal x Montevideo Econ Lab, Co-Founder and Co-Director
2019 – present	CRaM – Centre for Research and Analysis of Migration, Research Fellow
2018 – present	CEPR – Centre for Economic Policy Research (OE, POE), Research Affiliate
2018 – present	mPHRM – Montreal Partnership for Human Resource Management, Research Partner
2015 – present	CIREQ – Centre Interuniv. de Recherche en Économie Quantitative, Research Fellow
2015 – present	CPD – McGill Centre on Population Dynamics, Associate Member
2015 – 2023	IZA – Institute for the Study of Labor, Research Affiliate

Education

2011 – 2015	Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Ph.D. in Economics, cum laude
2010 – 2011	Universitat Pompeu Fabra, M.Res. in Economics
2009 – 2010	Barcelona Graduate School of Economics, M.Sc. in Economics
2007 – 2009	Università di Bologna, Laurea Magistralis in Economics, cum laude
2004 – 2007	Università degli Studi di Siena, B.Sc. in Economics, cum laude

Research Fields

Development Economics, Labor Economics, Political Economy

I study the private sector in low and middle-income countries and its potential to foster sustainable economic growth and reduce poverty.

Working Papers and Work in Progress

“Selection, Absolute Advantage, and the Agricultural Productivity Gap”
with Francisco Alvarez-Cuadrado and Markus Poschke
Revise and Resubmit, *Journal of Political Economy Macroeconomics*

“Labor Market Power, Self-Employment, and Development”
with Pamela Medina and Monica Morlacco
Revise and Resubmit, *American Economic Review*

“Weather Shocks Affect Trade Policy: Evidence from PTAs”
with Leonardo Baccini, Giorgio Chiovelli and Michele Di Maio
Revise and Resubmit, *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*

“Global Labor Market Power”
with Emanuele Brancati, Peter Brummund, Nicolás de Roux and Michele Di Maio

“The Local (Informal) Multiplier of Industrial Jobs”
with Elia Benveniste, Hoang Pham and Marco Sanfilippo

“Beefing Up: Commodity Exports to China and Production Network Spillovers”
with Giorgio Chiovelli and Serafin Frache

“The Effect of Regularization on Migrant Labor Exploitation”
with Elia Benveniste, Mario Carillo and Marc Riudavets-Barcons

Main Publications

“Trade Liberalization, Economic Activity, and Political Violence in the Global South: Evidence from PTAs”
with Leonardo Baccini, Giorgio Chiovelli and Michele Di Maio
Economic Policy, forthcoming.

“Measuring Labor Market Power in Developing Countries: Evidence from Colombian Plants”
with Nicolás de Roux
Journal of Labor Economics, forthcoming.

“Work Style Diversity and Diffusion Within and Across Organizations: Evidence from Soviet-style Hockey”
with Sam Hoey and Jeremy Schneider
Management Science, 2024, 70(4), 2294-2314

“The Employment Effects of Ethnic Politics”
with Giorgio Chiovelli and Sebastian Hohmann
American Economic Journal: Applied Economics 2024, 16(2), 456-491

“Workplace Incentives and Organizational Learning”
with Miguel A. Martinez-Carrasco
Journal of Labor Economics 2023, 41(2), 453-478

“Agricultural Comparative Advantage and Legislators' Support for Trade Agreements”
with Leonardo Baccini, Giorgio Chiovelli and Michele Di Maio
The Journal of Politics 2022, 84(2), 1244-1249

“Security, Trade, and Political Violence”
with Leonardo Baccini and Michele Di Maio
Journal of the European Economic Association 2021, 19(1), 1-37

“Ethnicity and Violence During Democratic Transitions: Evidence from South Africa”
with Giorgio Chiovelli
Journal of the European Economic Association 2018, 16(4), 1234-1280

“Input Allocation, Workforce Management and Productivity Spillovers: Evidence from Personnel Data”
with Miguel A. Martinez-Carrasco
The Review of Economic Studies 2018, 85(4), 1937-1970

“Making Do With What You Have: Conflict, Input Misallocation and Firm Performance”
with Michele Di Maio
The Economic Journal 2018, 128(615), 2559-2612

Other Publications

“Bribes vs. Taxes: Market Structure and Incentives”
with Giacomo De Giorgi, Aminur Rahman and Jieun Choi
Journal of Comparative Economics 2022, 50(2), 435-453

“Pre-colonial Ethnic Institutions and Party Politics in Africa”
with Giorgio Chiovelli and Dylan Munson
Journal of Comparative Economics 2022, 50(4), 969-980

“Crime Protection Investment Spillovers: Theory and Evidence from the City of Buenos Aires,”
Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization 2019, 159, 626-649

Professional Activities

Seminars

2024 Duke University, UC San Diego, University of Southern California, Sapienza Università di Roma, Banco de la República de Colombia

2023	Bocconi, LSE, Simon Fraser University, Stockholm University, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Università di Bari, University of British Columbia, University of St. Gallen, Università di Milano-Bicocca, University of Manchester
2022	McMaster University, Università di Bologna, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, CEMFI, EIEF, NCID-University of Navarra
2021	MIT Sloan, Boston University, ENS Lyon, Universidad de Montevideo, LMU-University of Munich, Universidad de Piura
2020	University of Chicago-UCEMA JILAEE, Università di Bologna, Università di Milano
2019	Dalhousie University, Universidad de Los Andes, Brock University, University of Toronto, Carleton University, WZB and Hertie School of Governance, Université Laval
2018	Yale University, GSEM-University of Geneva, Collegio Carlo Alberto, Bocconi University
2017	London Business School, Queen Mary University of London, Boston University, Columbia University, World Bank
2016	University of Ottawa, Université de Montréal, Bocconi
2015	Yale SOM, University College London, European University Institute, University of Zurich, University of Warwick, CEMFI, IZA, Indiana University, McGill University, Bank of Italy, LMU-University of Munich
2014	Università di Bologna, Universitat de Barcelona, Universitat Pompeu Fabra
2013	Universitat Pompeu Fabra
2012	Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Universidad Torcuato Di Tella

Conferences and Workshops

2024	BSE Summer Forum, Advances in Micro Development, Barcelona, Spain Montreal Applied Micro Day, Montreal, QC
2023	GREDI/CREATE/CIREQ PhD Students Workshop (Keynote), Sherbrooke, QC Firms, Labor Markets, and Development Workshop at Collegio Carlo Alberto, Torino, Italy
2021	MEP Seminar - Seminario Microeconomía Aplicada en Perú, Virtual 26th SOLE Annual Meeting, Virtual MONT ² Inaugural Workshop, Virtual Workshop on Politics of Favoritism in Africa and its Economic Implications, Virtual
2020	Economics of Informality Conference, Virtual
2019	EPED Workshop at MIT Sloan, Cambridge, MA BGSE Summer Forum, Economic Analysis of Electoral Politics, Barcelona, Spain Firms, Markets, and Development Workshop at Ortygia Business School, Siracusa, Italy Montreal Workshop on Political Economy of Development, Montreal, QC
2018	PEDL/IGC Conference on Firms and the Private Sector in Low-Income Countries, London, UK Montreal Applied Micro Day, Montreal, QC EPED Workshop at McGill University, Montreal, QC
2017	NEUDC at Tufts University, Medford, MA Commodities, Wellbeing and Institutions Workshop, Guelph, ON Stanford SITE Development Economics Workshop, Stanford, CA Summer School in Development Economics, Prato, Italy BGSE Summer Forum, Advances in Micro Development, Barcelona, Spain EPED Workshop at NYUAD Institute, New York, NY AEA Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL
2016	NEUDC at MIT, Cambridge, MA IPA SME Program 7th Working Group Meeting, New Haven, CT 21st SOLE Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA Montreal Applied Micro Day, Montreal, QC
2015	11th Annual HiCN Workshop, Toronto, ON NBER/BREAD Conference on Economic Development, Cambridge, MA RIDGE/AL CAPONE Workshop on Economics of Crime, Montevideo, Uruguay
2014	NEUDC at Boston University, Boston, MA EALE Conference, Ljubljana, Slovenia Summer School in Development Economics, Ascea (SA), Italy
2013	5th Transatlantic Workshop on the Economics of Crime, Frankfurt, Germany AL CAPONE-CAF-IADB Conference on Crime in Latin America, Philadelphia, PA
2012	8th Annual HiCN Workshop/2nd AMSE Development, Aix-en-Provence, France 9th Young Economists' Workshop on Social Economy, Forlì, Italy

Refereeing

American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics, American Economic Review, American Economic Review: Insights, Canadian Journal of Economics, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Economic Journal, The, Economic Letters, Economic Policy, Econometrica, European Economic Review, International Economic Review, Journal of Comparative Economics, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Development Studies, Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, Journal of Economic Geography, Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Law, Economics and Organization, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Public Economics, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economic Studies, Review of Economics and Statistics, Strategic Management Journal, The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy, World Bank Economic Review

Seminars, Workshop and Conference Co-Organizer

2024	Production Networks, Trade, and Development Workshop at McGill University
2024	Firms, Labor Markets, and Development Workshop at Ortygia Business School
2023	Firms, Labor Markets, and Development Workshop at Collegio Carlo Alberto
2023	BSE Summer Forum – Advances in Micro Development Economics Workshop
2022	Firms, Labor Markets, and Development Workshop at EUI
2021	North American Summer Meeting of the Econometric Society (Reviewer)
2020	Firms, Markets, and Development Webinar Series
2019	Firms, Markets, and Development Workshop at Ortygia Business School
2019	Montreal Workshop on Political Economy of Development
2018	Entrepreneurship and Private Enterprise Development (EPED) Workshop
2016 – 2018	McGill CPD Social Statistics and Population Dynamics Seminar
2016 – 2018	McGill Institute for the Study of International Development Speaker Series
2016	Montreal Workshop on Productivity, Entrepreneurship and Development
2016	CDESG Meeting – Annual Conference of the Canadian Economic Association (Reviewer)
2014	Inaugural BGSE UAB-UPF PhD Jamboree Workshop
2011 – 2014	UPF Ph.D. Student Seminar Series

Main Administrative Duties

2024 – 2025	Chair of Recruiting, Department of Economics, McGill University
Winter 2024	Associate Director, Institute for the Study of Int. Development, McGill University
Fall 2023	Acting Director, Institute for the Study of Int. Development, McGill University
2020 – 2022	Associate Director, Institute for the Study of Int. Development, McGill University
2020 – 2021	Chair of Graduate Admission Committee, Department of Economics, McGill University

Expert Consulting

2016	Incentives to Business Tax Inspectors in the Kyrgyz Republic, The World Bank Group
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Research Grants and Scholarships

2023 – 2028	SSHRC Canada Insight Grant, C\$ 147,838
2022 – 2023	IADB – Competition in Latin America and the Caribbean, US\$ 24,890
2022 – 2023	Structural Transformation and Economic Growth (STEG) Research Grant, £ 21,000
2021 – 2022	McGill SSHRC General Research Grant, C\$ 7,000
2020 – 2022	SSHRC Canada Insight Development Grant, C\$ 67,000
2020 – 2021	Internal SSH Development Grant – McGill University, C\$ 5,000
2019 – 2021	DFID/CEPR PEDL Exploratory Research Grant, £ 34,000
2019 – 2020	Wheeler Institute for Business and Development – London Business School, £ 5,000
2019 – 2020	Internal SSH Development Grant – McGill University, C\$ 5,000
2018 – 2021	SSHRC Canada Insight Development Grant, C\$ 73,000
2018 – 2021	FRQSC Quebec Research Support for New Academics, C\$ 55,000
2017 – 2019	DFID/CEPR PEDL Exploratory Research Grant, £ 35,000
2017 – 2018	International Growth Centre (IGC), £ 15,000
2017 – 2018	Internal SSH Development Grant – McGill University, C\$ 5,000
2016 – 2017	Internal SSH Development Grant – McGill University, C\$ 7,000
2016	Paper Presentation Grant – McGill University, C\$ 1,500
2015 – 2017	DFID/CEPR PEDL Exploratory Research Grant – Co-Investigator, £ 35,000

2015	McGill University Start-up Grant
2013	CAF Development Bank – America Latina Crime & Policy Network, US\$ 15,000
2012	EBES Grant for Visiting Ph.D. Students, Universitat Pompeu Fabra
2011 – 2015	FPI-MICINN Scholarship, Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation
2009 – 2011	Teaching Assistant Scholarship, Universitat Pompeu Fabra
2009 – 2010	M.Sc. full tuition fee waiver, Barcelona Graduate School of Economics

Other Prizes and Awards

2019	Journal of the European Economic Association, Excellence in Refereeing Award
2014	Economics of Crime Prize – Unicredit and Universities Foundation, € 2,500
2011	DEE T.A. Teaching Prize for Ph.D. Students, Universitat Pompeu Fabra

Teaching Experience

2020 – present	INTD 356 Quantitative Methods for Development, McGill University, undergraduate
2018 – present	ECON 313 Economic Development 1, McGill University, undergraduate
2015 – present	ECON 416 Topics in Economic Development 2, McGill University, undergraduate
2015 – present	INTD 657 International Development Seminar, McGill University, graduate
2023	Topics in Economic Growth and Development, Barcelona School of Economics, graduate
2018	GLBL 225 Approaches to International Development, Yale University, undergraduate
2016	Impact Evaluation, McGill University, ISID Executive Education
2014 – 2015	Master Project Tutorship, BGSE, graduate
2010 – 2013	Statistics and Econometrics, UPF, graduate (teaching assistant)
2010 – 2011	Microeconomics II, UPF, undergraduate (teaching assistant)
2010	Applied Economics I, UPF, undergraduate (teaching assistant)
2009	Econometrics I, UPF, undergraduate (teaching assistant)