

# LUCA BAGNATO

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## RESEARCH FIELDS

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Political Economy, Economic History, Gender Economics, Public Economics

## EMPLOYMENT

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| <b>University of Bologna</b><br>Postdoctoral Fellow at the Department of Economics<br>· <i>ERC Project: HARSH</i> - Understanding the origins of harsh parenting (PI: Elisabetta De Cao) | October 2025 - |
| <b>University of Milan</b><br>Postdoctoral Fellow at the Department of Economics, Management and Quantitative Methods  | 2023-2025      |
| <b>UCLA Anderson School of Management</b><br>Visiting Scholar, SNSF Postdoctoral Fellow<br>· <i>Host: Paola Giuliano</i>   | 2022 - 2023    |

## EDUCATION

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| <b>University of Zurich</b><br>PhD in Economics<br>· Final Grade: 6 ( <i>Summa cum Laude</i> )   | 2016 - 2022 |
| <b>Harvard University</b><br>Visiting Student, Department of Economics   | 2019        |
| <b>Università Commerciale Luigi Bocconi</b><br>MSc in Economic and Social Sciences<br>· Final Grade: 110/110 <i>cum Laude</i>                                    | 2012 - 2015 |
| <b>Université Catholique de Louvain</b><br>MA in Economics, Research focus<br>· Joint Degree Program with Bocconi University. Mention: <i>Grande Distinction</i> | 2013 - 2015 |
| <b>LUISS Guido Carli</b><br>BA in Economics and Management<br>· Final Grade: 110/110 <i>cum Laude</i>  | 2009 - 2012 |

## WORKING PAPERS

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“From Taxation to Fighting for the Nation: Historical Fiscal Capacity and Military Draft Evasion during WWI”. (*Revise & Resubmit at the Journal of the European Economic Association*)

“Agricultural Practices, Organized Workers and Female Political Empowerment: Evidence from Italian *Mondine*”, with Yu Pan and Miriam Venturini. (Draft available upon request)

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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“Public Investment, Agricultural Productivity, and Structural Transformation: Evidence from the Cavour Canal”, with Vito Mariella.

“The effects of FHA Lending and Insuring Practices during the New Deal”, with Paola Giuliano, Gaia Spolverini and Nico Voigtländer.

“The Impact of Women’s Enfranchisement on Economic Policy Preferences: Evidence from Switzerland”, with Francesca Salvati and Giuseppe Sorrenti.

“World War II and Female Political Participation”, with Miriam Venturini.

“The Societal Effects of Entertainment TV: Evidence from Will&Grace”, with Gloria Gennaro.

“Witch Hunts and Persecution of Heretics in Medieval and Modern Italy”, with Graziella Bertocchi and Monica Bozzano.

“Building the Nation through Schools: Mandatory Schooling and National Identity in XIX Century Italy”.

## RESEARCH GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

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HEC Research Fund 2024-2025, HEC Lausanne (Co-PI, November 2024)  
Postdoc.Mobility Fellowship, Swiss National Science Foundation (PI, December 2021)  
GRC Travel Grant, University of Zurich (April 2020)  
Best Teaching Assistant Award, University of Zurich (Spring 2020)  
Doc.Mobility Fellowship, Swiss National Science Foundation (June 2019)  
Research Starting Grant (*Borsa di Avviamento alla Ricerca*), Bank of Italy (May 2016)  
Bonaldo Stringher Scholarship - Special Mention (*Particolarmente Meritevole*), Bank of Italy (November 2015)

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND SEMINARS

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**2025** University of Milan-Bicocca; WU Wien; Central European University; Università della Svizzera Italiana; University of Modena and Reggio Emilia  
**2024** Winter School "Exploring Gender, Human Capital and Labour Intersections in Economic History"; QUB Workshop on Cultural Persistence and Transmission; 2024 EHS Annual Conference  
**2023** 2023 EHS Annual Conference; 15th European Historical Economics Society Conference; EEA-ESEM 2023; ASREC Europe 2023  
**2022** Econometric Society European Winter Meeting; UCLA Economics; UCLA Anderson; UC-Irvine; 14th European Historical Economics Society Conference; Sabancı University; University of Milan  
**2021** 2021 Swiss Workshop on Political Economy and Development; Zurich Political Economy Seminar Series  
**2020** 2020 Swiss Workshop on Political Economy and Development

## INVITED LECTURES

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**2024** Guest Lecture "Long Run Determinants of Gender Norms", University of Milan  
**2021** Guest Lecture "Developing a Research Project", European School of Economics

## TEACHING

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| <b>University of Milan</b>  | 2024-2025                  |
| Adjunct Professor   | <i>Milan, Italy</i>        |
| · <i>Courses as Adjunct Professor:</i> Statistics (Bachelor)  |                            |
| · <i>Courses as Teaching Assistant:</i> Microeconomics (Bachelor)   |                            |
| <b>University of Zurich</b>   | 2018 - 2020                |
| Teaching Assistant  | <i>Zurich, Switzerland</i> |
| · <i>Courses:</i> Global Policy Analysis: Poverty, Development, Growth (Bachelor); Program Evaluation and Causal Inference (Master) |                            |
| · <i>Thesis Supervision:</i> Bachelor (10); Master (2)  |                            |
| <b>Bocconi University</b>   | 2015 - 2016                |
| Teaching Assistant  | <i>Milan, Italy</i>        |
| · <i>Courses:</i> Public Finance (Bachelor); Public Economics (Master)  |                            |

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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| <b>Referee</b>                          | Economic Journal (2), Review of International Organizations, Journal of Institutional Economics  |
| <b>Conference Reviewer Organisation</b> | 2024 Annual Meeting of the European Association of Young Economists<br>Luca d'Agliano Global Challenges Seminar Series; <a href="#">3rd Junior Economists Meeting</a> of the University of Milan ( <i>Scientific Committee</i> ); 2020 Swiss Workshop on "Political Economy and Development" |

## SELECTED RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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| <b>Bank of Italy - Structural Economic Analysis Directorate</b>         | 2016, 2017  |
| Intern in the Labour Market Division                                    |             |
| <b>Dondena Centre for Research on Social Dynamics and Public Policy</b> | 2015 - 2016 |
| Research Assistant  |             |
| <b>EIEF - Einaudi Institute for Economics and Finance</b>               | 2012        |
| Research Assistant  |             |

## LANGUAGES

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Italian (*native*); English (*fluent, TOEFL iBT 114*); French (*working knowledge, DELF B2, DFP Affaires B2*); Spanish (*basic*)

## COMPUTER SKILLS

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OS X, Office, LyX, LaTeX, Stata, ArcGIS; Arcpy, Python

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

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| <b>Associations</b> | Member of ECQE - European Committee for LGBTQ* Economists<br>Member of EEA - European Economic Association<br>Member of EHS - Economic History Society<br>Member of ASE - Italian Association for Economic History |
| <b>Interests</b>    | Former blogger and radio speaker at <i>Radio Luiss</i> ; journalism; cinema; politics  |

## REFERENCES

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