

Luca Looser

Curriculum vitae

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Education

2023 – Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Ph.D. in Economics
2022 – 2023 Universitat Pompeu Fabra, MRes in Economics, Finance and Management
2021 – 2022 Barcelona School of Economics, MSc in Economics (PhD Track)
2020 – 2021 London School of Economics, MSc in Economics
2015 – 2019 University of St. Gallen, B.A. in Economics
2017 – 2018 Keio University, Exchange program

Research fields

Primary: Macro Development, Economic Geography
Secondary: Family Economics, Intergenerational Mobility, Inequality, Economic History

Research

Working Papers

Unequal Global Convergence (joint with Shoumitro Chatterjee, Elisa Giannone, Tatjana Kleineberg and Kan Kuno)
The Long-Term Effect of a Temporary Shock: Evidence from Import Restrictions in Thailand (joint with Chanont Banterngansa and Elisa Giannone)

Work in Progress

Frictions in Structural Change: Evidence from the Dust Bowl
Ties that Bind: Family Networks and Internal Migration

Research experience

2024 – Short Term Consultant for Tatjana Kleineberg, World Bank
2023 – 2024 Research Assistant for Prof. Paula Bustos, Universitat Pompeu Fabra

Teaching experience

Undergraduate

2023 Microeconomics I, Universitat Pompeu Fabra
2023 International Economics I, Universitat Pompeu Fabra

Professional experience

2019 – 2020 Intern Inflation Forecasting Unit, Swiss National Bank
2018 – 2019 Student assistant for statistical analysis, University of St. Gallen

Presentations

2023 – 2025 BSE Jamboree 2025, CREi International Lunch 2023 – 2025

Attended workshops and conferences

- 2023 Inequality and Intergenerational Mobility (Friedman)
- 2020 Inference in Macro Models: From Big Data to Structural Analysis (Giannone & Primiceri)
- 2019 SNB Research Conference
- 2019 SNB-CIF Conference on Cryptoassets and Financial Innovation

Grants and scholarships

- 2021 – 2023 GPEFM PhD Track Fellowship, Universitat Pompeu Fabra

Extra curricular activities

- 2023 – 2024 Co-Organizer Student Seminar, Universitat Pompeu Fabra
- 2018 Member Support Crew of the University of St. Gallen's Freshers' Week

IT and language skills

Programming

Matlab, R, Python, Stata, Latex

Languages

German (native), Italian (native), English (fluent), French (intermediate), Spanish (B2), Japanese (A2)