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Education	University of Amsterdam , Netherlands <i>Ph.D. in Economics</i> Advisors: Erik Plug and Giuseppe Sorrenti	Sept 2021 -
	Tinbergen Institute , Netherlands <i>M.Phil. in Economics</i>	Sept 2019 - Aug 2021
	Alma Mater Studiorum University of Bologna , Italy <i>M. Sc. in Economics (Summa cum Laude)</i>	Sept 2017 - July 2019
	University of Rome Tor Vergata , Italy <i>B. Sc. in Business and Economics (Summa cum Laude)</i>	Sept 2014 - July 2017
	University Carlos III , Spain <i>Erasmus+ Programme</i>	Sept 2016 - Jan 2017
Fields of Interest	Labour Economics, Economics of Education, Economics of Crime	
Seminars and Conferences	2024 Transatlantic Workshop on the Economics of Crime (Zurich), FAIR (Bergen), EALE (Bergen), EEA (Rotterdam), ESPE (Rotterdam), Counterfactual Methods for Policy Impact Evaluation (Amsterdam), BSE Summer Forum (Barcelona), Tinbergen Institute Jamboree (Amsterdam)	
	2023 Center for the Economics of Human Development (Chicago), AFE (Chicago), Workshop on Field Experiments in Economics and Business (Düsseldorf), Field Days - Experiment Outside the Lab (Stavanger), WiP Microeconomics (Amsterdam)	
	2022 GEEZ Seminars (Online), PhD FEB Lunch Seminar (Amsterdam), IWAE (Catanzaro), CAGE (Warwick), ESA (Bologna)	
Research Visits	FAIR , Norwegian School of Economics Host: Professor Katrine V. Løken	Sept 2024 - Oct 2024
	CEHD , University of Chicago Host: Professor James Heckman	Sept 2023 - Oct 2023
Working Papers	Prison Rehabilitation Programs, Recidivism, and Labour Market Outcomes <i>Job Market Paper</i> Download paper . <i>Abstract:</i> This paper examines the impact of the Rehabilitation & Reintegration initiative, a prison-based job training and skills development program, on recidivism, labor market, and social outcomes. I use a difference-in-differences strategy to assess the causal impact of the program, introduced in the Netherlands in 2007. Drawing on rich administrative data from Statistics Netherlands and the Dutch Ministry of Justice and Security, I find that prisoners eligible in the program are 4.5 percentage points (14%) less likely to reoffend over a period of three years. The program also increases earnings, though only for native and older prisoners, and enhances stable housing and	

personal relationships. My results highlight the potential of rehabilitation programs in facilitating the successful reintegration of former prisoners into society.

Talent is Everywhere, Opportunity is Not: Online Role Model Mentoring and Students' Aspirations

(with Pietro Biroli, Amalia di Girolamo, and Giuseppe Sorrenti) [Download paper](#).

Abstract: This paper examines the impact of ORME, a cost-effective and easily scalable online mentoring program for middle school students. By connecting students with successful role models who share similar socio-economic backgrounds, ORME aims to enhance students' aspirations, beliefs about the returns to education, and ultimately, their educational outcomes. Through a randomized controlled trial involving five middle schools and over 600 students in Campania, Italy, we find that participation in ORME significantly improves students' perceptions of effort-related success, increases the alignment between their aspirations and expectations, and enhances school effort. Additionally, students in the treatment group are more likely to prefer and enroll in the academically-oriented school tracks and perform better on standardized tests, particularly in language.

Mass Reproducibility and Replicability: A New Hope, 2024.

(with Abel Brodeur et al.) [Download paper](#).

Work in Progress Children and Divorce

(with Petter Lundborg, Erik Plug, and Astrid Würtz Rasmussen)

Grants and Awards

A Sustainable Future research grant (PI) 2023, 10,000€

University of Amsterdam

Project: Prison Rehabilitation Programs, Recidivism, and Labor Market Outcomes

A Sustainable Future research grant (co-PI) 2023, 10,000€

University of Amsterdam

Project: From the Field to the Classroom: The Role of Sport in Fostering Children's Development and Well-being

Full Graduate Scholarships

2019-2021

Tinbergen Institute

Scholarship awarded to the top 5% of students

2018-2019

University of Bologna

Scholarship awarded to the top 5% of students

2015-2017

University of Rome Tor Vergata

Teaching Experiences

University of Amsterdam

Teaching assistant, Research Laboratory: Economics (undergraduate)

2022-

Teaching assistant, Natural Resources (undergraduate)

2022-

Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

Teaching assistant, Economics for the Global Era (undergraduate)

2020-2021

Teaching assistant, Quantitative Research Method (undergraduate)

2020-2021

Tinbergen Institute

Teaching assistant, Microeconomics I (graduate)

2020-2021

University of Bologna

Teaching assistant, Microeconomics (undergraduate)

2019-2020

Referee Activities Journal of Population Economics**Skills**
Programming: Stata, R, Python, L^AT_EX, ArcGis
Language: Italian (native), English (fluent), Spanish (conversational), French (basic), Dutch (basic)**Professional Service**
Chair of the PhD Council, University of Amsterdam 2022-
Works Council, University of Amsterdam 2023-
(Member of the Research, HRM, and Equal Treatment & Inclusivity Committees)**References**
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