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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

**Primary Field:** Political Economy

**Secondary Fields:** Culture and Institutions; Labor Economics

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## EDUCATION

**European University Institute**

*Ph.D. Candidate in Economics*

Florence, Italy

2018 – Present

Thesis title: The Reversal of the Mission: How Do Religious Leaders Influence Sociopolitical Attitudes?

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**European University Institute**

*M.Res. in Economics*

Florence, Italy

2017 – 2018

**Barcelona Graduate School of Economics**

*M.Sc. in Economics*

Barcelona, Spain

2016 – 2017

**Pompeu Fabra University**

*B.S. in Economics*

Barcelona, Spain

2012 – 2016

**Pompeu Fabra University**

*B.S. in International Business Economics*

Barcelona, Spain

2012 – 2016

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## RESEARCH AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**Teaching Assistant for Prof. Giampiero M. Gallo**, New York University

*Course on International Economics*

2021

**Research Assistant for Prof. Mirjam Stockburger**, Giessen University

2021

**Research Assistant for Prof. Matteo Fiorini**, OECD

2020

**Research Assistant for Prof. Andrea Ichino**, European University Institute

2019

**Research Assistant for Prof. Michèle Belot**, European University Institute

2018

**Research Assistant for Prof. Ana Tur Prats**, Pompeu Fabra University

2016 – 2017

## CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

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<i>27th Society of Labor Economics, XV RIDGE Forum, 26th Spring of Meeting Economists, ESPE, EALE, Applied Young Economists Workshop, ASREC, European Political Science Association, Spanish Sociology Association, ASREC Europe Conference, 10th PhD-Student Workshop on Industrial and Public Economics (WIPE), 24th Colloquium on Personnel Economics</i>	2022
<i>Bavarian Young Economists' Meeting, Queen Mary University of London, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, SIOE, 15th CESifo Workshop on Political Economy, PhD-EVS</i>	2021
<i>28th Spanish Meeting on Public Economics, ECPR, EuHEA PhD Conference</i>	2020

## JOB MARKET PAPER

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### **The Reversal of the Mission: How do Religious Leaders Influence Sociopolitical Attitudes?**

This paper explores how religious leaders influence their communities' religious and sociopolitical attitudes. To do this, I rely on novel data containing the universe of Catholic priests appointed to their parishes in rural Spain between 2000 and 2019. I leverage the natural experiment by which foreign-born priests are allocated to Spanish parishes and use a staggered difference-in-differences design to identify their influence on their communities. I show that foreign-born priests, whom I find more devoted to their cause, are effective at revitalizing local religiosity, measured by an increase in Catholic marriages and fertility. They also change local spending preferences towards more community-building projects and influence local political attitudes towards church-aligned positions. However, such extra influence also prevents parishioners from challenging the old status quo, measured by the higher maintenance of dictatorial honors, limiting social progress. These findings highlight that religious leaders have a considerable impact on sociopolitical attitudes.

## WORKING PAPERS

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### **Reverse Revolving Doors: The Influence of Interest Groups on Legislative Voting**

with [Josep Amer-Mestre](#) (JRC)

This paper investigates to which extent legislators with a background in an interest group (i.e., reverse revolvers) influence their peers' voting behavior. To answer this question, we collect novel data containing the universe of votes cast at the European Parliament between 2004 and 2019 and characterize legislators by their former working experience. We leverage a natural experiment by which seats at the European Parliament are assigned alphabetically to provide a causal estimation. We find that seating beside a reverse revolver when the motion is relevant to her interest group increases the co-voting probability by 2.4%, attendance by 1.3%, and decreases abstention by 9%. We find no influence on non-relevant ballots. These effects are driven by budget-related motions and female legislators. Our results suggest that revolving doors are problematic for the political process even when working in reverse.

### **Time Constraints and Productivity in Health Care**

This paper explores how reviewing time affects physicians' medical decisions. Insufficient examination time may hamper physicians' care and diagnostic provision, leaving physicians more inclined to over-prescribe medication. I test this prediction using high-frequency data from a Spanish outpatient department and leverage on-the-day cancellations as exogenous time shocks. I find that longer visits lead to more valuable care, measured by the provision of more detailed diagnoses, to higher testing intensity, and to lower drug prescriptions. These effects are driven by junior physicians, who use this extra time to compensate for their more overloaded shifts.

## REFERENCES

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