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EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor

University of California, Riverside, Department of Economics

August 2024 - Present

Riverside, CA, USA

RESEARCH

Research interests: Political Economy, Economic History, Labor Economics

Working Papers:

- “The Imperfect Union: Labor Racketeering, Corruption Exposure, and its Consequences”
(**Job Market Paper**, pdf available [here](#))
- “Harvesting Votes: The Electoral Effects of the Italian Land Reform”
with Bruno Caprettini and Lorenzo Casaburi (pdf available [here](#))
Revise & Resubmit The Economic Journal
- “Agricultural Practices, Organized Workers and Female Empowerment: Evidence from Italian *Mondine*” with Luca Bagnato and Yu Pan

EDUCATION

PhD in Economics

University of Zurich, Department of Economics.

August 2018 - July 2024

Zurich, Switzerland

Visiting PhD Student

University of Chicago, Harris School of Public Policy (Prof. James Robinson)

February 2022 - August 2022

Chicago, USA

Master of Science in Economics and Finance (Economics program)

Barcelona Graduate School of Economics (Universitat Pompeu Fabra)

Sep. 2016 - July 2017

Barcelona, Spain

Thesis: “Depreciation Rates of R&D Capital and the Labor Share”

Bachelor Degree in International Studies and Diplomacy

University of Trieste, 110/110 with honors

October 2012 - September 2015

Trieste, Italy

Thesis: “Economic growth: empirical evidence and models”

TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of Zurich, Department of Economics

Research Assistant for Professor Hans-Joachim Voth and Bruno Caprettini

September 2017 - July 2018

Zurich, Switzerland

Barcelona Graduate School of Economics

Research Assistant for Professors Luigi Pascali and Sascha Becker

August 2017

Barcelona, Spain

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Arthur H. Cole Grant – Economic History Association

“Reagan and the 1981 PATCO Strike: Union Decline and Its Causes”, 5000 USD

April 2025

Director Grant – University of Zurich

April 2023

Research funds for job market paper, 5000 CHF

Econ Conference Grant – University of Zurich

September 2022 and 2023

UZH Doc.Mobility fellowship – University of Zurich

May 2021

Funding 6-months visiting period at Harris School of Public Policy, University of Chicago

TEACHING AND THESES SUPERVISION

University of California Riverside, Department of Economics

- Foundations of Political Economy (ECON 116), winter 2025, BA
- World Economic History (ECON 124), winter 2025, BA
- Data Analysis in Economics (ECON 106), spring 2025, BA

University of Zurich, Department of Economics

- Development Economics (TA, Prof. Hans-Joachim Voth), fall 2019 and fall 2020, BA
- Global Policy Analysis: Poverty, Development, Growth (TA, Prof. Dina Pomeranz), spring 2020, BA
- Introduction to Economic Inequality (TA, Prof. Anne Brenøe), fall 2022, BA
- Program Evaluation and Causal Inference (TA, Prof. Pietro Biroli), spring 2021, MSc
- Theses supervision (3 students), Prof. Lorenzo Casaburi

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Referee activity: Quarterly Journal of Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization

Organization: 2020 Swiss Workshop on “Political Economy and Development”, 08–10 July, 2020

INVITED TALKS AND SEMINARS

The Imperfect Union: Labor Racketeering, Corruption Exposure, and its Consequences

September 2023, Paris School of Economics, *Trade Unions* Workshop; October 2023, University of Barcelona, IPERG Seminar Series (Institutions and Political Economy Research Group); Job market 2024: Bilkent, WU Vienna, Monash, UBC, CUNEF, UC Riverside; April 2024, LEAP seminar (Stellenbosch University); April 2024, Political Economy Rookiefest (Northwestern University, Kellogg); June 2024, 2nd ZEW-ifo Young Scholar Political Economy Workshop; September 2024, UC Merced Seminar Series; March 2025, Berkeley Mini-Conference in Economic History; April 2025, UC Davis Seminar Series.

Harvesting Votes: The Electoral Effects of the Italian Land Reform

March 2021, Workshop *Redistributive Taxation: Optimal Design and Political Economy Forces* organized by the Cluster of Excellence ECONtribute and the ZEW Mannheim; December 2022, Workshop *Frontiers in Political Economy: Clientelism, Corruption and Social Policy*, University of Zurich.

PRESENTATIONS IN CONFERENCES

The Imperfect Union: Labor Racketeering, Corruption Exposure, and its Consequences

March 2023, Lewis Lab Graduate Student Workshop at the University of Manchester; July 2023, 24th IZA Summer School in Labor Economics; August 2023, EEA-ESEM Meeting Barcelona 2023; May 2024, Workshop on the Economics of Crime for Junior Scholars (CEP at LSE); May 2024, EAYE Annual

Meeting; September 2024, Annual All-California Labor Conference; April 2025, Annual Southern California Conference in Applied Microeconomics (SoCCAM); June 2025, Western Economic Association International (WEAI) Annual Conference. .

Harvesting Votes: The Electoral Effects of the Italian Land Reform

June 30, 2021. Swiss Workshop on “Political Economy and Development”

Agricultural Practices, Organized Workers and Female Political Empowerment: Evidence from Italian *Mondine*

September 9, 2022. SASCA Ph.D. Conference 2022

COMPUTER SKILLS AND LANGUAGES

IT Skills	Stata, ArcGIS, Python, R, L ^A T _E X, Microsoft Office, GIMP, Geogebra, iMovie
Languages	Italian: mother tongue; English: C2; German: B1; French: A2

OTHER PERSONAL SKILLS

Competitive Sport: Roller Figure Skating, Show Group	2009 - 2016
<i>FISR (Italian Roller Sports Federation), FIRS (International Roller Sports Federation)</i>	

REFERENCES

Prof. Hans-Joachim Voth (*Main PhD Advisor*)
University of Zurich, Switzerland

Prof. Lorenzo Casaburi
University of Zurich, Switzerland

Prof. David Yanagizawa-Drott
University of Zurich, Switzerland

Prof. James A. Robinson
University of Chicago, United States

Prof. Bruno Caprettini
University of St Gallen, Switzerland