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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Applied Microeconometrics, Political Economy, Public Economics, Migration Economics, Labour Economics

CURRENT POSITIONS

PhD Candidate, Department of Economics *Aug 2016 - Present*
European University Institute, Florence, Italy
Advisors: Andrea Ichino (EUI), Andrea Mattozzi (EUI) and Ekaterina Zhuravskaya (PSE)

Research Associate *Sep 2021 - Present*
Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, Migration Policy Centre
European University Institute, Florence, Italy

EDUCATION

Master of Research in Economics *Aug 2016 - Aug 2017*
European University Institute, Florence, Italy

Master Degree in Economics and Finance *Sept 2014 - July 2015*
Barcelona School of Economics, Barcelona, Spain

Master Degree in International Affairs *Sept 2012 - June 2014*
Institut d'études politiques de Paris (Sciences Po), Paris, France

Bachelor of Science in Economics *Sept 2009 - July 2012*
University College London, London, United Kingdom

PUBLICATIONS

Early Voting Experiences and Habit Formation (joint with Elias Dinas, Vicente Valentim and Mark Franklin), Political Science Research and Methods (Conditionally Accepted)

Research has shown that first-time voting experiences affect subsequent voting behavior with salient elections boosting subsequent turnout and non-salient ones suppressing it. We challenge this view. Following research on the context-dependent nature of habit formation, we argue that all elections should affect subsequent turnout in elections of the same type. Comparing individuals that differ only in how salient their first eligible election was (Presidential or Midterm), we find support for this expectation. Individuals are more likely to vote for, and be interested in, elections of the same type as their first voting experience. Leveraging voting age laws in the US, we also show that such laws affect subsequent participation by changing the type of election individuals are first eligible for.

WORKING PAPERS

Migration and Redistributive Spending: Evidence from English Local Authorities (joint with Lars Ludolph)

The inflow of migrants can impact on public spending through its effect on local preferences for redistribution and through changes in demand for local services brought about by migrants' distinct characteristics. In this paper, we analyse the effects of the migration wave from Central and Eastern European countries following their EU accession in 2004 on local level redistribution in England, specifically disentangling these two channels. We apply a difference-in-differences estimation strategy and find that migrants did not have an effect on local authorities total service provision per capita.

Once we zoom in on the different expenditure items, we find that local authorities experiencing relatively larger migration inflows saw their spending on means-tested social care services decrease in relative terms, while spending on education services increased. Analysing changes in local Council compositions and internal migration flows in response to the arrival of outsiders, we find no evidence that spending shifts are driven by a change in the local willingness to redistribute income. Rather, our results suggest that, due to migrants young age at the time of arrival, migration following the 2004 EU enlargement alleviated some of the pressure social care spending in England faces.

WORK IN PROGRESS

The Impact of Campaign Financing Rules on Candidate Selection and Electoral Outcomes: Evidence from France (joint with Vincent Pons and Clémence Tricaud)

Term Limits and Accountability: Evidence from Italy (joint with Pietro Panizza)

An Independent Institution? Political Ideology and Agricultural Transfers at the European Commission

The Impact of Changing Migration Narratives: Experimental Evidence from the EU and the Western Balkans (joint with James Dennison, Andrew Geddes and Lenka Dražanová)

Migrants, Institutions and Systemic Resilience: Evidence from Covid-19 (joint with Jérôme Gonnot, Friedrich Poeschel and Martin Ruhs)

Immigration and Local Redistributive Spending: Evidence from Belgian Municipalities (joint with Jérôme Gonnot)

Making the Cut: Close Elections and Sanctioning Rates in the United Kingdom (joint with Tuuli Tähtinen and Thomas Walsh)

POLICY PUBLICATIONS

Macroeconomic Imbalances, France 2014, European Economy occasional papers 178, March 2014, Directorate-General for Economic and Financial Affairs (ECFIN), European Commission (among the main contributors)

WORK EXPERIENCE

Trainee at the European Central Bank, Monetary Policy Strategy Division *Sept 2015 - August 2016*

Blue Book Trainee at the European Commission, DG ECFIN *Oct 2013 - Feb 2014*

Summer analyst at Moelis & Company, M&A and Restructuring *July 2011 - Sept 2011*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Econometrics, Johns Hopkins University SAIS Masters Course, TA to Chris Gilbert *Spring 2019*

Microeconomics, Johns Hopkins University SAIS Masters Course, TA to Matteo Alvisi *Fall 2018*

Microeconomics III, EUI PhD compulsory course, TA to Andrea Mattozzi *Spring 2018*

PRESENTATIONS AND SEMINARS

APSA Annual Meeting, 2021; MPSA Annual Meeting, 2021; Migration Policy Centre Working Group, 2021; Economics & Politics at Sciences Po Paris, 2020; EPSA Annual Meeting, 2020; EUI Microeconomics Working Group, 2020; EUI Fourth-Year Forum, 2020; APSA Annual Meeting 2019; Max Planck Institute for Tax Law and Public Finance Workshop in Political Economy and Public Economics, 2019; Economics & Politics at ULB, 2019; EUI Microeconomics Working Group, 2019; EUI Second-Year Forum, 2018; EUI Microeconomics Working Group, 2018

AWARDS

APSA, Peter Mair Memorial Award (declined due to Covid-19 travel restrictions)	2021
PhD Grant, French Government Authority and EHESS	2017 - 2020
EUI PhD Researchers Grant	2016

SKILLS

Languages English (fluent), French (native), German (strong), Mandarin (intermediate), Danish (intermediate), Italian (intermediate)

Computing Stata, R (basic), LaTeX, Microsoft Office

Other software Thomson Reuters, Datastream, Bloomberg

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