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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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- Senior Lecturer in Creative Industries, University of Edinburgh 2025–
- Assistant Professor of Management, Carlos III University of Madrid 2020–2025
- Assistant Professor of Innovation, University of Amsterdam 2017–2020

## EDUCATION

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- PhD *cum laude* in Applied Logic, Delft University of Technology 2013–2018
- MA *cum laude* in Cultural Economics, Erasmus University Rotterdam 2011–2012
- BA *summa cum laude* in Humanities, Sierra Nevada College 2009–2011

## Additional training

- Data Science Specialization, Utrecht University 2017–2018
- Medici Summer School, University of Bologna 2015
- Erasmus Winter Programme, Erasmus University Rotterdam 2014
- International Summer School, Chinese University of Hong Kong 2012

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

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- Michele Piazzai, Min Liu, and Martina Montauti (2024). Cognitive economy and product categorization. *Organization Science*. <https://doi.org/10.1287/orsc.2021.15751>
- Michele Piazzai and Nachoem M. Wijnberg (2019). Product proliferation, complexity, and deterrence to imitation in differentiated-product oligopolies. *Strategic Management Journal*. <https://doi.org/10.1002/smj.3002>

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

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- Michele Piazzai (2025). Cognitive fluency and product evaluation. *Academy of Management Best Papers Proceedings*. Forthcoming.
- José Alejandro Fernández Cuesta, Michele Piazzai, and Umberto Rivieccio (2025). Quantum logics in cognition: A proposal. *Synthese*. Forthcoming.
- Angelo Tomaselli, Oguz A. Acar, Michele Piazzai, and Nachoem M. Wijnberg (2024). When more is more. *CMR Insights*. <https://cmr.berkeley.edu/2024/04/when-more-is-more>
- Michele Piazzai and Marilena Vecco (2020). Deaccessioning. *Oxford Bibliographies Online*. <https://doi.org/10.1093/obo/9780199766567-0246>
- Min Liu, Martina Montauti, and Michele Piazzai (2018). Old at heart, young at the periphery: An age-dependence approach to resource partitioning. *Academy of Management Best Papers Proceedings*. <https://doi.org/10.5465/AMBPP.2018.31>
- Willem Conradie, Sabine Frittella, Alessandra Palmigiano, Michele Piazzai, Apostolos Tzimoulis, and Nachoem M. Wijnberg (2017). Toward an epistemic-logical theory of categorization. *Electronic Proceedings in Theoretical Computer Science*. <https://doi.org/10.4204/eptcs.251.12>
- Marilena Vecco, Andrej Srakar, and Michele Piazzai (2017). Visitor attitudes toward deaccessioning in Italian public museums: An econometric analysis. *Poetics*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.poetic.2017.05.001>

- Michele Piazzai and Nachoem M. Wijnberg (2017). Diversification, proliferation, and firm performance in the US music industry. *Academy of Management Best Papers Proceedings*. <https://doi.org/10.5465/AMBPP.2017.29>
- Willem Conradie, Sabine Frittella, Alessandra Palmigiano, Michele Piazzai, Apostolos Tzimoulis, and Nachoem M. Wijnberg (2016). Categories: How I learned to stop worrying and love two sorts. *Lecture Notes in Computer Science*. [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-662-52921-8\\_10](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-662-52921-8_10)
- Marilena Vecco and Michele Piazzai (2015). Deaccessioning of museum collections: What do we know and where do we stand in Europe? *Journal of Cultural Heritage*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.culher.2014.03.007>

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

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### **University of Edinburgh**

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|---|-------|
| • Client Consulting Project, MSc                  | 2025– |
| • Creative Industries Team Project, MSc           | 2025– |
| • Knowledge Integration and Project Planning, MSc | 2024– |

### **Carlos III University of Madrid**

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| • Organizational Design, BSc | 2020–2025 |
| • Strategic Management, PhD  | 2020–2022 |

### **University of Amsterdam**

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| • Thesis Proposal Workshop, MSc                        | 2019–2020 |
| • Thesis Seminar, BSc                                  | 2019–2020 |
| • Innovation Management, BSc                           | 2018–2020 |
| • Cases in Creative Entrepreneurship, MSc              | 2017–2019 |
| • Cultural Entrepreneurship and Innovation, MSc        | 2015–2019 |
| • Strategic Management in the Creative Industries, MSc | 2015–2017 |

### **Delft University of Technology (TA)**

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| • Formal Methods for Strategic Decision-making, BSc              | 2016–2017 |
| • Integration of Economics, Law, Philosophy, and Technology, BSc | 2015–2016 |
| • Ethics and Engineering, MSc                                    | 2014–2017 |

## **INVITED TALKS**

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| • Paper Development Workshop, AOM Annual Meeting                         | 2025 |
| • Department of Logic, History, and Philosophy of Science, UNED Madrid   | 2025 |
| • Strategy Group, University of Edinburgh                                | 2024 |
| • Department of Logic, History, and Philosophy of Science, UNED Madrid   | 2023 |
| • Strategy and International Business Group, University of Warwick       | 2020 |
| • Department of Business Administration, Carlos III University of Madrid | 2019 |
| • Strategy and Entrepreneurship Group, NOVA University Lisbon            | 2019 |
| • Strategy Group, IE University  | 2019 |
| • School of Business, Maynooth University                                | 2019 |
| • Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, Chapman University     | 2019 |
| • Cultural Sociology Group, University of Amsterdam                      | 2018 |
| • Management and Marketing Group, Durham University                      | 2017 |
| • Entrepreneurship and Innovation Section, University of Amsterdam       | 2017 |

## **CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS**

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| • AOM Annual Meeting, Copenhagen (scheduled)                | 2025 |
| • Nagymaros Conference, University of Cambridge (scheduled) | 2025 |
| • EGOS Colloquium, University of Milano-Bicocca             | 2024 |

• Nagymaros Conference, University of Amsterdam	2023
• Nagymaros Conference, ESMT Berlin (virtual)	2021
• Nagymaros Conference, ESMT Berlin (virtual)	2020
• Nagymaros Conference, Stanford University	2019
• AOM Annual Meeting, Boston	2019
• Nagymaros Conference, University of Cambridge	2018
• Applied Logic Workshop, Delft University of Technology	2018
• SMS International Conference, Houston	2017
• AOM Annual Meeting, Atlanta	2017
• Nagymaros Conference, Carlos III University of Madrid	2017
• Creative Industries Research Seminar, Free University of Amsterdam	2017
• Logic and Algebra Workshop, University of Johannesburg	2017
• International Workshop on Logic and Cognition, Sun Yat-sen University	2016
• AOM Annual Meeting, Anaheim	2016
• EGOS Colloquium, Federico II University of Naples	2016
• Lorentz Workshop, Leiden University	2016
• Logic and Algebra Workshop, University of Johannesburg	2016
• Logic and Algebra Workshop, University of Johannesburg	2015
• EGOS Colloquium, American College of Greece	2015
• EGOS Colloquium, Erasmus University Rotterdam	2014
• IASPM Benelux Conference, Erasmus University Rotterdam	2014
• Music Matters Master Class, Tilburg University	2014

## RESEARCH VISITS

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• Department of Economics and Business, Pompeu Fabra University	2019
• Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, Chapman University	2018
• Department of Pure and Applied Mathematics, University of Johannesburg	2017
• Graduate School of Business, Stanford University	2016
• Department of Pure and Applied Mathematics, University of Johannesburg	2016
• Department of Pure and Applied Mathematics, University of Johannesburg	2015
• School of History, Culture, and Communication, Erasmus University Rotterdam	2013

## GRANTS

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• Ramón y Cajal Fellowship, € 236 350, Spanish Ministry of Science	2021
• Knowledge Generation Project (co-applicant), € 41 420, Spanish Ministry of Science	2020
• Undergraduate scholarship, \$ 34 265, Sierra Nevada College	2010
• Undergraduate scholarship, \$ 31 892, National Italian American Foundation	2009

## AWARDS

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• Bachelor's Thesis Prize (supervisor), Spanish Economic Association	2024
• Business Teaching Award, Carlos III University of Madrid	2024
• Business Teaching Award, Carlos III University of Madrid	2023
• Business Teaching Award, Carlos III University of Madrid	2022
• Business Teaching Award, Carlos III University of Madrid	2021
• Departmental Scholar Award, Sierra Nevada College	2011

## SERVICE

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### Departmental activities

• Director of the MSc in Creative Industries, University of Edinburgh	2025–
• Member of the Strategic Funding Group, Carlos III University of Madrid	2023–2025
• Member of the Business Program Committee, University of Amsterdam	2018–2019

### **Conference organization**

- Co-organizer of the Nagymaros Conference, Carlos III University of Madrid 2024
- Member of the Nagymaros Conference Scientific Committee, ESMT Berlin 2020
- Organizer of the Applied Logic Workshop, Delft University of Technology 2018

### **Academic societies**

- Webmaster, Nagymaros Group 2023–

### **Peer reviews**

- Management Science (1)
- Organization Science (3)
- Organization Studies (1)
- Strategy Science (1)

### **OPEN-SOURCE SOFTWARE**

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- <https://ctan.org/pkg/beamertheme-arguelles>
- <https://ctan.org/pkg/opencolor>
- <https://ctan.org/pkg/uvaletter>
- <https://rubygems.org/gems/cvless>
- <https://rubygems.org/gems/hacked-jekyll>
- <https://rubygems.org/gems/jekyll-nagymaros>

### **LANGUAGES**

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- Natural: Italian, English, Spanish
- Scripting: Bash, Python
- Web: HTML, CSS, JavaScript
- Data: R, Stata, SQL, VBA
- Typesetting: LaTeX