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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Student in Economics and Finance

Oct. 2020 - Present

Advisor: *Franco Peracchi*

Co-advisor: *Tommaso Proietti*

University of Rome Tor Vergata, Rome

Master of Science in Economics

July 2020

Final Grade: 110/110 *summa cum laude*

Thesis: *“Fleet Competition with Autonomous Vehicles: the Role of Ownership”*

Advisor: *Alberto Iozzi*

University of Rome Tor Vergata, Rome

Bachelor of Science in Political Economics

Oct. 2018

Final Grade: 107/110

Thesis: *“Macroeconomic Impacts of Brexit”*

Advisor: *Francesco Nucci*

University of Rome La Sapienza, Rome

RESEARCH

Working Papers

- [The Cost of Coming Out](#) (joint with [Enzo Brox](#)). *arXiv preprint arXiv:2403.03649*, March 2024.
- [Ordered Correlation Forest](#). *arXiv preprint arXiv:2309.08755*, September 2023.
- [Aggregation Trees](#). *CEIS Research Paper, 546*, December 2022.

Work in Progress

- A Local Hausman-Like Test for the Credibility of Selection-on-Observables (joint with [Franco Peracchi](#)).
- Evaluating Machine Learning Estimated Conditional Average Treatment Effects in RCTs (joint with [Michael C. Knaus](#)).

Software

- evaluCATE: Evaluation of CATE Estimates. ([Website](#))
- ocf: Ordered Correlation Forest. ([Website](#)) ([CRAN](#))
- aggTrees: Aggregation Trees. ([Website](#)) ([CRAN](#))

SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES PRESENTATIONS

2024 (*including scheduled*)

- Annual Conference of the European Society for Population Economics (ESPE).
- Annual Conference of the Scottish Economic Society (SES).

2023

- 2nd Rome Ph.D. in Economics and Finance Conference.
- 11th SIde Workshop for Ph.D. students in Econometrics and Empirical Economics (WEEE).
- 10th Italian Congress of Econometrics and Empirical Economics (ICEEE).

2022

- 1st Rome Ph.D. in Economics and Finance Conference.
- 10th SIde Workshop for Ph.D. students in Econometrics and Empirical Economics (WEEE).

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

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| Teaching Assistant in Statistics Bachelor of Science course, held by Livia De Giovanni LUISS University, Rome | <i>Feb. - May 2024</i> |
| Teaching Assistant in Applied Statistics and Econometrics Bachelor of Science course, held by Marianna Brunetti LUISS University, Rome | <i>Oct. - Dec. 2023</i> |
| Teaching Assistant in Statistical Learning Master of Science course, held by Tommaso Proietti University of Rome Tor Vergata, Rome | <i>Sept. - Oct. 2021</i> |

RELEVANT EXPERIENCES

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| Research Assistant Paper: <i>A further look at the gender gap in Italian academic careers</i> Authors: Marianna Brunetti, Annalisa Fabretti, Mariangela Zoli | <i>Oct. 2023</i> |
| Visiting Ph.D. Student Hosted by Michael Lechner Swiss Institute for Empirical Economic Research, St. Gallen | <i>Feb. - Dec. 2022</i> |
| Research Assistant Paper: <i>Teaching an old dog a new trick: Reserve price and unverifiable quality in repeated procurement</i> Authors: Gian Luigi Albano, Berardino Cesi, Alberto Iozzi | <i>July 2022</i> |

OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCES

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| 1st Tor Vergata Ph.D. Conference in Economics Co-organizer and member of the scientific committee University of Rome Tor Vergata, Rome | <i>Sept. 2024</i> |
| Econometric Games - Team Captain Selected to lead the University of Rome Tor Vergata team University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam | <i>Apr. 2023</i> |
| Summer School in Causal Machine Learning Lecturer: Michael Lechner University of St. Gallen, St. Gallen | <i>Oct. 2022</i> |
| Summer School in Theoretical Aspects of Machine Learning Lecturer: Petyo Bonev University of St. Gallen, St. Gallen | <i>June 2022</i> |
| Summer School in Econometrics of Big Data Lecturers: Christian Hansen, Martin Spindler University of St. Gallen, St. Gallen | <i>June 2022</i> |
| Econometric Games - Team Captain Selected to lead the University of Rome Tor Vergata team University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam | <i>Apr. 2022</i> |
| Summer School in Semiparametric Learning Lecturer: Yanyuan Ma University of Trento, Trento | <i>July 2021</i> |
| Summer School in Microeconometrics and Machine Learning for Policy Evaluation Lecturers: David Margolis, Philipp Ketz, Margherita Comola Paris School of Economics, Paris | <i>June 2021</i> |
| Econometric Games - Team Member Selected as a member of the University of Rome Tor Vergata team University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam | <i>Apr. 2021</i> |