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Personal information

Italian, date of birth: 1987-04-04
Married, 1 daughter born on 2022-10-1

Employment

2025 -	Assistant Professor, INSEAD
2019 - 2025	Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Bologna, Department of Economics
2018 - 2019	Post-Doctoral Fellow, Department of Economics, University of Aarhus

Affiliations

2023 - 2025	Adjunct Professor, INSEAD
2019 -	Adjunct Professor, Bocconi University
2021 -	Research Affiliate, CEPR International Trade and Regional Economics
2021 -	Research Affiliate, CEPR Organizational Economics
2019 -	Research Fellow, CESifo

Education

2012 - 2018	Ph.D., London School of Economics, 2018. Supervisors: G.I.P. Ottaviano; H. Overman; V. Rappoport; D. Sturm. Dissertation title: "Essays on worker mobility, firm organisation and the political economics of elections".
2009 – 2012	M.Sc. in Economics and Social Sciences, Bocconi University, 2012.
2006 – 2009	B.Sc. Economics and Finance, Luiss University, 2009.

Publications and working papers

1. "Labor supply shocks and capital accumulation: the short and the long run effects of the refugee crisis in Europe", with L. Caliendo, L. D. Opromolla and F. Parro.

   American Economic Review, Papers & Proceedings, vol. 113, May 2023 (pp. 577–84)

2. "The value of Managers' export Experience: lessons from the Angolan civil war", with G. Mion and L. D. Opromolla.

   The Review of Economics and Statistics, 2025, 107 (2): 580–587. Accepted in 2022.

3. "Goods and factor market integration: a quantitative assessment of the EU enlargement", with L. Caliendo, L. D. Opromolla, and F. Parro.

   Journal of Political Economy, 2021, 129(12), pages 3941 – 3545.

4. "Globalization in the time of COVID-19", with M. Steininger. CESifo w.p. 8184, 2020. ISSN: 2364-1428.

   Covid Vetted and Real Time Papers, *Issue 19, 159-210, May 2020*

5. "Credit and firms' organization", with E. M. Acabbi, CESifo w.p. 8084, 2020. ISSN: 2364-1428. Previously circulated as "Shocks and the organization of the firm: who pays the bill?"

   Journal of International Economics, *Accepted*

6. "Labor rigidities and firms' resilience to liquidity shocks", with E. M. Acabbi and E. Panetti. Banco de Portugal w.p. 201915, 2019. ISSN: 2182-0422.

   Management Science, *R&R*

7. "The weather effect: estimating the effect of voter turnout on electoral outcomes in Italy". Banco de Portugal w.p. 201405, 2014. ISSN: 2182-0422.

Work in progress

1. "On cities' growth: the role of skill portability", with T. Sonno
2. "The geography of production and consumption"
3. "AI and the labor market", with A. Roulet and L. Tian
4. "On the elasticity of substitution: a new estimation approach", with L. Caliendo, L. D. Opromolla and F. Parro.
5. "Performing in misalignment: the case of CEOs in public hospitals", with N. Fontana.

Teaching

BSc

- Methods in spatial and social analysis, London School of Economics, 2017.
- Urban and spatial economic analysis, London School of Economics, 2013 – 2016
- Economics of European integration, (Summer School), London School of Economics, 2013

MSc

- Quantitative approaches and policy analysis, London School of Economics, 2014 - 2018
- Econometrics for Public Policy (Executive MPA), London School of Economics, 2015-2018
- Mathematics and Statistics (Executive MPA), London School of Economics, 2015-2018
- The Economics of Urbanization, London School of Economics, 2013 – 2016

PhD

- International Trade, Bocconi, 2019 – current.

MBA and Global Executive MBA

- Business and Public Policy, INSEAD, 2023 - current

Conference and Seminars (*scheduled)

2023 - 2024: Micro and Macro Aspects of Firms in the Global Economy (Conference)*, ECB*, Technical University Munich*, INSEAD, Singapore Management University, Workshop on firms, trade and development (Bad-Homburg), PSE-Sciences Po Paris Trade Seminar, European research workshop in international Economics (ERWIT) and Conference on

urban and regional economics (CURE), Banque de France*, Globalization at crossroad (CEPR)*, Foscolo Fellows conference (Turin)

2021-2022: Aarhus, Paris Sorbonne, Empirical Trade Online Seminar (FREIT), TIGN conference, ETSG Ghent, VFS conference, NOITS Iceland, Darmstadt, Hong Kong Online Trade Seminars, CEPR new faces in international trade, Duke - NC State joint trade seminar, LMU Trade Retreat, Society for Institutional & Organizational Economics (SIOE), LMU trade seminar, LMU organizational economics seminar.

2019 - 2020: Workshop on Globalization and structural change, Maastricht, LMU Munich, University of Oslo, Australasian Trade Workshop, University of Sydney, Ifo seminar, LSE, LMU, Duisburg-Essen University, University of Beijing.

2018: QUANTAGG Workshop in International Economics, ETSG Warsaw, FREIT Empirical Trade Conference, Danish International Economics Workshop, Evidence Based Economics Munich, NOITS Stockholm, Stockholm University, Einaudi Institute of Economics and Finance (EIEF), Aarhus University, Bank of Portugal, Bank of Spain, University of Bologna, Collegio Carlo Alberto, CSEF Naples, University of Essex, Econometric Society winter meetings.

2016 - 2017: FREIT Empirical Trade Conference, Petralia Sottana Applied Economics Workshop, Bank of Portugal, COWLES conference in international trade and migration Yale, International trade lunch Yale University, International trade workshop LSE, International trade workshop LSE, Bank of Portugal.

2015: European Regional Study Association (ERSA), University of Dusseldorf, Nottingham GEP/CEPR PhD conference, Warwick Economics PhD students conference, ISEG.

Trainings

A. Academic visiting periods

- North Carolina State University, 08/04/2022 - 17/04/2022.
- Ludwig Maximilian University Munich (LMU), 06/2019 – 08/2019.
- Yale University, 03/2017 – 07/2017.
- Bank of Portugal, 2016 – 2017 (several times)
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- Bank of Portugal, 2013 – 2014 (several times)

B. Research assistant activities

- London School of Economics, Prof. Swati Dhingra and Silvana Tenreyro, September 2015 – August 2016.
- Bocconi University, Prof. Carlo Altomonte, May 2011 - July 2012.

C. Other training experiences

- Luca d'Agliano Summer School in International and Development Economics, 2012.
- Adriatic Euroregion Trainee, European Commission, 2011.
- Allianz Summer Academy, July 2009.
- Erasmus Program, Utrecht School of Economics, 2008

Prizes, awards and grants

A. National or international awards and recognitions

- Prize "Saving and financing of the Portuguese Economy", Ministry of Economics, 2019
- Junior Fellowship in International Trade, LMU Munich, 2019
- Prize "Competitiveness and Internationalization"**,** Portuguese Ministry of Economics, 2018
- UniCredit Best JMP presentation award, Petralia workshop, 2017
- Best PhD paper, FREIT meetings in Empirical Trade, 2017
- Best Class Teacher, LSE, 2016

B. Research grants

- Modigliani Research Grant, Unicredit Foundation, (20k), PI, 2022.
- Grant for visiting researchers (20k), PI, Banco de Portugal, 2016.
- LSE postgraduate research scholarship (80k), 2013-2015.
- Grant for visiting researchers (20k), PI, Banco de Portugal, 2013.

Other experiences and skills

A. Refereeing activity

Economic Inquiry
Economic Journal
Economica
European Economic Review
Journal of Economic Geography
Journal of Economic growth
Journal of International Economics
Journal of Public Economics
Journal of Political Economy (JPE)
Journal of Regional Science
Journal of Urban Economics
Management Science
Portuguese Economic Journal
Quarterly Journal of Economics (QJE)
Review of Economics and Statistics (ReStat)
Review of Economic Studies (ReStud)
Regional Science and Urban Economics
Review of International Economics

B. Institutional activities

- Organizer of the PhD Weekends, Department of Economics, University of Bologna, years: 2020, 2021, 2022. The PhD Weekends are 4 self-funded days in Tuscany of teambuilding, workshops, presentations, and job market preparation for the PhD students. Past guest speakers: Fadi Hassan (Bank of Italy), Nicola Mastrorocco (Trinity College), Clémentine Van Effenterre (University of Toronto), Riccardo Zago (Banque de France).

C. Organization of scientific meetings

- Member of the Organizing Committee of the 25th Spring Meeting of Young Economists, 2021, Bologna. Keynote Speakers: Prof. Davide Cantoni, Prof. Paola Conconi, Prof. Juan Dolado, Prof. James M. Snyder.

D. Personal skills and competences

- Computer skills: Stata, ArcGIS, Office, LaTex.

- Languages: Italian (mother tongue), English (proficient), Spanish (fair), Portuguese (fair), German (beginner)

References

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