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PERSONAL

Place of Birth: Bari (Italy). Citizenship: Italian Two children (2021, 2023)
Languages: Italian (native). English, Spanish, French (fluent).

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Economic History, Economic Growth and Development, Applied Microeconomics

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

Bocconi University, “Avvocato Giovanni Agnelli” Associate Professor, Department of Economics
(Nov 2022 – Present)

Harvard University, Visiting Scholar, Department of Economics (Sept 2022 - May 2023)

Bocconi University, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics (Sept 2017 – October 2022)

OTHER POSITIONS AND AFFILIATIONS

EEA, European Economic Association – Council Member (2023 –)

ASREC, Board of Directors (2023 –)

BPPB, Banca Popolare di Puglia e Basilicata – Board of Directors (2023 –)

Pericles - Baffi Carefin – Research Fellow (2023 –)

CEPR, Centre for Economic Policy Research – Research Fellow (2021 –)

CESifo, Research Fellow (2019 –)

IGIER, Innocenzo Gasparini Institute for Economic Research – Research Affiliate (2017)

Dondena, Centre for Research on Social Dynamics and Public Policy – Research Affiliate (2017-2023)

LICOS, Center for Institutions and Economic Performance, Research Fellow (2017 –)

LEAP, Laboratory for Effective Anti-Poverty Policies, Research Affiliate (2017 –)

CEPR, Centre for Economic Policy Research – Research Affiliate (2017-2020)

PAST POSITIONS

LICOS and FWO, University of Leuven

Post-Doctoral Researcher, Department of Economics (Jan 2015 – Aug 2017)

Northwestern University

Post-Doctoral Researcher, Department of Economics (Sept 2015 – March 2017)

EDUCATION

University of Leuven

PhD in Economics (Oct 2009 – Dec 2014)

Stanford University

Visiting Researcher, Department of Economics (Oct 2014 – May 2015)

University of California, Los Angeles

Visiting Researcher, Anderson School of Management (Jan 2012 – Jun 2012)

Bocconi University and Université Catholique de Louvain

Joint Degree Program: M.Sc. in Economics (Sept 2007 – Sept 2009). *Summa cum laude*

Bocconi University

Undergraduate studies in Economics (Sept 2004 – Sept 2007). *Summa cum laude*

University of Amsterdam

Exchange Program, Department of Economics (Sept 2006 – Jan 2007)

University of Leuven

Master in Philosophy (Feb 2013 –)

Liceo Classico Cagnazzi, Altamura, High-school degree (1999 – 2004). (100/100)

PUBLICATIONS

“Discrimination and Assimilation: Evidence from Anti-Chinese Sentiments in the United States” (with G. Lanzara, S. Lazzaroni and P. Masella) *Journal of Public Economics*, 2025, 249: 105450.

“Technology Adoption and Productivity Growth During the Industrial Revolution: Evidence from France” (with R. Juhasz and N. Voigtlaender). *Journal of Political Economy*, 2024, 132(10): 3215–3259.

“Do Bishops Matter for Politics? Evidence From Italy” (with G. Lanzara, S. Lazzaroni and P. Masella) *Journal of Public Economics*, 2024, 238: 105177.

“Spatial and Historical Drivers of Fake News Diffusion: Evidence From Anti-Muslim Discrimination in India” (with S. Abraham, G. Lanzara, S. Lazzaroni, and P. Masella) *Journal of Urban Economics*, 2024, 141: 103613.

“Birth and Migration of Scientists: Does Religiosity Matter? Evidence from 19th-Century France” (with G. Lecce and L. Ogliari). *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, 2021, 187: 274–289.

“Devotion and Development: Religiosity, Education, and Economic Progress in 19th-Century France” *American Economic Review*, 2020, 110(11): 3454–3491

CEPR DP 13877 and CESifo WP 7768

⇒ Featured in [AEA Research Highlights](#), [Le Monde](#), [Voxeu](#)

⇒ Winner of the [Young Italian Economist Award](#)

“Human Capital and Industrialization: Evidence from the Age of Enlightenment” (with N. Voigtlaender). *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 2015, 30(4): 1825–83.

⇒ Featured in [Science](#), [The Economist](#), [Financial Times](#), [Voxeu](#), [Harvard Business Review](#)

“Supply Chains and Economic Development: Insights from the Indian Dairy Sector” (with J. Swinnen, E. Janssen and A. Vandeplas). *Food Policy*, 2017, 68: 128–142.

“Governance Quality and Net Migration Flows” (with A. Ariu and F. Docquier). *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, 2016, 60: 238–248.

“Food Price Shocks and the Political Economy of Global Agricultural and Development Policy” (with A. Guariso and J. Swinnen). *Applied Economic Perspectives and Policy*, 2014, 36(3): 387–415.

⇒ Winner of the *Outstanding Journal Article Award*.

“The Balance of Brains: Corruption and High Skilled Migration” (with [A. Ariu](#)). *EMBO Reports*, 2013, 14: 502-504.

“Global hunger: Food crisis spurs aid for poverty” (with [A. Guariso](#) and [J. Swinnen](#)). *Nature*, 2013, 501 (7468): 492.

“Mixed Messages on Prices and Food Security” (with [J. Swinnen](#)). *Science*, 2012, 335(6067): 405-406.

“The Food Crisis, Mass Media and the Political Economy of Policy Analysis and Communication” (with [J. Swinnen](#) and [T. Vandemoortele](#)). *European Review of Agricultural Economics*, 2011, 38(3): 409-426.

EDITED BOOK

The Economics of Chocolate (with [J. Swinnen](#)). Oxford University Press, 2016.

WORKING PAPERS

“Dealing with Adversity: Religiosity or Science? Evidence from the Great Influenza Pandemic” (with [E. Berkes](#), [D. Coluccia](#), and [G.G. Dossi](#)). CEPR DP 18008

“The Legacy of Feudalism and Sicilian Low Social Capital” (with [C. Alfonso](#))

“Away from Home and Back: Coordinating (Remote) Workers in 1800 and 2020” (with [R. Juhasz](#) and [N. Voigtlaender](#)). CEPR DP 15578 and NBER WP 28251.

“Knowledge Elites and Modernization: Evidence from Revolutionary France” (with [N. Voigtlaender](#)). NBER WP 22779.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS AND BOOK CHAPTERS

“Information, Communication, and Agricultural and Food Policies in an Age of Commercial Mass and Social Media” (with [J. McCluskey](#) and [J. Swinnen](#)), in *Global Challenges For Future Food and Agricultural Policies*, 2019, edited by D. Blandford and K. Hassapoyannes, World Scientific.

“The Economics and Politics of Food and Economic Development” (with [G. Meloni](#) and [J. Swinnen](#)). *Reflets et Perspectives de la Vie Economique*, 2016, (55)1: 47-56.

“Food Safety Standards for Domestic and International Markets: The Case of Dairy” (with Anneleen Vandeplas) in *International trade and food security: the future of Indian agriculture*, 2016, edited by F. Brouwer, CABI International.

“High-value protection and poverty: the case of dairy in India” (with [J. Swinnen](#) and Anneleen Vandeplas) in *International trade and food security: the future of Indian agriculture*, 2016, edited by F. Brouwer, CAB International.

EDITORIAL SERVICE

Board member of *Review of Economic Studies*

REFeree

American Economic Review, *Cliometrica*, *Economic History Review*, *Econometrica*, *Economic Journal*, *Economica*, *ERC*, *Explorations in Economic History*, *European Economic Review*, *European Review of Economic History*, *Food Policy*, *ISF*, *Journal of Comparative Economics*, *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, *Journal of Economic History*, *Journal of European Economic Association*,

Journal of Economic Growth, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Public Economics, Quarterly Journal of Economics, NSF, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of Economic Studies

TEACHING

Economics of Institutions and Culture (undergraduate), Bocconi University, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 2024-25

Culture, Institutions, and Development (undergraduate), Bocconi University, 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2024-25

Economics and Politics (graduate), Bocconi University, 2018-19, 2019-20

Microeconomia (undergraduate), Bocconi University, 2017-18

GRANTS

- Italian Ministry of University and Research, Projects of National Interest, PRIN, PI (with [Paolo Masella](#) and [A. Guariso](#)), 2023-2025 – Euro 242.357

- ERC Starting Grant, 2022 – Euro 1.463.212

- Bocconi Junior Researchers' Grant, 2021 – Euro 9.500

- Modigliani Research Grant, Unicredit Foundation, 2021-2022 – Euro 20.000

- Italian Ministry of University and Research, Projects of National Interest, PRIN, co-PI (with [Paolo Masella](#)), 2020-2023 – Euro 395.520

- National Science Foundation (NSF) (with [R. Juhász](#) and [N. Voigtlaender](#)), 2016-19 – \$ 367.350

- Cariplo Foundation, Regione Lombardia, and Bocconi Young Researcher Grant, 2017 – Euro 10,000

- FWO Grant for a long stay abroad at Northwestern University, 2015

- FWO Grant for a long stay abroad at Stanford University, 2014-15

- FWO Grant for the GSE Microeconometrics Summer School at the GSE, Barcelona, 2011

AWARDS

Research Excellence Award, Bocconi University, 2021

Young Italian Economist Award (YIEA), 2018

Outstanding Journal Article Award, Applied Economic Perspectives and Policy, 2014

Bocconi Merit Award “Studenti Eccellenti,” 2007-09

SEMINAR AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2025 [including scheduled]: 1st CEPR Applied Micro-Economic History Workshop, Heidelberg; Universidad Carlos III de Madrid; FEBST Conference (Keynote); European University Institute; Workshop on Authoritarianism and Nation Building, University of Bergamo; NBER Summer Meetings (Discussion); IIES, Stockholm; Tillburg University

2024: Second Bolzano Workshop on Historical Economics; Ecares, ULB; Cerge-EI, Prague; Utrecht University; Institutions and prosperity Workshop, Utrecht University; Bicocca University; Warwick University; Universitat Pompeu Fabra; University of Barcelona; Mannheim University; University of Copenhagen; SDU, Odense; 4th Arne Ryde Workshop on Culture, Institutions, and Development, Lund University; Crafts Memorial Conference, Warwick University; Workshop Structural Change, Industrialization and Economic Growth University of Bergamo

2023: Harvard University; Stanford University; Berkeley University; University of British Columbia; Boston University; Northwestern University; Brown University; Epstein Lecture (LSE)

2022: University of Lille; PSE/Sciences Po; University of Geneva; University of Bergen; University of Bolzano; LUISS University; Workshop in the Economics of Religion - SIEPR; Conference on Religion, culture and economic growth in historical perspective - Louvain la Neuve,

2021: Trinity College Dublin; Queen Mary University; University of Siena, University of Hong Kong, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem; Uppsala University; George Mason University; Parthenope University

2020: CEPR WE-ARE Seminar Series; Universidad Carlos III de Madrid; University of Naples Federico II; Virtual Seminar in Economic History; University of Cagliari; Universidad de los Andes; Wilfrid Laurier University;

2019: New York University; Polytechnic University Marche; University of Cologne; University of Lund; University of Namur; University of Leuven; Econ. History Conference, Universidad de San Andrés, Buenos Aires; Uniandes-LSE-Stanford Conference, Bogotá; Econ. History Workshop, Bologna University

2018: CESifo Seminar, University of Munich; INSEAD, Paris; Workshop on Political Economy, Bocconi University; IAST History Workshop, Toulouse School of Economics; Festival dell'Economia, Trento; CEPR Economic History Symposium, Bank of Italy; CSEF-IGIER Symposium, Capri; World Economic History Congress, Boston; Conference on the Economic History of Religion, Northwestern University; Workshop on the long-run effects of dark episodes in history, King's College

2017: Solvay Brussels School; Toulouse School of Economics; University of Leuven; Oslo University; Warwick University; Bocconi University; Collegio Carlo Alberto; University of Cambridge; University of British Columbia; Northwestern University; Sciences Po; Hiroshima University; London School of Economics; Universitat Pompeu Fabra; Political Economy Workshop, Galatina; ASREC Conference, Bologna; 2nd HEDG Mini-Workshop, University of Southern Denmark

2016: UC Berkeley; Université catholique de Louvain; Aix-Marseille; St. Andrews University; Stanford University; Lake Forest College; CAGE Conference, Venice; LICOS Seminar, University of Leuven

Pre-2016: ICAE, Milan; Roosevelt University, Chicago; All-UC Workshop in Economic History, UC Davis; International labor mobility and inequality across nations, Clermont-Ferrand University; 10th BETA Workshop, Strasbourg University; Bari University; NWO-ClioInfra Workshop, University of Barcelona; 5th ECINEQ Conference, Bari University; 138 EAAE Seminar, Ghent University; LICOS Seminar, University of Leuven; 3rd International workshop on "Economics of Global Interactions", Bari University; Norface Migration Network Conference, UCL; Workshop on the Economics of Non-Profits, NGOs, and Aid Effectiveness, University of Namur; 2nd International workshop on Economics of Global Interactions, Bari University; 2nd TEMPO Conference, Wien; 4th Annual Conference of the AAWE, UC Davis; CRED-LICOS Workshop, University of Leuven

SEMINAR AND CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

Organizing Committee, ASREC Europe, Bocconi University, 2023.

Organizing Committee of the "Galatina Summer Meetings," Galatina (Italy), 2018, 2019

Organizing Committee, DLPE Seminar Series, Bocconi University, 2018-19, 2019-20.

Organizer of the "Economic History Lunch," Northwestern University, 2015-16, 2016-17.

Organizing Committee of the "First Conference on Economics and Politics of Chocolate," University of Leuven, (Belgium), 2012

COMMITTEES

Chair Junior Hiring Committee, Dept. Economics, Bocconi, 2024-25

EEA "Young Economist Award" Committee, 2023, 2024, 2025

EEA "Education" Committee, 2024

EEA Congress, Program Committee 2020, 2021, 2025

Econometric Society Winter Meeting, 2022

XIII Ridge Forum, LACEA-EHN Workshop, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024

ASREC 24h, 2020

OTHER ACTIVITIES, QUALIFICATIONS AND INTERESTS

Music Diploma, Conservatorio “Egidio Edoardo Duni,” Matera, Italy (2003)

Level 1 Certificate in Chocolate Tasting (2024)

Interests in philosophy, literature, and theatre

Sport: Running, biking, and skiing