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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2019 - Reader (Associate Professor), Queen Mary University of London
2018-19 Visiting Scholar, Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University
2012-19 Lecturer (Assistant Professor), Queen Mary University of London

OTHER AFFILIATIONS

2016 - CEPR - Centre for Economic Policy Research, Research Affiliate (MG, DE)
2015 - CEP - Centre for Economic Performance, LSE, Research Associate
2013 - CESifo, Munich, Research Fellow

EDUCATION

2012 Ph.D. in Economics, Universitat Pompeu Fabra
2005 M.Sc. in Economics, Universitat Pompeu Fabra
2003 B.Sc. Economics, 110/110 (*summa cum laude*), Università degli Studi di Roma Tre

RESEARCH FIELDS

Political Economy, Applied Econometrics, Development Economics

JOURNAL ARTICLES

“Oil Price Shocks and Conflict Escalation: Onshore vs. Offshore”, with J. Andersen & F. Nordvik
Journal of Conflict Resolution (forthcoming)

“Liberation Technology: Mobile Phones and Political Mobilization in Africa” with M. Manacorda
Econometrica (2020), 88(2): 533-567

“The Political Legacy of Entertainment TV”, with R. Durante and P. Pinotti
American Economic Review (2019), 109(7): 2497-2530

“Resource Windfalls, Political Regimes, and Political Stability”, with F. Caselli
Review of Economics and Statistics (2016), 98(3): 573-590

“Oil Price Shocks, Income and Democracy”, with M. Bruckner and A. Ciccone
Review of Economics and Statistics (2012), 94(2): 389-399

WORKING PAPERS

“Trust and Racial Income Inequality: Evidence from the U.S.”
Revise & Resubmit *Economica* (2017)

“Access to Information, Technology Adoption and Productivity: Large-Scale Evidence from Agriculture in India”, with A. Gupta and J. Ponticelli (2021)

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- WORK IN PROGRESS “Media and Social Capital”, with F. Campante and R. Durante
In preparation for the *Annual Review of Economics*
- “Mobile Internet and the Rise of Populism”, with M. Manacorda and G. Tabellini
- “Importing Values”, with M. Manacorda, and J. Ponticelli
- INVITED SEMINARS (2021) UAB/IAE Barcelona; University of Western Australia; Universitat de Barcelona; NES Moscow; UNSW Sydney (2020) UK Department for International Development (DFID); University of Geneva; University of Lausanne; University of Konstanz; Diego Portales University; GATE Lyon-St Etienne; University of East Anglia (2019) Universidad de Los Andes; Pontificia Universidad Javeriana; University of Zurich; Bonn University; Lancaster University; University of Chicago; Northwestern University; University of British Columbia; City University New York (2018) McGill University; Norwegian University of Science and Technology; Università Cattolica di Milano; Università degli Studi di Milano (2017) Universitat Pompeu Fabra; Edinburgh University; Norwegian Business School; University St. Gallen; University of Warwick; London School of Economics (Government); University of Navarra; Erasmus University of Rotterdam (2016) Surrey University; University of York; Collegio Carlo Alberto; Università di Milano Bicocca (2015) Gothenburg University; Norwegian Business School (2014) IMT Lucca, Inter-American Development Bank (2013) London School of Economics (Economics) (2012) Queen Mary University; Bank of Italy; University of Copenhagen; Royal Holloway University; Collegio Carlo Alberto; Inter-American Development Bank; University of Surrey; Edinburgh University; Universidad Autonoma de Barcelona; Universidad de Barcelona; CERGE-EI (2011) CREI; Universitat Pompeu Fabra (2009) BIS Research Department
- CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS (2021) Munich Workshop on Social Media and Democracy; American Economic Association (2 × invited sessions) (2020) CEPR RPN Conflict conference (2019) European Economic Association (invited session); Galatina Political Economy Workshop; McGill University Workshop in Political Economy (2018) Munich Workshop Understanding the Demand for Democracy; Barcelona GSE Workshop on Digital Economics (2017) CGR Queen Mary Workshop in Political Economy and Economic Policy; Galatina Political Economy Workshop; Sheffield Political Economy Workshop (2016) Princeton University ICT and Governance Workshop; EIEF Workshop in Political Economy; EUI Media Workshop; LACEA-Ridge PEG Workshop in Political Economy; CEPR-EBRD Symposium on The Economics of the Middle East and North Africa; Barcelona GSE Workshop on Political Institutions; King’s College London-Queen Mary University Workshop in Advances in Political Economy; CEP Annual Conference; Royal Economic Society (2015) Società Italiana di Economia Pubblica (invited session); IEB Workshop on Political Economy and Public Finance; Simposio de la Asociación Española de Economía; European Economic Association (2014) Siegen Workshop on Natural Resources and Governance; Barcelona GSE Workshop on Political Institutions (2012) Royal Economic Society (2011) Simposio de la Asociación Española de Economía; European Winter Meeting of the Econometric

Society (2010) Simposio de la Asociación Española de Economía; European Economic Association

SELECTED MEDIA
COVERAGE

New York Times, Washington Post, Financial Times, The Guardian, BBC, Slate, The Atlantic, Haaretz, Chicago Tribune, Pacific Standard, Daily Mail, Irish Times, La Repubblica, Il Manifesto, Il Sole 24 Ore, La Stampa, La Vanguardia, El Pais, El Mundo, Atlantico, Deutsch Welle, Aftenposten, Universo Online, Neue Zürcher Zeitung.

JOURNAL
REFEREEING

American Economic Review; AER: Insights; Econometrica; Quarterly Journal of Economics; Review of Economic Studies; Review of Economics and Statistics; Journal of the European Economic Association; American Economic Journal: Applied; American Economic Journal: Policy; Journal of Economic Growth; Economic Journal; Journal of Public Economics; Journal of Development Economics; Journal of Politics; Economica; Journal of Comparative Economics; Journal of Conflict Resolution; Public Choice; Economics Letters; World Development; Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization; Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics; Political Studies; Political Analysis; European Journal of Political Economy; Economics Bulletin; Economics of Governance; Social Choice and Welfare; IZA/DFID G²LM|LIC grant programme

GRANTS AND
SCHOLARSHIP

2021 Best Lecturer Prize - Queen Mary University of London
 2021 “Using Big Data to Measure International Outmigration Stocks from Subnational Places of Origin” (£18,750) UK Research and Innovation
 2018-22 “Spatial Inference on Oil and Economic Development” (1,134,500 €- PA: J. J. Andersen) Norwegian Research Council
 2004-05 Full tuition waiver, Universitat Pompeu Fabra
 2004-05 Scholarship Gianluca Colarusso, Fondazione Einaudi (24,000 €)

PHD ADVISOR

2015-18 Giulia Tagliaferri
 2018 - Rodrigo Gorga-Vera
 2019 - Laura Perez Cervera
 2020 - Antonio Leon
 2020 - Ezgi Kurt

EXTERNAL PHD
EXAMINER

2021 N. Fontana (London School of Economics)
 2017 M. Gamalerio (University of Warwick)
 2017 S. Maurer (London School of Economics)
 2016 O. Borcan (University of Gothenburg)

UNIVERSITY SERVICE	2019-2020-2013-17	Job Market Placement Officer, Queen Mary University of London Organizer, UG Research Assistantship scheme, Queen Mary University of London Member, Impact Committee, Queen Mary University of London
TEACHING	2019-21 2012-21 2012-18 2012	Political Economy, Queen Mary University of London (UG) Applied Econometrics, Queen Mary University of London (UG) International Finance, Queen Mary University of London (UG) Causal Models, Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UG)
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	2008-12 2006-07	Research assistant for Prof. A. Ciccone Research assistant, Bank for International Settlements
POLICY REPORTS		“The Asian Crisis: what did Local Stock Markets Expect?” (2008) with A. Garcia-Herrero and J. Gyntelberg. BIS Working Papers, n.261
LANGUAGES		Italian (native), English (fluent), Spanish (fluent), Catalan (intermediate)