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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  
Committee: A. Ciccone (chair), N. Gennaioli, M. Reynal-Querol, H.-J. Voth  
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

“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.” (2017)  
Revise & Resubmit *Economica*  
“Information, Technology Adoption and Productivity: The Role of Mobile Phones in Agriculture”, with A. Gupta and J. Ponticelli (2019)  
“Oil Price Shocks and Conflict Escalation: Onshore vs. Offshore”, with J. J. Andersen and F. M. Nordvik (2019)

## WORK IN PROGRESS

“Mobile Internet and the Rise of Populism”, with M. Manacorda and G. Tabellini

“Citizen Protest and the Role of New Media”, with F. Campante and R. Durante  
In preparation for the *Annual Review of Economics*

“Importing Values”, with M. Manacorda, J. Ponticelli and P. Sapienza

#### INVITED SEMINARS

(2020) UK Department for International Development (DFID); University of Geneva; University of Lausanne; University of Konstanz; 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 of 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 Autònoma de Barcelona; Universidad de Barcelona; CERGE-EI (2011) CREI; Universitat Pompeu Fabra (2009) BIS Research Department

#### CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

(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

#### JOURNAL REFEREEING

American Economic Review; Econometrica; Quarterly Journal of Economics; Review of Economic Studies; Review of Economics and Statistics; Journal of the European Economic Association; American Economic Journal: Applied; 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

GRANT REFEREEING	IZA/DFID G <sup>2</sup> LM LIC programme	
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, Neue Zürcher Zeitung, Aftenposten, Universo Online.	
GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIP	2018-22	“Spatial Inference on Oil and Economic Development” (1,134,500€ - PA: J. J. Andersen) Norwegian Research Council
	2007-12	PhD Scholarship, Universitat Pompeu Fabra
	2004-05	Full tuition waiver, Universitat Pompeu Fabra
	2004-05	Scholarship Gianluca Colarusso, Fondazione Einaudi (24,000€)
CURRENT PHD ADVISOR	Rodrigo Gorga-Vera; Laura Perez Cervera	
EXTERNAL PHD EXAMINER	2017	M. Gamalerio (University of Warwick); S. Maurer (London School of Economics)
	2016	O. Borcan (University of Gothenburg)
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	2008-12	Research assistant for Prof. A. Ciccone
	2006-07	Research assistant, Bank for International Settlements
TEACHING	2019-20	Political Economy, Queen Mary University of London (Undergraduate)
	2012-20	Applied Econometrics, Queen Mary University of London (Undergraduate)
	2012-18	International Finance, Queen Mary University of London (Undergraduate)
	2012	Causal Models, Universitat Pompeu Fabra (Undergraduate)
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)