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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS AND AFFILIATIONS

2019 - Reader (Associate Professor), Queen Mary University of London
2012-19 Lecturer (Assistant Professor), Queen Mary University of London
2016 - CEPR - Centre for Economic Policy Research, Research Affiliate (POE, DE, MG)
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

ACADEMIC VISITS

2022 (Jun) University of Padua
2021 (Sep-Oct) Einaudi Institute for Economics and Finance, Rome
2018-19 Visiting Scholar, Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University
2017 (Apr) Luiss University, Rome

JOURNAL ARTICLES

“Media and Social Capital”, with F. Campante and R. Durante
Annual Review of Economics (2022), 14(1)

“Oil Price Shocks and Conflict Escalation: Onshore vs. Offshore”, with J. Andersen & F. Nordvik
Journal of Conflict Resolution (2021), 66(2): 327-356

“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	<p>“Mobile Internet and the Rise of Political Tribalism in Europe”, with M. Manacorda and G. Tabellini (2022)</p> <p>“Language Barriers, Technology Adoption and Productivity: Evidence from Agriculture in India”, with A. Gupta and J. Ponticelli (2022)</p> <p>“Trust and Racial Income Inequality: Evidence from the U.S.” Revise & Resubmit <i>Economica</i> (2017)</p>
WORK IN PROGRESS	<p>“Importing Values”, with M. Manacorda, and J. Ponticelli</p> <p>“Pipelines to Power”, with S. Axbard, and J. J. Andersen</p> <p>“Revolution on the Radio”, with F. Gonzalez and M. Prem</p> <p>“Pilgrims and Crusaders: Religion and Voting in Europe”, with T. Colussi, F. Valencia and D. Rohner</p>
INVITED SEMINARS	<p>(2023) King’s College; Essex University; Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (2022) Brown University; University of British Columbia; Universidade NOVA de Lisboa; Duke Kunshan University; Ofcom UK (2×); University of Padua (2021) EIEF Rome; UAB-IAE Barcelona; Universitat de Barcelona; NES Moscow; UNSW Sydney; University of Manchester; University of Verona; Ifo Institute - Munich; University of Western Australia (2020) DFID UK; University of Geneva; University of Lausanne; University of Konstanz; Diego Portales University; GATE Lyon-St Etienne; University of East Anglia (2019) University of Chicago; Northwestern University; University of British Columbia; City University New York; University of Zurich; Bonn University; Universidad de Los Andes; Pontificia Universidad Javeriana; Lancaster University (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 of Warwick; London School of Economics; University St. Gallen; 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 (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; Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona; Universitat de Barcelona; CERGE-EI</p>
CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS	<p>(2022) BSE Summer Forum - Political Economy; CEPR Political Economy Programme & CEPR Research and Policy Network on Populism Joint Symposium (2021) LMU Workshop on Social Media and Democracy; American Economic Association (2× invited sessions); Berlin School</p>

of Economics - WZB Political Economy Workshop (2020) CEPR Conflict conference (2019) European Economic Association (invited session); Galatina Political Economy Workshop; McGill University Workshop in Political Economy (2018) LMU Workshop Understanding the Demand for Democracy; BSE Summer Forum - Digital Economics (2017) CGR Queen Mary Political Economy and Economic Policy Workshop; Sheffield Political Economy Workshop; Galatina Political Economy Workshop (2016) Princeton University ICT and Governance Workshop; Einaudi Institute for Economics and Finance 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; BSE Summer Forum - 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 (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

EDITORIAL SERVICE

2023 Guest Editor (with F. Campante and R. Durante) CEPR Ebook "The Political Economy of Social Media"
2021-23 Panel Member of *Economic Policy*

JOURNAL
REFEREEING

American Economic Review; Econometrica; Quarterly Journal of Economics; Journal of Political Economy; Review of Economic Studies; AER: Insights; Review of Economics and Statistics; Journal of the European Economic Association; AEJ: Applied; AEJ: 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	2021 -	Antonio Leon
	2020 -	Ezgi Kurt
	2019 -	Laura Perez Cervera
	2015-18	Giulia Tagliaferri
EXTERNAL PHD EXAMINER	2022	A. Ismailov (Universitat Pompeu Fabra)
	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	2022-	Director Graduate Studies (PhD), QMUL
	2019-	Job Market Placement Officer, QMUL
	2021-22	Deputy Director Graduate Studies, QMUL
	2020-21	Organizer, UG Research assistantship scheme, QMUL
	2013-17	Member, Impact Committee, QMUL
TEACHING	2022-23	Development Economics, QMUL (PhD)
	2019-21	Political Economy, QMUL (UG)
	2012-21	Applied Econometrics, QMUL (UG)
	2012-18	International Finance, QMUL (UG)
	2011	Causal Models, Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UG)
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	2008-12	Research assistant for Prof. A. Ciccone
	2006-07	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)