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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS & 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, Development Economics

## PUBLICATIONS

“Media and Social Capital”  
*Annual Review of Economics* (2022), 14(1): 69-91, with F. Campante and R. Durante

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

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

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

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

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

## WORKING PAPERS

“Language Barriers, Technology Adoption and Productivity: Evidence from Agriculture in India”  
Revise & Resubmit *Review of Economics and Statistics*, with A. Gupta and J. Ponticelli (2023)

“Mobile Internet and the Rise of Communitarian Politics”, with Manacorda and G. Tabellini (2023)

“Importing Values”, with M. Manacorda, and J. Ponticelli (2023)

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

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WORK IN PROGRESS	<p>“Waves of Empowerment: La Revolucion in Latin America”, with F. Gonzalez and M. Prem</p> <p>“Religion and Voting in Europe”, with T. Colussi, D. Rohner and F. Valencia</p> <p>“Pipelines to Power”, with S. Axbard, and J. J. Andersen</p>
POLICY REPORTS & DISCUSSIONS	<p>Discussion of: “Career Incentives in Academia”, by M. Nieddu and L. Pandolfi. <i>Economic Policy</i>, 2022, 37(112): 749-751</p> <p>“The Asian Crisis: what did Local Stock Markets Expect?” (2008) with A. Garcia-Herrero and J. Gyntelberg. BIS Working Papers, n.261</p>
INVITED SEMINARS, CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS	<p>2023 King’s College; Essex University; Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona</p> <p>2022 Brown University; University of British Columbia; Universidade NOVA de Lisboa; Duke University; Ofcom UK; University of Padua; BSE Summer Forum - Political Economy; CEPR Political Economy Programme &amp; CEPR Research and Policy Network on Populism Joint Symposium</p> <p>2021 EIEF Rome; Institut de Anàlisi Econòmica Barcelona; Universitat de Barcelona; UNSW Sydney; University of Western Australia; University of Manchester; Ifo Institute-Munich; University of Verona; NES Moscow; LMU Workshop on Social Media and Democracy; American Economic Association; Berlin School of Economics-WZB Political Economy Workshop</p> <p>2020 DFID UK; University of Geneva; University of Lausanne; University of Konstanz; Diego Portales University; GATE Lyon-St Etienne; University of East Anglia; CEPR Conflict Conference</p> <p>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; McGill University Workshop in Political Economy; European Economic Association; Galatina Political Economy Workshop</p> <p>2018 McGill University; Norwegian University of Science and Technology; Università degli Studi di Milano; Università Cattolica di Milano; LMU Workshop Understanding the Demand for Democracy; BSE Summer Forum - Digital Economics</p> <p>2017 London School of Economics; Edinburgh University; Universitat Pompeu Fabra; University of Warwick; Norwegian Business School; University St. Gallen; University of Navarra; Erasmus University of Rotterdam; Sheffield Political Economy Workshop; Galatina Political Economy Workshop; CGR Queen Mary Political Economy and Economic Policy Workshop</p>

- 2016 Collegio Carlo Alberto; Università di Milano Bicocca; Surrey University; University of York; Princeton University ICT and Governance Workshop; CEPR - EBRD Symposium on the Economics of the Middle East and North Africa; EIEF Political Economy Workshop; EUI Media Workshop; LACEA-Ridge PEG Workshop in Political Economy; Royal Economic Society; BSE Summer Forum - Political Institutions; King's College - Queen Mary Workshop in Advances in Political Economy CEP Annual Conference
- 2015 Gothenburg University; Norwegian Business School; Società Italiana di Economia Pubblica; IEB Workshop on Political Economy and Public Finance; Simposio de la Asociación Española de Economía; European Economic Association
- 2014 IMT Lucca; Inter-American Development Bank; Siegen Workshop on Natural Resources and Governance
- 2013 London School of Economics
- 2012 Queen Mary University; Bank of Italy; University of Copenhagen; University of Surrey; Royal Holloway University; Collegio Carlo Alberto; Inter-American Development Bank; Edinburgh University; Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona; Universitat de Barcelona; CERGE-EI; Royal Economic Society; Simposio de la Asociación Española de Economía; European Winter Meeting of the Econometric Society

TEACHING  
EXPERIENCE

- 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)

UNIVERSITY  
SERVICE

- 2022- Director of Graduate Studies (PhD), QMUL
- 2019- Job Market Placement Officer, QMUL
- 2021-22 Deputy Director Graduate Studies, QMUL
- 2013-17 Member, Impact Committee, QMUL

GRANTS AND  
SCHOLARSHIP

- 2021 Best Lecturer Prize - Queen Mary University of London
- 2018-22 "Spatial Inference on Oil and Economic Development" (£110,000) Norwegian Research Council
- 2021 "Using Big Data to Measure International Outmigration Stocks from Subnational Places of Origin" (£18,750) UK Research and Innovation
- 2004-05 Scholarship Gianluca Colarusso, Fondazione Einaudi (24,000 €)

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PHD STUDENTS	2021 - Antonio Leon 2020 - Ezgi Kurt 2019 - Laura Perez Cervera 2015-18 Giulia Tagliaferri
PHD COMMITTEES	London School of Economics (3); University of Warwick (2); Universitat Pompeu Fabra; University of Gothenburg
CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION AND SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEES	2022 Conference Organizer: Annual workshop of the Political Economy UK Group 2022 Scientific Program Committee: European Economic Association 2021 Scientific Program Committee: European Economic Association
EDITORIAL SERVICE	2023 Guest Editor CEPR Ebook “The Political Economy of Social Media” (with F. Campante and R. Durante) 2021-23 Panel Member of <i>Economic Policy</i>
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; IMF Economic Review; 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 G <sup>2</sup> LM   LIC grant programme
VISITING POSITIONS	2022 University of Padua, Visiting Professor 2021 EIEF, Rome, Visiting Professor 2018-19 Northwestern University, Visiting Scholar 2017 Luiss University, Rome, Visiting Professor
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

PROFESSIONAL  
EXPERIENCE

2008-12 Research assistant for Prof. A. Ciccone  
2006-07 Research assistant, Bank for International Settlements

LANGUAGES

Italian (native), English (fluent), Spanish (fluent), Catalan (intermediate)