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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

“Mobile Internet and the Rise of Communitarian Politics”
R&R Review of Economic Studies, with M. Manacorda and G. Tabellini (2023)

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

“Information Frictions and Take-up of Government Credit Programs”
R&R Review of Financial Studies, with A. Gupta and J. Ponticelli (2023)

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

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

WORK IN PROGRESS	<p>“Waves of Empowerment: La Revolucion in Latin America”, with F. Gonzalez and M. Prem</p> <p>“Pilgrims and Crusaders: Religion as a Persistent Double-Edged Sword”, 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>2024 Wien University</p> <p>2023 King’s College; Essex University; Nazarbayev University; Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona; CEPR Workshop on Media, Technology, Politics, and Society; CEPR Annual Symposium</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 & CEPR Research and Policy Network on Populism Joint Symposium</p> <p>2021 EIEF Rome; Institut de Analisis Economico 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</p>

Studi di Milano; Università Cattolica di Milano; LMU Workshop Understanding the Demand for Democracy; BSE Summer Forum - Digital Economics

- 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
- 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 €)
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 ² 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)