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| *Academic positions* | **April 2024-, University of Bologna,** postdoctoral scholar, ORIGINS project, Department of Economics (DSE)**2022-2024, University of Barcelona,** Maria Zambrano researcher, Department of Economic History, Institutions, Politics and World Economy**2020-2022, Eberhard Karls University Tübingen**, postdoctoral researcher, Department of Economic History, Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences, **2015-2020, University of Bologna**, research fellow, Department of History and Cultures |
| *Other positions**Education*  | **2021– Associate Editor,** Cambridge Elements in Law, Economics and Politics**2018, External Research Associate**, University of Pennsylvania – Penn Museum, Philadelphia (USA) **2014, University of Turin,** PhD History/Archaeology **2011-2013**, University of Pennsylvania, visiting scholar**2010, University of Bologna,** MA Archaeology **2010, UCL London**, Institute of Archaeology, exchange student**2008, University of Bologna**, BAArts and Humanities |
| *Publications in journals* | 2023. Violence Trends in the Very Lon-Run: The Ancient Middle East ca 12.000-400 BCE (with J. Baten, A. Sołtysiak). ***Nature Human Behaviour*.** doi: 10.1038/s41562-023-01700-y. 2023. Combining Social Sciences, Geoscience and Archaeology to Understand Societal Collapse (with C. Guerriero). ***Quaternary Science Reviews*** 314, 108217. Doi: 10.1016/j.quascirev.2023.108217. 2022. The Origins of Political Institutions and Property Rights (with C. Guerriero, F. Zaina). ***Journal of Comparative Economics*** 50, 946-968*,*doi:10.1016/j.jce.2022.07.002.2022. Rethinking Age-Heaping again for understanding its possibilities and limitations (with J. Baten, S. Ferber). ***The* *Economic History Review*** 75, 960-971, doi: 10.1111/ehr.13139. 2022. The Origins of the State: Technology, Cooperation, and Institutions (with C. Guerriero), ***Journal of Institutional Economics*** 18, 29-43. doi: 10.1017/S1744137420000569.2021. Climate Change and State Evolution (co-authored with C. Guerriero). ***PNAS***118, e2020893118. doi: 10.1073/pnas.2020893118.2021. The Economic and Institutional Determinants of Trade Expansion in Bronze Age Greater Mesopotamia” (with C. Guerriero and F. Zaina). ***Journal of Archaeological Science*** 131, 105398. doi: 10.1016/j.jas.2021.105398.  |
| *Work in Progress* | * **Submitted**

2023. Climate Shocks, Democratization and (a Culture of) Cooperation (with C. Guerriero), *SSRN Working Paper*: 10.2139/ssrn.3912442. **Submitted to the *Journal of Law & Economics* (pending peer-review)**2023. The Origins of a Culture of Cooperation (with C. Guerriero). *SSRN Working Paper:* 10.2139/ssrn.4181876. **Submitted to the *Journal of Economic History* (pending peer-review).** 2023. Climate Shocks and State-Building (with C. Guerriero). *SSRN Working Paper*: 10.2139/ssrn.3868082. **Submitted to *Economica* (pending peer-review).*** **Ongoing**

2023. A Game of Bones: Security, State Capacity and Nutritional Welfare in the Middle East, 10.000–400 BCE (with J. Baten, A. Sołtysiak, A. Tagini).2023. The Network Structure of Ancient Trade (with S. Lozano Perez).2023. More on the Origins of Enduring Inequality (with M. Fochesato).2023. The First ICT Revolution: Writing and the Early State (with F. Carugati).2021. Violence in the Viking World: New Bioarchaeological Evidence (with J. Baten, A. Kjellstroem), *EHES Working Papers in Economic History* 206. <http://www.ehes.org/EHES_206.pdf>.  |
| *Other publications (selected)* | 2022. Clash of the Titans: The Economics of Early Bronze Age Mesopotamia Between Empirical Evidence and Theoretical Models. In *Ancient Economies in Comparative Perspective*, M. Frangipane et al. (eds.), Springer. 2022. Economic Growth and Development in the Ancient Near East. In *The Earliest Economic Growth in World History*,D. A. Warburton (ed.), Peeters.2020. The Fiscal Capacity of the Ebla State in the Early Bronze Age: Taxation and Political Structure (with M. Bonechi). In *Economic Complexity in the Ancient Near East. Management of Resources and Taxation,* J. Mynarova, S. Alivernini (eds.), Charles University Prague Press. 2018. NEARCHOS. Networked Archaeological Open Science: Advances in Archaeology through Field Analytics and Scientific Community Sharing (with N. Marchetti et al.), ***Journal of Archaeological Research***26, 447-469. doi: 10.1007/s10814-017-9112-42017. Nonadministrative Documents from Archaic Ur and from Early Dynastic I-II Mesopotamia: A New Textual and Archaeological Analysis (with C. Lecompte), ***Journal of Cuneiform Studies*** 69, 3-32. doi: 10.5615/jcunestud.69.2017.0003. 2015. Re-modeling Political Economy in Early 3rd Millennium B.C. Mesopotamia: Changing Patterns of Socio-economic Organization in Archaic Ur (Tell al-Muqayyar, Iraq),***Cuneiform Digital Library Journal***2015: 2. <https://cdli.ucla.edu/pubs/cdlj/2015/cdlj2015_002.html>2014. The Beginning of the Early Dynastic Period at Ur. ***Iraq*** 76, 1–17. |
| *Books (in preparation)* | *The Origins of the State* (with C. Guerriero) [Preliminary agreement with Cambridge University Press]. |
| *Teaching* | **2022-, University of Barcelona (**[**Master in Institutions and Political Economy**](https://www.ub.edu/mipe/)**)**Institutions, State capacity and Growth (with A. Herranz, J. Peres); Market Formation in History (with A. Herranz, E. Jorge Sotelo). **2021-2022, University of Tübingen (graduate level)**. Topics in International Economic History. Empirical Studies on Migration, Trade and Growth in the Long Run (with J. Baten).**2015-2020, University of Bologna (undergraduate and graduate level).** Seminars on economic anthropology and institutional history of early state societies, degrees of anthropology, history, and archaeology. |
| *Fellowships, awards & professional qualifications* | 2023. Catalan scientific habilitation for Assistant Professor (Profesor Lector) positions (**AQU Catalunya**). 2021. **Marie Skłodowska-Curie Action (MSCA)**, *Seal of Excellence* (proposal evaluated >85%).2019. **Marco Polo Grant,** University of Bologna. 2016. **International Assyriological Association Prize** for “Best first article written after the PhD”. 2011-2013. **Full** **PhD scholarship**, Department of Historic Studies, University of Turin. 2010. **Erasmus Exchange scholarship**. |
| *Grants* | 2021. **María Zambrano Grant** for the attraction of international talent in Spain, Spanish Ministry of Universities & Next Generation EU Funding. 2017. G**rant** from the Maison Archéologie et Ethnologie (Nanterre-Paris) (as co-PI with C. Lecompte). 2017. **AlmaIdea Grant,** Department of History & Cultures, UNIBO(asPI). |
| *(Selected) Conferences and Workshops* | **2023**, 27th SIOE meeting, Frankfurt. **2022**, XIX World Economic History Congress, Paris; Economic History Society Annual Conference, Cambridge. **2021**, London Workshop on Institutional Issues. **2019**, Charles University, Prague, Workshop on Management of Resources and Taxation in the Ancient Near East. **2018**, Workshop “Archaic Texts and Early State Economies in Mesopotamia”, DiSCi, Bologna; Workshop “The Rise of Political Institutions”, DSE, University of Bologna. **2017**, Congress “Ancient Economies in Comparative Perspective”, Rome. **2016**, Workshop “Economic Growth in Antiquity”, Berlin. |
| *Invited talks* | **2024,** Penn Initiative for the Study of Markets, Upenn (Philadelphia); Department of Political Economy, King’s College (London, 08/06), Department of Political Economy; Bocconi University. **2023,** Department of Economic History, Institutions, Politics and World Economy, University of Barcelona. **2022,** Institut für Ur- und Frühgeschichte und Vorderasiatische Archäologie,Heidelberg University. **2021**, Seminar on Bioarchaeology of the Near East, Warsaw University. **2020**, Congress on History and Cultures of the Early Americas, Library of Congress, Washington DC (cancelled due to COVID19). **2018**, Center for Ancient Studies, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia; Department of Classics, Stanford. **2015**, CNRS Nanterre, Sorbonne, Paris; Institut d’histoire et archéologie de l’Orient ancient, Universitè de Strasbourg. **2013**, Department of Oriental Studies, Sapienza University of Rome. **2012**, Department of History of Art, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.  |
| *Refereeing activity* | *Cuneiform Digital Library Journal* (*CDLJ*), *Cuneiform Digital Library Bulletin* (*CDLB*), *Bioarchaeology of the Ancient Near East; Egitto e Vicino Oriente (EVO), Cambridge Elements in Law, Economics and Politics; Climatic Change; Nature Human Behaviour, PNAS.*  |
| *Other professional activities* | * **As project collaborator**

2023-, Universities of Bologna and Modena, “ORIGINS project”, funded by **Italian Ministry of Universities and Research, PRIN 2022**.2022-, University of Barcelona, “State capacity in Latin America (1870-2020): indicators, causes and consequences”, funded by the **Ministerio de Ciencia e Innovación** (Spain). 2020-2022, University of Tübingen, SFB-1070 “ResourceCulture” Project, funded by the **German Science Foundation**. 2020-2022, CNR-ISPC Rome, “Big-DEA” Project funded by the **Italian Ministry of Universities and Research, PRIN 2017**. 2018, University of Pennsylvania/Penn Museum (Philadelphia). Al-Hiba Publication Project, funded by **The Shelby White and Leon Levy program**.2017-2018, University of Bologna. “EDUU” project, funded by the **European Commission, EuropeAid** scheme.  |
| *Software proficiency**Languages* | QGIS; Stata (beginner); Adobe Creative Suite; AutoCAD; Gephi. Italian (native), English (fluent), Spanish (fluent), Catalan (reading knowledge), French (reading knowledge) |