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CURRENT APPOINTMENTS Professor of Economics, Tor Vergata University of Rome 01/2021-
CESifo Research Fellow (Economic of Digitization Area) 09/2017-
Director, MSc in Economics, Tor Vergata University of Rome 09/2021-

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT Associate Professor, Luiss University 2015-2020
Assistant Professor, Catholic University of Milan. 2013-2015
Jean Monnet Fellow, European University Institute. 2012-2013
Assistant Professor, IMT Lucca. 2008-2012

EDUCATION University of Southern California
Ph.D. Economics, 2008

University of Warwick
M.Sc., Economics, 2003

Bocconi University
Laurea, *summa cum laude*, Economics and Social Sciences (DES), 2002

PUBLICATIONS - “A Beam of Light: Media, Tourism and Economic Development”, with Samuel Nocito & Marcello Sartarelli, *Journal of Urban Economics*, 137, 2023.

- “War of the Waves: Radio and Resistance During World War II”, with S. Gagliarducci, M. Onorato & G. Tabellini. (leading article) *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 12(4), 2020.

- “The Political Cost of Being Soft on Crime: Evidence from a Natural Experiment”, with F. Drago & R. Galbiati. *Journal of the European Economic Association*, 18(6), 2020.

- “Opinion Dynamics via Search Engines (and Other Algorithmic Gatekeepers)”, with F. Germano. *Journal of Public Economics*, 187, 2020.

- “Politics 2.0: The Multifaceted Effects of Broadband Internet on Political Participation”, with F. Campante & R. Durante. *Journal of the European Economic Association*, 16(4), 2018.

- “Paying Positive to Go Negative: Advertisers’ Competition and Media Reports”, with A. Blasco & P. Pin.
European Economic Review, 83: 243–261, 2016.
- “Meet the Press: How Voters and Politicians Respond to Newspaper Entry and Exit”, with F. Drago & T. Nannicini;
American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, 6(3):159-188, 2014.
- “Citizen-Editors’ Endogenous Information Acquisition and News Accuracy”
Journal of Public Economics, 113: 43-53, 2014.
- Indirect Lobbying and Media Bias
Quarterly Journal of Political Science, 6 (3-4): 235-274, 2011.
- “Electoral Participation and Communicative Voting in Europe”, with P. Navarra;
European Journal of Political Economy, 26(2): 185-207, 2010.

LITERATURE
REVIEWS/
OTHER
PUBLICATIONS

- The “Great Lockdown”: Inactive Workers and Mortality by Covid-19, with Nicola Borri, Francesco Drago & Chiara Santantonio, *Health Economics*, 30(10), 2021.
- “The Political Economy of New media: Challenges & Opportunities across Democracies and Autocracies”, *Journal of Development Perspectives*, 2(1-2):49-61, 2018.
- “New Media, New issues”, in C. Menard & M. Shirley (eds.). *A Research Agenda for New Institutional Economics*. Edward Elgar Publishing. 2018.
- “The Political Economy of News Media: Theory, Evidence and Open Issues”, in F. Forte, R. Mudambi & P. Navarra (eds.). *Handbook of Alternative Theories of Public Economics*. Cheltenham, Edward Elgar Press. 2014.
- “Competition and Commercial Media Bias”, with A. Blasco
Telecommunications Policy, 36 (5): 434-447, 2012.

WORKING
PAPERS

- Fact-checking Politicians, with Andrea Mattozzi & Samuel Nocito
- Ranking for Engagement: How Social Media Algorithms Fuel Misinformation and Polarization, with Fabrizio Germano and Vicenç Gómez
- Lost in the Net? Broadband Internet and Youth Mental Health, joint with Dante Donati, Ruben Durante & Dijana Zejcirovic

REFeree FOR: *American Economic Review; AEJ: Applied Economics; AEJ: Economic Policy; AEJ: Microeconomics; American Journal of Political Science; American Political Science Review; The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy; Economics & Politics; Economic Inquiry; Economic Journal; Economic Policy; Economic Theory; European Economic Review; European Journal of Political Economy; Health Economics; International Economic Review; Information Economics and Policy; Journal of Comparative Economics; Journal of Economic Behaviour and Organization; Journal of Economic Geography; Journal of the European Economic Association; Journal of Labor Economics; Journal of Law, Economics and Organizations; Journal of Public Economics; Mathematical Social Sciences; RAND Journal of Economics; Review of Economic and Statistics; Review of Economic Studies.*

GRANTS FacTS - 2023 - European Media and Information Fund - Co-PI (€389,000)
Fact-checking Politicians - 2022 PRIN - Co-PI (€295,000)
2015 EIEF Research Grant.

VISITING POSITIONS Visiting Professor, Sciences Po 10/2014
Visiting Professor, Universitat Pompeu Fabra. 04/2013
Visiting Professor, CORE, Université Catholique de Louvain. 04/2011

SEMINARS (2010-) 2020 - 2024: Catholic University of Milan; University of Padova; EIEF; Tor Vergata University of Rome; CUNEF;
2016 - 2019: University of Nottingham; Queen Mary University of London; EIEF; Uppsala University; Sapienza University of Rome; LUISS “G. Carli”; CSEF, University of Napoli Federico II; Centro Studi Confindustria.
2013-2015: Institut d’Anàlisi Econòmica, Barcelona; Universitat Pompeu Fabra; University of Siena; Catholic University of Milan.
2010-2012: Université Catholique de Louvain; Copenhagen Business School; CERGE-EI, Prague; University of Florence; University of Modena and Reggio Emilia; University of Padova; Institut d’Anàlisi Econòmica, Barcelona; Universitat de Barcelona-IEB; University of Namur.

WORKSHOPS & CONFERENCES (2010-) 2022-2024: 2024 conference on Growth, Institutions and Development (Brunel University); 2022 AI+Economics Workshop - ETH Zurich; 2022 Petralia Workshop; 2022 Barcelona Summer Forum - Political Economy
2016 - 2021: 2019 Petralia Workshop; 2018 EPCS conference; 3rd Economics of Platforms Workshop; Second Applied Microeconomics Workshop, Bolzano; 15th Media Economics Workshop, Barcelona; “Shaping Digitalization at a Global Level”, Kiel Institute for the World Economy; 2017 Petralia-Ortigia

Workshop in Applied Economics; Digital Economy Workshop, Barcelona Summer Forum; 2nd Economics of Media Bias Workshop, Lausanne; ICCEE 2017; European Meeting of the Econometrics Society (ESEM), Geneva; 2016 Petralia Workshop in Applied Economics; 2nd Summer Workshop in Political Economy, EIEF; 1st Padua Political Economy Workshop; 2016 International Meeting on Experimental and Behavioral Social Sciences (IMEBESS).

2014-2015: Annual Scientific Seminar on the Economics of Communication and Media, European University Institute; SIEP XXIV Conference; Petralia Workshop in Applied Economics; XIV Conference in Media Economics; “Economic Analysis of Electoral Politics” Workshop (Barcelona Summer Forum).

2012-2013: 2013 EUI Alumni Conference in Economics; Petralia Workshop in Applied Economics; ISNIE 2013; Social Media and Political Participation, NYU La Pietra Dialogues; EUI Conference on “Communications and Media Markets” 2012 and 2013, European University Institute; XXXVI Simposio of the Spanish Economic Association, Malaga.

2010-2011: 9th Workshop in Media Economics, Moscow; Petralia Workshop in Applied Economics; UCL Blackboard Workshop in Political Economics; EUI Workshop in Economics of Communication and Media; European Meeting of the European Economic Association (EEA), Glasgow; Workshop on Media Economics and Public Policy, New York

OTHER
PROFESSIONAL
ACTIVITIES

Workshop Organization:

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| 2 nd CEPR-EIEF-Tor Vergata Workshop on Media, Technology, Politics & Society | 2023 |
| CEPR-EIEF-Tor Vergata Workshop on Media, Technology, Politics & Society | 2022 |
| Political Economy Workshop, Catholic University of Milan | 2014 |
| EUI Conference on “Communications and Media Markets” | 2013 |

Program Committee:

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| TILEC-GovReg Workshop on “Governance of Big Data and AI” | 2019 |
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INSTITUTIONAL
SERVICE
(PRO BONO)

Member of the economic advisors committee “The costs of politics.”
Spending Review 2013-2014, Italian Ministry of Economic and Finance.

TEACHING
EXPERIENCE

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| Public Sector Economics and Management (MSc). Tor Vergata University of Rome. | 2021- |
| Public Economics and Policy (BA). Tor Vergata University of Rome. | 2021- |
| Principles of Economics (BA). Luiss University. | 2016- |
| Microeconomic Analysis (MSc). Luiss University-EIEF | 2017-2019 |

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|---|------------|
| Managerial Economics (MA). Luiss University | 2015; 2016 |
| Microeconomia (BA). Luiss University. | 2016 |
| Public Finance (BA). Catholic University of Milan. | 2015 |
| Political and Public Economics (MSc). Catholic University of Milan. | 2014 |
| Scienza delle Finanze (BA). Catholic University of Milan. | 2013 |
| Game Theory (PhD). IMT Lucca. | 2009-2012 |

PhD External Examiner: Elena Costas-Perez (Universitat de Barcelona, 2014); Evgeniya Koroleva (University of Rome Tor Vergata, 2017); Giulia Tagliaferri (Queen Mary University of London, 2018); Tommaso Giommoni (Bocconi, 2019); Andrea De Meo (University of Rome Tor Vergata, 2019); Lorenzo Ferrari (University of Rome Tor Vergata, 2019); Etienne Fize (Sciences Po, 2019); Jonas Klarin (University of Uppsala, 2021); Freek van Gils (University of Tilburg, 2022); Hugo Subtil (École polytechnique, 2023).

PERSONAL

Date and Place of Birth: 7 April 1978, Messina, Italy.
Citizenship: Italian. Married, two children (born 2016, 2018).