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ACADEMIC POSITIONS	<i>National University of Singapore, Department of Economics</i> Full Professor: 2023- ; Provost's Chair: 2024- <i>Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Department of Economics and Business</i> Full Professor: 2021- (on leave) ICREA Research Professor: 2018 - (on leave) Associate Professor: 2016 - 2018 <i>Sciences Po, Department of Economics</i> Associate Professor (with tenure): 2017 - 2018 Assistant Professor: 2010 - 2017		
OTHER AFFILIATIONS	<i>Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR):</i> Research Fellow, Political Economy Program (POE); Member, Research Policy Network on Media Plurality <i>CESifo:</i> Research Fellow, Economics of Digitization Area <i>Institute of Labor Economics (IZA):</i> Research Fellow, Behavioral and Personnel Economics <i>Asian Bureau of Finance and Economic Research (ABFER):</i> Fellow <i>Gallup US:</i> Research Advisor <i>Barcelona School of Economics (BSE):</i> Affiliated Faculty <i>Institute for Political Economy and Governance (IPEG):</i> Research Associate		
VISITING POSITIONS	<i>Ifo Institute (Germany):</i> July 2024 <i>INSEAD (France):</i> September 2022 to June 2023 <i>Paris School of Economics:</i> September 2022 to June 2023 <i>INSEAD (Singapore):</i> January 2020, February 2021, February 2022 <i>Waseda University, Department of Economics:</i> October 2019 <i>Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, Department of Economics:</i> June 2019 <i>London Business School, Department of Economics:</i> April-May 2019 <i>Brown University, Department of Economics:</i> Summer 2015 <i>Yale University, Dep. of Economics and Leitner Political Economy Program:</i> academic year 2013-14 <i>University of Chicago, Booth School of Business:</i> December 2013 <i>Institute for International Economic Studies, Stockholm:</i> May 2013		
EDUCATION	Ph.D. Economics, Brown University, 2010 M.A. Economics, Brown University, 2005 M.A. Political Economy, Université de Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne, 2003 B.A. Economics, Università degli Studi di Messina, 2001		
GRANTS	<i>European Research Council</i> Consolidator Grant (2025-2029 1.9M €) Proof of Concept Grant (2023-2025 150k €) Starting Grant (2018-2024, 1.5M €) <i>National University of Singapore</i> Starting Research Grant (2023-2025, 770k S\$, PI) <i>BBVA Foundation</i> Grant for research on COVID-19 in economics and social sciences (2020-2022, 100k €, PI)		

Economy and Digital Society Fellowship (2018-2020, 95k €, co-PI)

La Caixa Foundation

Social Research Call 2020 (2020-2022, 100k €, co-PI)

Catalan Agency for the Management of University and Research Grants

Pandèmia 2020 grant (2021-2022, 276k €, co-PI)

HONORS
AND AWARDS

La Vanguardia-Fundació Catalunya-La Pedrera

Finalist of the 2018 *Vanguardia de la Ciencia* scientific prize

Spanish Ministry of Education and Research

Ramón y Cajal Fellowship (2017, 2018, declined for conflict with EU funding)

Catalan Agency for Management of University and Research Grants

Beatriu de Pinós Fellowship (2017-2019)

American Economic Association

Prize for Best Paper Published on the *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics* (2017)

Yale University, Georg W. Leitner Program in International and Comparative Political Economy

Visiting Scholar Fellowship (academic year 2013-14)

Brown University, Graduate School

Joukowsky Family Foundation Award for Best Dissertation in the Social Sciences (2011)

TEACHING

Political Economy: undergraduate (Sciences Po, Yale, NUS), Master (Sciences Po, UPF), Ph.D. (LBS)

Political Economy of Mass Media: undergraduate (Yale), Master (Sciences Po, Waseda)

Text Analysis for Research in Economics and Finance, Ph.D. (LBS, DIW, UPF, EUI, ULB, King's, Ifo, INSEAD)

Economics and Business: Public Policy: MBA (INSEAD)

Econometrics: Ph.D. (INSEAD)

Public Economics: undergraduate (Sciences Po, UPF, Yale), Ph.D. (UPF)

Economic Growth and Development: undergraduate (Sciences Po), Master (UPF)

Topics in Experimental and Behavioral Economics: Master (Sciences Po)

PROFESSIONAL
EXPERIENCE

Inter-American Development Bank (IADB)

Consultant (July 2019 -)

Columbia University, CPC Learning Network, Program on Forced Migration and Health

Consultant (April 2019 - July 2019)

World Bank (WBIPR)

Consultant (September 2006 to August 2007); Intern (Summer 2006)

PUBLISHED
PAPERS

Unpacking Social Capital (with N. Mastrococco, L. Minale, J. Snyder), forthcoming *The Economic Journal*.

The Impact of Online Competition on Newspaper: Evidence from the Introduction of Craigslist (with G. Martin, M. Djourelouva), forthcoming *Review of Economic Studies*.

Media Slant and Public Policy Views (with M. Djourelouva, E. Motte, and E. Patacchini), *American Economic Review: Papers & Proceedings*, 2024, vol. 114, pp. 684-689.

The Virus of Fear: The Political Impact of Ebola in the U.S. (with E. Depetris-Chauvin and F. Campante), *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 2024, vol. 16, n.1, pp. 480-509.

Saliency and Accountability: School Infrastructure and Last-Minute Electoral Punishment (with N. Ajzenmán), *The Economic Journal*, 2023, vol. 133, n. 649, pp. 460-476.

Media and Social Capital (with F. Campante and A. Tesei), *Annual Review of Economics*, 2022, vol. 14, pp. 69-91.

Real-Time Inequality and the Welfare State in Motion: Evidence from Covid-19 in Spain (with O. Aspachs, J. Montalvo, A. Graziano, J. Mestres, A., M. Reynal-Querol), *Economic Policy*, 2022, vol.

37, n. 109, pp. 165-199.

Media Attention and Strategic Timing in Politics: Evidence from U.S. Presidential Executive Orders (with M. Djourelova), *American Journal of Political Science*, October 2021, 1-22.

Internal Migration Networks and Mortality in Home Communities: Evidence from Italy during the Covid-19 Pandemic (with M. Valsecchi), *European Economic Review*, 2021, vol. 140, 103890.

Tracking the Impact of COVID-19 on Economic Inequality at High Frequency (with O. Aspachs, J. Montalvo, A. Graziano, J. Mestres, M. Reynal-Querol), *PLOS ONE*, 2021, vol. 16, n.3.

Asocial Capital: Civic Culture and Social Distancing During COVID-19 (with L. Guiso and G. Gulino), *Journal of Public Economics*, 2021, vol. 194, p. 104342.

Risk, Cooperation and the Co-Evolution of Culture and Institutions (with J. Buggle), *The Economic Journal*, 2021, vol. 131, n. 637, pp. 1947-1987.

Advertising Spending and Media Bias: Evidence from News Coverage of Car Safety Recalls (with R. G. Beattie, B. Knight, A. Sen), *Management Science*, 2021, vol. 67, n.2, pp. 661-1328, iii-iv.

Building Nations through Shared Experiences: Evidence from African Football (with E. Depetris-Chauvin, F. Campante) *American Economic Review*, 2020, vol. 10, n. 5, pp. 1572-1602.

The Political Legacy of Entertainment TV (with P. Pinotti, A. Tesei) *American Economic Review*, 2019, vol. 109, n. 7, pp. 2497-2530.

Attack when the World is not Watching? U.S. Media and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict (with E. Zhuravskaya) *Journal of Political Economy*, 2018, vol. 126, n. 3, pp. 1085-1133.

Politics 2.0: the Multifaceted Effect of Broadband Internet on Political Participation (with F. Campante, F. Sobbrío) *Journal of the European Economic Association*, 2018, vol. 16, n. 4, pp. 1094-1136.

Market-Based Lobbying: Evidence from Advertising Spending in Italy (with S. DellaVigna, E. La Ferrara, B. Knight) *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 2016, vol. 8, n.1, pp. 224-56.

Poor Institutions, Rich Mines: Resource Curse in the Origins of the Sicilian Mafia (with P. Buonanno, P. Vanin, G. Prarolo) *The Economic Journal*, 2015, vol. 125, n. 586.

Preferences for Redistribution and Perception of Fairness: an Experimental Study (with L. Putterman, J. van der Weele) *Journal of the European Economic Association*, 2014, vol. 12, n. 4.

Partisan Control, Media Bias, and Viewer Responses: Evidence from Berlusconi's Italy (with B. Knight) *Journal of the European Economic Association*, 2012, vol. 10, n. 3.

EDITED VOLUMES

The Political Economy of Social Media (with F. Campante, A. Tesei), CEPR Ebook, 2023.

BOOK CHAPTERS

One Team, One Nation: Football, Identity and Conflict in Africa (with F. Campante, E. Depetris-Chauvin), in "Nation Building: Big Lessons from Successes and Failures", edited by D. Rohner and E. Zhuravskaya, CEPR, 2023.

Progressivity of Taxes, Corporate Tax, and Estate Tax (with L. Putterman), in "Improving Public Opinion Surveys", edited by J. H. Aldrich and K. M. McGraw, Princeton University Press, 2012.

WORKING PAPERS

Visual Representation and Stereotypes in News Media (with E. Ash, M. Grebenshchikova, and C. Schwartz), CEPR Discussion Paper #16624, Revise & Resubmit *The Economic Journal*.

Calamities, Common Interests, Shared Identity: what Shapes Social Cohesion in Europe? (with C. Aksoy, A. Cabrales, M. Dolls, L. Windsteiger), CEPR DP #16186, Revise & Resubmit *Journal of Comparative Economics*.

Experience, Narratives, and Climate Change Beliefs (with M. Djourelova, E. Motte, and E. Patacchini), CEPR DP #18738.

Media Capture by Banks (with A. Fabiani, L. Laeven, and J.-L. Peydró), CEPR DP #14702.

Lost in the Net? Broadband Internet and Youth Mental Health (with D. Donati, F. Sobbrío, and D. Zejcirovic), CEPR DP#17170.

Political Alignment, Inter-jurisdictional Cooperation and Crime in Mexico (with E. Depetris-Chauvin and E. Gutierrez), CEPR Discussion Paper #10769.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS	<p>The Life of Others: Explaining Differences in News Coverage of Human Losses on US Media (with F. Campante and E. Depetris-Chauvín).</p> <p>Political Views and Labor Market Decisions (with N. Ajzenmán, and C. Aksoy).</p> <p>The Effect of Internet on Social Capital: Evidence from New Italian Data (with N. Mastrococco, L. Minale, J. Snyder).</p> <p>Personalization of Search Engine Results and Ideological Political Polarization (with R. Levy, R. Enikolopov).</p> <p>Paywalls, Information Inequities, and Polarization.</p> <p>Technological Change, Identity Shocks, and Beliefs in Conspiracy Theories (with D. Acemoglu, C. Aksoy, and P. Zarate).</p> <p>“Put Yourself in My Shoes”: Perspective-Taking, Polarization, and Cooperation (with R. Levy).</p>
CITATIONS	<p>Google Scholar: 4007 citations, h-index: 23</p>
KEYNOTE LECTURES	<p>CESifo 2023 Political Economy Workshop (Dresden, 2023)</p> <p>2023 Australian Political Economy Workshop (Melbourne, 2023)</p> <p>European Public Choice Society Meeting 2023 (Hannover, 2023)</p> <p>Annual Congress of the Swiss Society of Economics and Statistics (Fribourg, 2022)</p> <p>Workshop on Governance of Big Data and Artificial Intelligence (Tilburg, 2019)</p> <p>3rd Economics of Media Bias Conference (Cologne, 2018)</p>
CONFERENCES	<p>EJPE-CEPR Political Economy Conference (Naples, 2024); Polarize Conference 2024 (Bergen, 2024); CEPR 2023 Paris Symposium (Paris, 2023); Narratives in Economics Workshop (Zurich, 2023); CEPR-Dortmund Political Economy Workshop on Democracy and Policy Implementation (Dortmund, 2023); 73rd Economic Policy Panel (online, 2021); Monash-Warwick-Zurich Text-as-Data Workshop (online, 2020); NBER Political Economy 2020 Fall Workshop (online, 2020); 1st London Political Finance Workshop (online, 2020); Workshop on Elections, Democracy, and Populism (Bologna, 2020); 2nd UZH Workshop on Political Economy and Development (Zurich, 2019); 2018 University of Chile Political Economy & Political Science Workshop (Santiago, 2018), 2018 UK Political Economy Workshop (Bath, 2018); 2018 Economics of Media and Communications Conference (Chicago, 2018); Political Economy of Conflict and Development Workshop (Villars, 2018); 2017 NBER Summer Institute in Development (Boston, 2017); 2017 NBER Summer Institute in Industrial Organization (Boston, 2017); 2017 International Economic Association Conference (Mexico City, 2017); Conference on the Economics of Intellectual Property, Software and the Internet (Toulouse, 2017); 14th Workshop on Media Economics (Zurich, 2016); 2016 Barcelona Summer Forum (Barcelona, 2016); 2015 Media and Communication Conference (Chicago, 2015); EEA 2015 Conference (Mannheim, 2015); Economics of Media Bias Conference (Hambourg, 2015); Conference on the Economics of Intellectual Property, Software and the Internet (Toulouse, 2015); 12th Workshop on Media Economics (Naples, 2014); 2014 NEUDC Conference (Boston, 2014); Yale Center for the Study of American Politics 2014 Workshop (New Haven, 2014); Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago, 2014); AEA 2013 Annual Meeting (San Diego, 2013); 10th Workshop on Media Economics (Bogotá, 2012); Conference on the Economics of Interactions and Culture (Rome, 2012); Workshop on the Economics of Crime and Corruption (Namur, 2012); Applied Economics Workshop (Petràlia Sottana, 2011); NBER 2011 Summer Institute DAE (Boston, 2011); Midwest Economic Association 2010 Annual Meeting (Evanston, 2010); CEPR Conference on “Economics of Culture, Institutions, and Crime” (Milan, 2010); 5th Royal Economic Society Ph.D. Presentation Meeting (London, 2010); NEUDC Conference (Boston, 2009); Workshop on “Political Economy and the Environment” (Louvain-la-Neuve, 2009); 2nd Conference on Early Economic Developments (Vancouver, 2009); LACEA Political Economy Group Meeting (Cartagena, 2009); 6th Workshop on Media Economics (Zurich, 2008); 2nd Meeting of the Society for the Study of Economic Inequality (Berlin, 2007).</p>
INVITED SEMINARS	<p>University of Geneva (Geneva, 2023); University of St. Gallen (St. Gallen, 2023); Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy (Singapore, 2023); Norwegian School of Economics (Bergen, 2023); National University of Singapore (Singapore, 2022, 2020); Yale University (New Haven, 2022, 2014, 2013); Brown University (Providence, 2022, 2012, 2009); Harvard Kennedy School (Cambridge, 2022); Paris School of Economics (Paris, 2022, 2016, 2012, 2011); CREST-Polytechnique (Paris, 2022, 2011); Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore (online, 2021); Einaudi Institute for Economics and Finance (Rome, 2021,</p>

2018, 2013); LUISS (Rome, 2021); University of Pittsburgh (online, 2021); INSEAD (Paris, 2021 e 2015); SciencesPo/PSE (Paris, 2021); Stanford GSE (online, 2021); Bocconi (online, 2021); London School of Economics PSPE Seminar (online, 2021); University of Mannheim (online, 2020); Banca d'Italia (online, 2020); WZB Institutions and Political Inequality Seminar (online, 2020); ESSEC Business School (Paris, 2020); Virtual IO Seminar (online, 2020); IMF ICD Seminar (online, 2020); Johns Hopkins University (Washington D.C., 2019); Waseda University (Tokyo, 2019); Università della Svizzera Italiana (Lugano, 2019); Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile (Santiago, 2019); European Commission, ECFIN (Bruxelles, 2019); University of Zurich (Zurich, 2019); Central European University (Budapest, 2019); Berlin Applied Microeconomics Seminar (Berlin, 2019); Bank of Italy (Rome, 2018); Boston University (Boston, 2018); Universidad Carlos III (Madrid, 2018, 2011); Collegio Carlo Alberto (Turin, 2018); Ludwig Maximilian University (Munich, 2017), Université Libre de Bruxelles (Bruxelles, 2017); London Business School (London, 2017); CEMFI (Madrid, 2017), European University Institute (Florence, 2017); Universidad Autonoma de Barcelona (Barcelona, 2017); University of Lausanne (Lausanne, 2016); Inter-American Development Bank (Washington D.C., 2016, 2010); New York City Media Seminar (New York, 2016); Universitat Pompeu Fabra (Barcelona, 2016 e 2011); Toulouse School of Economics (Toulouse, 2016, 2014, 2011); Bocconi University (Milan, 2015, 2012, 2009); University of Toronto (Toronto, 2015); NYU Abu Dhabi (Abu Dhabi, 2015); Stockholm University (Stockholm, 2015); Queen Mary University (London, 2015); UCLA Anderson (Los Angeles, 2015); UCSB (Santa Barbara, 2015); Harris School of Public Policy (Chicago, 2015); Aix-Marseille School of Economics (Marseille, 2015); University of Mannheim (Mannheim, 2015); London School of Economics (London, 2014); New York University (New York, 2014 e 2012); World Bank (Washington D.C., 2014); Hunter College CUNY (New York, 2014); University of Warwick (Coventry, 2014); Booth School of Business (Chicago, 2013); Tufts University (Sommerville, 2013); Harvard University (Cambridge, 2013); Université de Namur (Namur, 2013); IIES Stockholm (Stockholm, 2013); WZB Berlin (Berlin, 2012); Université de Paris Panthéon Sorbonne (Paris, 2012); Dartmouth College (Hannover, 2012); Universidad de Los Andes (Bogotá, 2012); CSEF (Naples, 2012); Goethe University (Frankfurt, 2012); University of Rotterdam (Rotterdam, 2012); Stockholm School of Economics (Stockholm, 2011, 2012); New School of Economics (Moscow, 2011); IAE-CSIC (Barcelona, 2011); Graduate Institute (Geneva, 2011); Max Planck Institute for Research on Collective Goods (Bonn, 2011); Université Catholique de Louvain (Louvain-la-Neuve, 2010); Universidad de Alicante (Alicante, 2010); IMT (Lucca, 2010 e 2009); Université du Québec à Montréal (Montréal, 2010); Essex (Colchester, 2010); Sciences Po (Paris, 2010); University of Colorado Boulder (Boulder, 2010); Università di Bologna (Bologna, 2009); University of Copenhagen (Copenhagen, 2009).

EDITORIAL SERVICE

Associate editor: *Journal of the European Economic Association* (2017-19), *European Economic Review* (2019-2021)

Member of the reviewing panel: *Economic Policy* (2018-2020)

Referee: *American Economic Review*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *Econometrica*, *Journal of Political Economy*, *Review of Economic Studies*, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, *American Economic Review: Insights*, *Science*, *Journal of Political Economy: Micro*, *Economic Journal*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Journal of Economic Growth*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *European Economic Review*, *European Journal of Political Economy*, *Economic Policy*, *RAND Journal of Economics*, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Science*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Economic Psychology*, *Journal of Comparative Economics*, *Journal of Economic Inequality*, *Economic Letters*, *The Economics of Transition*, *Political Communication*

SUPERVISIONS

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Postdocs: Giorgio Gulino (University of Rome Tor Vergata, assistant professor).

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE Co-organizer of the CEPR Political Economy Symposium (2025)
Member of Scientific Committee, CEPR Workshop on Media, Technology, Politics, and Society (2025)
Co-organizer of the CEPR Workshop on Media, Technology, Politics, and Society (2022, 2023)
Co-organizer of the Political Economy Workshop at Barcelona Summer Forum (2017-2024)
Organizer of the UPF Labor, Public and Development Seminar (2016-17, 2019-2022)
Founder and co-organizer of the Paris Empirical Political Economy Seminar (2012-16)
Co-organizer of the Sciences Po Department of Economics Student Lunch Seminar (2014-16)
Co-organizer of the Sciences Po Department of Economics weekly Research Seminar (2011-12)
Member of the Junior Faculty Recruitment Committee, Sciences Po Econ Department (2011-12)

EXTERNAL SERVICE External evaluator: European Research Council (x3), The Leverhulme Trust, German Research Foundation, Swiss Research Foundation, Riksbankens Jubileumsfond, Dutch Research Council, Chilean Science Foundation, Belgian Science Foundation, Spanish Research Agency, KU Leuven.
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MEMBERSHIP European Economics Association, American Economic Association, Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association, American Political Science Association, European Political Science Association

LANGUAGES Italian (native), English (fluent), Spanish (fluent), French (fluent)