

School of Economics and Finance
Queen Mary University of London

CURRENT POSITION Professor, Queen Mary University of London

CEPR, Research Fellow (POE, DE, MG)

CEP, London School of Economics, Research Associate

CESifo, 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

PAST EMPLOYMENT

2019-24 Reader (Associate Professor), Queen Mary University of London

2012-19 Lecturer (Assistant Professor), Queen Mary University of London

RESEARCH FIELDS

Political Economy, Development Economics

PUBLICATIONS

“Language Barriers, Technology Adoption and Productivity: Evidence from Agriculture in India”
Review of Economics and Statistics [Accepted], with A. Gupta and J. Ponticelli (2024)

“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)

“Information Frictions and Take-up of Government Credit Programs”

R&R Review of Financial Studies, with P. Ghosh, A. Gupta and J. Ponticelli (2023)

“The International Transmission of Democratic Values: Evidence from African Migration to Europe”, with M. Manacorda, and J. Ponticelli (2024)

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

WORK IN PROGRESS “Waves of Empowerment: La Revolución in Latin America”, with F. Gonzalez and M. Prem
“Pilgrims and Crusaders: Religion as a Double-Edged Sword”, with T. Colussi, D. Rohner and F. Valencia
“Power in the Pipeline”, with S. Axbard, Q. Gallea, M. Morelli, D. Rohner and J. J. Andersen

EDITED VOLUMES The Political Economy of Social Media (with F. Campante and R. Durante)
CEPR Ebook (2023)

POLICY REPORTS & DISCUSSIONS Discussion of: “Career Incentives in Academia”, by M. Nieddu and L. Pandolfi.
Economic Policy, 2022, 37(112): 749-751

“The Asian Crisis: what did Local Stock Markets Expect?” (2008) with A. Garcia-Herrero and J. Gyntelberg. BIS Working Papers, n.261

INVITED SEMINARS, CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS
2024 University of Bologna; Central European University; University of Bristol; University of York; UBC-Berkeley Political Economy Conference; EBRD’s Office of the Chief Economist; CAF - Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean; BSE Summer Forum - Migration; CEPR Development Economics Annual Symposium; CEPR Workshop in Geoeconomics, Geopolitics and Preventing Conflict Studies; St. Gallen Workshop on Political and Geographical Determinants of Spatial Development; University of Kent Development Economics Workshop; King’s College Workshop on Trade, Development and Institutions (keynote lecture)
2023 King’s College; Essex University; Nazarbayev University; Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona; CEPR Workshop on Media, Technology, Politics, and Society; CEPR Annual Symposium
2022 Brown University; University of British Columbia; Universidade NOVA de Lisboa; Duke University; Ofcom UK; University of Padua; BSE Summer Forum - Political Economy; CEPR PE Programme & CEPR RPN on Populism Joint Symposium
2021 EIEF Rome; IAE-CSIC 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
2020 DFID UK; University of Geneva; University of Lausanne; University of Konstanz; Diego Portales University; GATE Lyon-St Etienne; UEA; CEPR Conflict Conference

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- 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
- 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
- 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

- 2022-25 Development Economics, QMUL (PhD)
- 2019-22 Political Economy, QMUL (UG)
- 2012-22 Applied Econometrics, QMUL (UG)
- 2012-18 International Finance, QMUL (UG)
- 2011 Causal Models, Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UG)

UNIVERSITY SERVICE	2022-2019-2021-22 2021-22 2013-17	Director of Graduate Studies (PhD), QMUL Job Market Placement Officer, QMUL Deputy Director of Graduate Studies, QMUL UG RA Coordinator Member, Impact Committee, QMUL
GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIP	2023 2018-22 2021 2021 2004-05	Cornell - QMUL Global Strategic Collaboration Awards (£4,000) “Spatial Inference on Oil and Economic Development” (£110,000) Norwegian Research Council “Using Big Data to Measure International Outmigration Stocks from Subnational Places of Origin” (£18,750) UK Research and Innovation Best Lecturer Prize - Queen Mary University of London Scholarship Gianluca Colarusso, Fondazione Einaudi (24,000 €)
PHD STUDENTS	2021 - 2020 - 2019 - 2015-18	Antonio Leon Ezgi Kurt Laura Perez Cervera Giulia Tagliaferri
EXTERNAL PHD EXAMINER		A. Parmigiani (London School of Economics, 2023); E. Alabrese (University of Warwick, 2023); A. Ismailov (Universitat Pompeu Fabra, 2022); N. Fontana (London School of Economics, 2021); M. Gamalerio (University of Warwick, 2017); S. Maurer (London School of Economics, 2017); O. Borcan (University of Gothenburg, 2016)
CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION AND SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEES	2022 2022 2021	Conference Organizer: Annual workshop of the Political Economy UK Group Scientific Program Committee: European Economic Association Scientific Program Committee: European Economic Association
EDITORIAL SERVICE	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; AEJ: Applied; AEJ: Policy; Journal of the European Economic Association; Journal of Economic Growth; Economic Journal; Journal of Public Economics; Journal of Development Economics; American Journal of Political Science; Journal of Politics; American Journal of Agricultural Economics; 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

GRANT REFEREEING IZA/DFID; FRS/FNRS; ERC

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)