

Curriculum Vitae
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Personal Information

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Current Position

European University Institute
Full Professor, 2025–present

Academic Affiliations

2016 – present: CEPR Research Fellow
2008 – present: CSEF Research Fellow
2006 – present: IZA Research Fellow

Education

Ph.D. in Economics, University of Siena, June 2006
Master in Economics, University of Siena, June 2012
BA in Economics, University of Pisa, summa cum laude, June 2001

Previous positions

University of Catania (on leave)
Full Professor, 2019–2025

University of Messina
Full Professor, 2015 – 2019

University of Napoli Federico II
Associate professor, 2012 – 2015

University of Napoli Parthenope
Assistant Professor, 2006 - 2011

Visiting Positions and Appointments

Sciences Po, Department of Economics
Visiting Professor, January-March 2016

Einaudi Institute for Economics and Finance
Visiting Scholar, November–December 2013

Harvard University, Department of Economics and NBER
Visiting Scholar, August 2011 – January 2012

Columbia University, Department of Economics

Visiting Scholar, January 2008 – June 2008

University College London, Department of Economics

Honorary Research Fellow, January 2007 – May 2007

University of Munich, Department of Economics

Marie Curie Fellow, September 2005 – February 2006

Selected Publications

Multigenerational transmission of wealth. Florence 1403–1480, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 2024, 16(2), 99–129, with Marianna Belloc, Mattia Fochesato and Roberto Galbiati

The Political Cost of Being Soft on Crime: Evidence from a Natural Experiment, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, 2020, 18(6), 3305–3336, with Roberto Galbiati and Francesco Sobbrío

Compliance Behavior in Networks: Evidence from a Field Experiment, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 2020, 12(2), 96–133, with Christian Traxler and Friederike Mengel

Earthquakes, Religion and Transition to Self-Government in Italian Cities, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 2016, 131(4), 1875–1926, with Marianna Belloc and Roberto Galbiati

Meet the Press: How Voters and Politicians Respond to Newspaper Entry and Exit, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 2014, 6(3), 1559–188, with Tommaso Nannicini and Francesco Sobbrío.

Indirect Effects of a Policy Altering Criminal Behavior: Evidence from the Italian Prison Experiment, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 2012, 4(2), 199–218, with Roberto Galbiati

The Deterrent Effects of Prison: Evidence from a Natural Experiment, *Journal of Political Economy*, 2009, 117(2): 254–270, with Roberto Galbiati and Pietro Vertova

Prison Conditions and Recidivism, *American Law and Economics Review*, 2011, 13(1): 103–130, with Roberto Galbiati and Pietro Vertova [Winner, Distinguished Article Prize, *American Law and Economics Review*]

Self-esteem and Earnings, *Journal of Economic Psychology*, 2011, 32(3): 480–488

Crime Rates in Europe and in the US: Dissecting the “Reversal of Misfortunes”, *Economic Policy*, 2011, 26(67): 347–385, with Paolo Buonanno, Roberto Galbiati and Giulio Zanella

Other Publications

Law, human capital, and the emergence of free city-states in medieval Italy, *European Journal of Law and Economics*, 2023, 56(2), 199–223, with Marianna Belloc and Roberto Galbiati

The "Great Lockdown": Inactive Workers and COVID-19 Mortality, *Health Economics*, 2021, 30(10), 2367–2382, with Nicola Borri, Francesco Sobbrío and Chiara Santantonio

The Economic Impact of Organized Crime Infiltration in the Legal Economy: Evidence from the Judicial Administration of Organized Crime Firms, *Italian Economic Journal* (special issue on the Economics of Crime), 2020, 6, 275–297, with Francesca Calamunci

How much should we trust crime statistics? A comparison between EU and US, *European Journal of Law and Economics*, 2018, 46(3), 343–357, with Paolo Buonanno, Roberto Galbiati and Pietro Vertova

Response of Crime to Unemployment Cycles: International Comparisons in the Long Run, *Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice*, 2014, 30(1), 29–40, with Paolo Buonanno e Roberto Galbiati

Grants

2022: MIUR Grant: “Organized crime, political connections and firms' performance”, (€87,000)

2020: MIUR Grant: “The Dark Side of the Money: Causes and Consequences of Organized Crime and Corruption” (DARKSIDE) (€102,000)

2016–2018: Economic Policy, Panel member

2013–2015: STAR Grant. “Social Interactions and Illegal Behavior” (87,000 euros).

2013–2014: EIEF Grant. “Religion and Economic Shocks”, with Marianna Belloc and Roberto Galbiati (10,000 euro)

2012: Winner of the Distinguished Article Prize for the best empirical paper in the past two years to appear in the *American Law and Economics Review*

2011–2012: EIEF Grant. “The Effect of Crime and Economic Shocks on Beliefs Formation”, with Roberto Galbiati (10,000 euros)

2010–2011: Unicredit&Universities, Modigliani Fellowship. “Crime, Voting and Beliefs” (20,000 euros).

2008–2010: EIEF Grant. “The Deterrent effects of Prison”, with Roberto Galbiati

2006–2008: Regione Campania. “Social Capital and Social Interactions” (5,000 euros)

Invited seminar and conferences/workshop presentations (selection)

Santa Fe Institute, University College London, CEPR/IZA ESSLE, Max Planck Institute Bonn, Columbia University, Bocconi, LACEA, Harvard, NBER, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, New York University, Olin Business School (2016), Al Capone Workshop – Keynote Speaker.

Editorial service

Member of the reviewing panel: *Economic Policy* (2016–2018)

Referee: American Economic Review, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, Econometrica, Economic Journal, Journal of Comparative Economics, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Economic Growth, Journal of Law, Economics, & Organization, Journal of Public Economics, Quarterly Journal of Economics, The Review of Economics and Statistics, The Review of Economic Studies, Scandinavian Journal of Economics.

Other service

External evaluator: European Research Council, Israeli Science Foundation, Italian Ministry of Education, Riksbankens Jubileumsfond

Co-organizer: Economics Seminars, University of Naples Parthenope (2006–2010)

Co-organizer: Economics Seminars, CSEF, Naples Federico II (2010, 2012).

Co-organizer: CSEF&IGIER Conference CISEI in Anacapri (2012, 2014, 2016, 2023).

Co-organizer: Economics Seminars, University of Naples Parthenope (2006–2010)

Co-organizer: Petralia Workshop in Applied Economics, (2016-present)

Scientific Director at Ortygia Business School and Vice-President of the Foundation (2016–2021)

Consultant for the World Bank