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CITIZENSHIP	Italian	
ACADEMIC POSITIONS	<i>Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Department of Economics and Business</i> ICREA Research Professor: 2018 - Associate Professor: 2016 - 2018 <i>Sciences Po, Department of Economics</i> Associate Professor (tenured): 2017 - 2018 Assistant Professor: 2010 - 2017	
OTHER AFFILIATIONS	<i>Institute for Political Economy and Governance (IPEG), Barcelona, Spain</i> Research Associate <i>Barcelona Graduate School of Economics (BGSE), Barcelona, Spain</i> Affiliated Faculty <i>Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR), London, UK</i> Research Affiliate, Public Economics Program (PE) Member, Political Economy Research Group (POLECON) Member, Policy Network on Populism <i>CESifo, Munich, Germany</i> Research Fellow, Economics of Digitization Area	
VISITING POSITIONS	<i>INSEAD Singapore, Department of Economics:</i> January-February 2020, February 2021 <i>Waseda University, Department of Economics:</i> October 2019 <i>Università della Svizzera Italiana, Department of Economics:</i> September 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	
HONORS AND AWARDS	<i>European Research Council</i> Starting Grant (2018-2023, 1.5M €) <i>BBVA Foundation</i> Grant for research on COVID-19 in economics and social sciences (2020-2022, 100k €) <i>La Vanguardia-Fundació Catalunya-La Pedrera</i> Finalist of the 2018 <i>Vanguardia de la Ciencia</i> scientific prize <i>BBVA Foundation</i> Economy and Digital Society Fellowship (2018-2020, 95k €) <i>Spanish Ministry of Education and Research</i> 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)

*Barcelona Graduate School of Economics*

Seed Research Grant (2016-17)

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

Visiting Scholar Fellowship (academic year 2013-14)

*Sciences Po, Scientific Board*

Research Grant (2015, 2014, 2013, 2012)

*Sciences Po, Interdisciplinary Center for Public Policy Evaluation (LIEPP)*

Research Grant (2013, 2017)

*Brown University, Graduate School*

Joukowsky Family Foundation Award for Best Dissertation in the Social Sciences (2010)

#### TEACHING

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

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

Text Analysis for Economics and Finance, Ph.D. (LBS, DIW, UPF, EUI, ULB)

Economics and Business: Public Policy: MBA (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

Media Attention and Strategic Timing in Politics: Evidence from U.S. Presidential Executive Orders (with M. Djourelava), CEPR DP #13961, conditionally accepted *American Journal of Political Science*

Real-Time Inequality and the Welfare State in Motion: Evidence from Covid-19 in Spain (with O. Aspachs, J. G. Montalvo, A. Graziano, J. Mestres, A. and M. Reynal-Querol), CEPR DP #15118, accepted *Economic Policy*

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

Asocial Capital: Civic Culture and Social Distancing During COVID-19 (with L. Guiso and G. Gulino), CEPR DP #14820, *Journal of Public Economics*, 2021, vol. 194

Risk, Cooperation and the Co-Evolution of Culture and Institutions (with Johannes Buggle), CEPR Discussion Paper #12380 *The Economic Journal*, January 2021

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

Advertising Spending and Media Bias: Evidence from News Coverage of Car Safety Recalls (with R. G. Beattie, B. Knight, A. Sen), *Management Science*, May 2020

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 (leading article)

BOOK  
CHAPTERS

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

The Impact of Online Competition on Newspaper: Evidence from the Introduction of Craigslist

(with G. Martin, M. Djourelouva), CEPR DP #16130

The Virus of Fear: The Political Impact of Ebola in the U.S.

(with E. Depetris-Chauvin and F. Campante), NBER Working Paper #14518

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

Salience and Accountability: School Infrastructure and Last-Minute Electoral Punishment

(with N. Adjenmán), CEPR DP #14702, Resubmitted *The Economic Journal*

Academic Dynasties: Decentralization and Familism in the Italian Academia

(with G. Labartino and R. Perotti), NBER Working Paper #17572

Revise & Resubmit *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*

Political Alignment, Inter-jurisdictional Cooperation and Crime in Mexico (with E. Gutierrez)

CEPR Discussion Paper #10769, Revise & Resubmit *Journal of Law, Economics and Organization*

Political Advertising and Voting Intention: Evidence from Random Variation in Ads Viewership

(with E. Gutierrez), submitted

RESEARCH IN  
PROGRESS

Calamities, Common Interests, Shared Identity: what Shapes Altruism and Reciprocity?

(with C. Aksoy, A. Cabrales, M. Dolls, L. Windsteiger)

The Life of Others: Explaining Differences in News Coverage of Human Losses in U.S. Media

(with F. Campante, M. Djourelouva, E. Papaioannu)

"A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words": Implicit Visual Bias in News Media

(with E. Ash, M. Grebenchikova, and C. Schwarz)

The Effect of Internet on Social Capital: Evidence from New Italian Data

(with N. Mastrococco, L. Minale, J. Snyder)

Personalization of Search Engine Recommendations and Political Polarization: Evidence from Machine-

Learning and Lab Experiments (with Q.-A. Do, R. Enikolopov)

CITATIONS

Google Scholar: 1928 citations, h-index: 14

CONFERENCE  
PRESENTATIONS

73rd Economic Policy Panel (online, 2021); Meeting Monash-Warwick-Zurich Text-as-Data Workshop (online, 2020); NBER Political Economy 2020 Fall Workshop (online, 2020); 1<sup>st</sup> London Political Finance Workshop (online, 2020); Workshop on Elections, Democracy, and Populism (Bologna, 2020); Workshop on Governance of Big Data and Artificial Intelligence (keynote address; Tilburg, 2019); 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); 3<sup>rd</sup> Economics of Media Bias Conference (keynote address; Cologne, 2018); Political Economy of Conflict and Development Workshop (Villars, 2018); 2017 NBER Summer Institute (Development & IO); 2017 International Economic Association Conference, invited session (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, invited session (Mannheim, 2015); Economics of Media Bias Conference (Hamburg, 2015); Conference on the Economics of Intellectual Property, Software and the Internet (Toulouse, 2015); 12<sup>th</sup> 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); 10<sup>th</sup> 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 (Petrulia Sottana, 2011); NBER 2011 Summer Institute DAE (Boston, 2011); Midwest Economic Association 2010 Annual Meeting (Evanston IL, 2010); CEPR Conference on “Economics of Culture, Institutions, and Crime” (Milan, 2010); 5th Royal Economic Society Ph.D. Presentation Meeting (London, 2010); 2010 ASSA Conference (Atlanta, 2010); NEUDC Conference (Boston, 2009); Workshop on “Political Economy and the Environment” (Louvain-la-Neuve, 2009); 2<sup>nd</sup> Conference on Early Economic Developments (Vancouver, 2009); LACEA Political Economy Group Meeting (Cartagena, 2009); 6<sup>th</sup> Workshop on Media Economics (Zurich, 2008); 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Society for the Study of Economic Inequality (Berlin, 2007).

SEMINAR  
PRESENTATIONS

Stanford GSE (online, 2021); Bocconi (online, 2021) London School of Economics PSPE Seminar (online, 2021); Bank of Italy (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); National University of Singapore (Singapore, 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 (2019); Central European University (2019); Berlin Applied Microeconomics Seminar (2019); Bank of Italy (2018); EIEF (2018); Boston University (2018); Carlos III Madrid (2018); Collegio Carlo Alberto (2018); Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich (2017), Université Libre de Bruxelles (2017); London Business School (2017); CEMFI (2017), European University Institute (2017); Universidad Autonoma de Barcelona (2017); University of Lausanne (2016); PSE (2016, 2012, 2011); IADB (2016, 2010); New York City Media Seminar (2016); UPF (2016, 2010); TSE (2016, 2014, 2011); Bocconi (2015); Toronto (2015); NYU Abu Dhabi (2015); Stockholm University (2015); Queen Mary University (2015); UCLA Anderson (2015); UCSB (2015); Chicago Harris (2015); Aix-Marseille (2015) Mannheim (2015); INSEAD (2015); LSE (2014); Yale (2014, 2013); NYU (2014, 2012); World Bank (2014); Hunter College CUNY (2014); Warwick (2014); Chicago Booth (2013); Tufts (2013); Harvard (2013); Namur (2013); IIES Stockholm (2013); EIEF (2013); Bocconi (2012, 2010); WZB Berlin (2012); Sorbonne (2012); Dartmouth (2012); Brown (2012, 2009); Los Andes (2012); CSEF Naples (2012); Frankfurt (2012); Rotterdam (2012); Stockholm School of Economics (2010, 2012); NES (2011); PSE (2011, 2012); CREST (2010); IAE-CSIC (2010); GIIDS Geneva (2010); Max Planck Institute for Research on Collective Goods (2010); UC Louvain (2010); Carlos III (2010); Alicante (2010); IMT Lucca (2010, 2009); UC Boulder (2010); UQAM; Essex (2010); Sciences Po (2010); IADB (2010); Bologna (2009); Copenhagen (2009).

EDITORIAL  
SERVICE

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

Research assistants: Christine Cai (Princeton, Ph.D.), Laura Litvine (UCL, Ph.D.), Giovanni Sciacovelli (Northwestern, Ph.D.), Héctor Paredes Castro (PSE, Ph.D.), Elliott Motte (UPF, Ph.D.), David Ampudia Vicente (UPF, Masters in Data Science), Marco Lo Faso (USC, Ph.D.), Eduardo Espuny (CEMFI, Masters), Nikola Kiprijanovski (INSEAD, Ph.D. in Finance), Mariia Grebenshchikova (LMU, Masters in Data Science), Saumya Vaishnav (Penn State, Ph.D. in Geography), Gyorgy Ruzsicka (CEU, Ph.D.), Giulia Tosetti (ECB, Analyst), Vivian Liu (LSE, Ph.D. in Geography)

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OTHER  
SERVICE

External evaluator: European Research Council, The Leverhulme Trust, German Research Foundation, Israel Science Foundation, Swiss Research Foundation, Dutch Research Council, Chilean Science Foundation, Spanish Research Agency, KU Leuven.

External thesis evaluator: European University Institute, University of Essex, LSE, University of Oslo, Bocconi University, Université de Lausanne, Sciences Po

Co-organizer of the Barcelona Summer Forum Workshop on Political Institutions (2017-2019)

Organizer of the UPF Labor, Public and Development Seminar (2016-17, 2019-)

Founder and co-organizer of the Paris Empirical Political Economy Seminar (2011-16)

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 (2010-11)

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)