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RESEARCH INTERESTS

PRIMARY Education, Labour Economics and Applied Microeconometrics
SECONDARY Family, Gender and Development Economics

EDUCATION

PhD in Economics, University of Turin and University of Amsterdam 2025 (expected)
(joint degree)

Supervisors: Prof. Chiara Pronzato (University of Turin) and Prof. Giuseppe Sorrenti (University of Amsterdam)

Master in Economic Development and Growth, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid 2017

BA in Economics, Universidad de Oviedo 2016

EXTRA-CURRICULAR EDUCATION

The Economics of Gender Summer School 2023 PSE - Paris, France

Labor Economics Summer School 2022 Barcelona GSE - Barcelona, Spain

Data Science Summer School 2021 Hertie School - Berlin, Germany (online)

RECSM Summer School 2021 Universitat Pompeu Fabra - Barcelona, Spain (online)

Summer School in Household and Gender Economics 2019 ISEG - Lisbon, Portugal

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

European Central Bank Frankfurt am Main, Germany
Research Analyst September 2019 - January 2020

European Central Bank Frankfurt am Main, Germany
Market Operations Analysis Trainee September 2018 - August 2019

Inter-American Development Bank Washington D.C., USA
Operations Analysis Intern February 2018 - August 2018

Transition International Landgraaf, The Netherlands
Programme Assistant - Data Analysis September 2017 - February 2018

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Courses in Political Economy (SECS-P/01) - exam assistance 2022/2023, 2023/2024
Department of Economics, Social Studies, Applied Mathematics and Statistics, University of Turin

RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

Prof. Eva Vivalt and Dr. Aidan Coville July 2018
How Do Policy-Makers Update Their Beliefs? (Journal of Development Economics vol.165, 2023)

RESEARCH

Work in progress

Don't judge the paper by its cover: Affiliation bias in conference admissions.

Joint with Giacomo Gallegati (✉) Luca Favero (✉) Enrique Carreras.

Abstract: Building and maintaining professional networks is crucial for young researchers, with academic conferences serving as vital platforms for interaction and feedback exchange. However, the peer review process, central to conference admissions, must be free from biases to ensure fairness. This study investigates affiliation biases in peer review, focusing on early-career economics conferences, where such biases are underexplored. Using a field experiment conducted during a PhD workshop, reviewers were randomly revealed or concealed researcher affiliation. Results reveal a significant affiliation bias favoring submissions from prestigious institutions, impacting acceptance rates. Notably, blind grading reduced scores for top-tier institution submissions, affecting their acceptance probabilities. Counterfactual analysis demonstrates the robustness of these findings across varying acceptance rates. The study highlights systemic biases, possibly perpetuating inequalities in academia early in researchers' careers, emphasizing the need for fair and transparent review processes.

Grades to trades to wages: Understanding the effects of graduating with honours on labour market outcomes

Abstract: Ability and future labour productivity of candidates are difficult to observe for prospective employers. As a result, they rely on signals and statistical discrimination, even though information on academic performance might not be easy to interpret. In this study, I examine the causal effect of a signal of academic ability used to identify outstanding performers. By leveraging a discontinuity in the relationship between GPA and the probability of being awarded a distinction, I quantify the signalling effect of the distinction on various labour market outcomes for recent graduates, including sector of activity and occupational characteristics such as skill and task content.

SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS & OTHER POSITIONS

PhD Students' Representative	2024
Co-organizer 16th UniTo-CCA PhD Workshop in Economics	2023
PhD mobility grant, University of Turin	2023-2024
PhD Scholarship, University of Turin and Italian Ministry of Education (MIUR)	2021-2025
Grant for an internship at the IADB, Fundacion Banco Sabadell	2018
Erasmus + Scholarship, European Commission	2014
Post-Mandatory Education Scholarship, Spanish Ministry of Education	2012-2017

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

14th International Workshop on Applied Economics of Education (IWAE)	2024
Joint Interdisciplinary Graduate Conference, University of Tilburg (online)	2021

SKILLS

Modeling and Analysis	Stata, Python, R, Matlab
Software and Tools	MS Office, SQL, L ^A T _E X, Tableau
Languages	Spanish (Native), English (C1), Italian (B2)