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Research Interests

Macroeconomics; Labor Economics; Innovation; Artificial Intelligence

Education

University of California, San Diego San Diego, USA
Ph.D. in Economics 2024–Present

Primary areas: Macroeconomics, Labor Economics, Innovation

Bocconi University Milan, Italy
M.Sc. in Economics and Finance 2022

Dissertation: “**Modeling Salience, Stereotypes, and Social Identity in Financial Markets**”

Advisor: Nicola Gennaioli

Bocconi University Milan, Italy
B.Sc. in Computer Science and Economics 2020

Dissertation: “**Heterogeneous Borrowing and COVID-19 Monetary Policies**”

Advisor: Luigi Iovino

Work in Progress

AI and Organization Learning.

Agentic Screening and Firm Competition (with Brian Jabarian, Mariya Pominova, Pellumb Reshidi).

The Origin of Innovation Clusters (with Gaurav Khanna and Yuhei Miyauchi).

BEA–BLS Accounts and NBER–CES Manufacturing Database: The Productivity Gap (with John Fernald).

Publications

Comment on “Bottlenecks: Sectoral Imbalances and the US Productivity Slowdown” (with **John Fernald**), *NBER Macroeconomics Annual 2023, volume 38, National Bureau of Economic Research, Inc.*
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Comment on “Bottlenecks: Sectoral Imbalances and the US Productivity Slowdown” (with **Jennifer La’O**), *NBER Macroeconomics Annual 2023, volume 38, National Bureau of Economic Research, Inc.*
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Other Writings

Timothy Van Zandt, “Firms, Prices, and Markets.” *MBA managerial economics textbook*. Contributing on firm decision-making and market design chapters.

Modeling Salience, Stereotypes, and Social Identity in Financial Markets, Bocconi University Master’s Thesis, 2022 (Advisor: **Nicola Gennaioli**)

Heterogeneous Borrowing and COVID-19 Monetary Policies, Bocconi University Bachelor's Thesis, 2020 (Advisor: **Luigi Iovino**)

Social Media, Sentiment, and Investments: NLP and Network Analysis of Twitter Data, Shanghai Jiao Tong University Master's Project, 2022

From Daniel Defoe's Coffee Houses to GameStop's Livestreaming Platforms: Investors Are Not Rational. Comment on "Behavioural Finance and Markets Efficiency: Is There a Dialogue?" *Law and Economics Yearly Review*, Vol. 5, Part 2

Research Positions

INSEAD, Department of Economics and Political Science Pre-doctoral Research Associate	Fontainebleau, France 2022 – 2024
Bocconi University, Department of Economics Pre-doctoral Research Associate	Milan, Italy 2021 – 2022
Bocconi University, IGIER Visiting Student	Milan, Italy 2019 – 2021
Shanghai Advanced Institute of Finance Visiting Student	Shanghai, China 2022

Teaching

Macroeconomics ECON 210B Giacomo Rondina Ph.D. course, UC San Diego	2026
Macroeconomic Data Analysis ECON 112 Giacomo Rondina Undergraduate course, UC San Diego	2026
Career Lessons ECON 86 Marc Muendler Undergraduate course, UC San Diego	2026
Short Run Macroeconomics ECON 110B Fabian Trottner Undergraduate course, UC San Diego	2025
Business and Society Philippe Aghion Graduate course, INSEAD	2022-2023
Prices and Markets Timothy Van Zandt MBA course, INSEAD	2022-2023
Theory of Finance Carlo Favero and Claudio Tebaldi Graduate course, Bocconi University	2020-2021

Presentations and Conferences

UCSD Macro Seminar Series	UC San Diego, 2026
Machine Learning in Economics Summer Institute (MLESI)	University of Chicago, 2025
Machine Learning in Economics Summer Conference (MLESC)	University of Chicago, 2025
NBER 38th Annual Conference on Macroeconomics	Boston, 2023
XVIII Seminario Internacional del Boletín Informativo Techint	Buenos Aires, 2023

Affiliations

Computational Social Sciences Affiliate, UC San Diego	2025-2026
Innocenzo Gasparini Institute for Economic Research (IGIER)	2019-2021

Awards & Honors

Regents Fellowship (<i>University of California, San Diego</i>)	2026
Regents Fellowship (<i>University of California, San Diego</i>)	2025
Regents Fellowship (<i>University of California, San Diego</i>)	2024
France Excellence Eiffel Scholarship (<i>French Ministry</i>)	2024
PerTe Prestito con Lode Grant (<i>Banca Intesa Sanpaolo</i>)	2018-2022
Distinction in my Master's Thesis (<i>Bocconi University</i>)	2022
International Mobility Award (<i>Bocconi University</i>)	2021
Teaching Improvement Award (<i>Bocconi University</i>)	2021
Distinction in my Bachelor's Thesis (<i>Bocconi University</i>)	2020
National Registry of Excellence (<i>Italian Ministry of Education</i>)	2017

Skills

Programming Languages	Python, R, Stata, MATLAB, Julia, SQL
Languages	Italian, English, French, Spanish