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Research interests

Primary Macroeconomics

Secondary Intergenerational inequality, household finance, labor, international, health

Education

- 2019 – 2025 PhD in Economics
EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE
- Dissertation: *Essays in Inequality and Ageing*
 - Visiting period at POMPEU FABRA UNIVERSITY (2022–2024, European Doctoral Program in Quantitative Economics)
- 2019 – 2020 MRes in Economics
EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE
- 2016 – 2017 MSc in Economics and Philosophy (Merit)
LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE
- 2014 – 2016 Master's Degree in Economics (Summa cum laude)
UNIVERSITY OF BOLOGNA
- Visiting period at LUDWIG-MAXIMILIÄNS UNIVERSITY OF MUNICH (2016, Erasmus+ Exchange Program)
- 2011 – 2014 Bachelor's Degree in Economics, Markets and Institutions (Summa cum laude)
UNIVERSITY OF BOLOGNA
- Visiting period at PANTHÉON-ASSAS PARIS-2 UNIVERSITY (2012–2013, Erasmus Exchange Program)

Research Experience

- 2023 – 2025 Research Fellow
UNIVERSITY OF BOLOGNA
- 2023 Visiting Research Officer
INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND
- 2021 – 2022 Academic Collaborator to prof. David Levine
ROBERT SCHUMAN CENTRE FOR ADVANCED STUDIES (EUI)
- 2021 Research Assistant to prof. Thomas Crossley
EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE
- 2018 – 2019 Research Assistant
BRUEGEL
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Job Market Paper

Inheritance Expectations, Dynastic Altruism, and Education

This paper shows that intergenerational asset transfers matter for intragenerational education choices. Based on Italian micro-data, I document that (i) expecting an inheritance predicts university enrollment, and (ii) having received or expecting an inheritance predicts the intention to leave a bequest, consistent with heterogeneity in dynastic altruism. I rationalize these findings with a stylized model where individuals from altruistic dynasties accumulate human capital to increase long-term earnings, hence the ability to finance bequests. Through a richer quantitative lifecycle model, I show that heterogeneity in bequest motives and coresidence patterns can account for more than 40% of the observed university enrollment gap between youths who do and do not expect an inheritance, whereas the expected financial transfer itself disincentivizes education. Policy experiments indicate that (i) estate taxation can raise enrollment rates, and (ii) the link between inheritance expectations and education is stronger when the discounted returns to education are lower.

Publications

- 2023 **Does the Feedback of Blood Results in Observational Studies Influence Response and Consent? A Randomised Study of the Understanding Society Innovation Panel** (joint with Michaela Benzeval, Alexandria Andrayas, Tarek Al Baghal, Jonathon Burton, Thomas F. Crossley and Meena Kumari)
BMC Medical Research Methodology, (2023) 23:134

Working Papers

Domestic Inequality and Global Imbalances (joint with Andrej Mijakovic)
We study how the within-country distribution of income affects the current account. We document that higher income inequality is associated with higher current account balances, especially in advanced economies. This relation is driven by inequality in the permanent rather than the transitory component of income, and domestic savings rather than investment. We rationalize the empirical findings through a two-country heterogeneous agent model with non-homothetic preferences. The model generates increasing demand for savings across the distribution of permanent income, which, under international capital mobility, results in capital flows from unequal to equal countries. We use the model to analyze the effects of redistribution, financial liberalisation and cross-border financial integration.

Work in Progress

- Decomposing cross-country trends in income inequality** (joint with Andrej Mijakovic)
- Classical and Non-Classical Measurement Errors in Blood Pressure Measures from Understanding Society: an Estimation** (joint with Thomas F. Crossley)
- Death by Waiting? Treatment Delays, Emergency Department Congestion and Patients' Outcomes** (joint with Matteo Lippi Bruni, Cristina Ugolini, and Rossella Verzulli)

Policy Publications

- 2019 **Effectiveness of cohesion policy: learning from the project characteristics that produce the best results** (joint with Zsolt Darvas, Antoine Mathieu-Collin and Catarina Midoes)
Prepared for the Regional Development Committee (REGI) of the European Parliament
- 2018 **A Monetary Policy Framework for the ECB to Deal with Uncertainty** (joint with Gregory Claey's and Maria Demertzis)
Bruegel Policy Contribution No 2018/21, prepared for the Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee (ECON) of the European Parliament

Conferences, Workshops and Seminars (including scheduled)

- 2024 UPF-CREI Macroeconomics Lunch, 1st Imperial College PhD Conference in Economics and Finance, 27th Theories and Methods in Macro – T2M (Amsterdam), PSE-CEPR Policy Forum 2024, EDP Jamboree (Barcelona), UCL Stone Centre PhD Conference on Income and Wealth Inequality, EuHEA Conference 2024 (Vienna), 3rd PhD and Post-Doctoral Workshop in Economics and Finance (Naples), Banque de France–Pierre Werner Chair Conference on International Macro (EUI)
- 2023 12th PhD Student Conference on International Macroeconomics (Paris Nanterre), PhD Workshop in Economics of Education (Helsinki), EALE 2023 (Prague), Annual Meeting of the Central Bank Research Association - CEBRA (New York)
- 2022 UPF Applied Lunch Seminar, BSE Jamboree

Teaching Experience

- 2023 Maths and Economics Refresher Course – Teaching Associate
SCHOOL OF TRANSNATIONAL GOVERNANCE (EUI)
- 2023 Economics II: Macro and International Economics – Teaching Assistant
SCHOOL OF TRANSNATIONAL GOVERNANCE (EUI) – Prof. Georgios Papakonstantinou

2021 – 2023 Crisis Seminar – Teaching Assistant
SCHOOL OF TRANSNATIONAL GOVERNANCE (EUI) – Prof. Georgios Papakonstantinou

2022 Data for Policy Analysis – Teaching Associate
SCHOOL OF TRANSNATIONAL GOVERNANCE (EUI)

Other Professional Experience

2018 Intern in EU Public Affairs
ASSONIME (Association of Italian Joint Stock Companies)

2017 – 2018 Blue Book Trainee
EUROPEAN COMMISSION - DG BUDGET

Grants

2022 European Doctoral Program EUI visiting grant

2019 – 2023 Polish Ministry of National Education PhD grant

2015 ERASMUS+ EXCHANGE PROGRAMME scholarship

2012 University of Bologna scholarship for ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE in 2012

2012 ERASMUS EXCHANGE PROGRAMME scholarship

Language and IT skills, certificates

Languages ITALIAN (native), ENGLISH, FRENCH, SPANISH (fluent)

Software MICROSOFT OFFICE, STATA, R, JULIA, \LaTeX : advanced
PYTHON, MATLAB: proficient

GRE Quantitative reasoning: 170/170

References

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