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Research interests

Inequality, household finance, intergenerational mobility, international macro, health

Education

2019 – 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 – 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

Job Market Paper

Inheritance Expectations, Dynastic Altruism, and Education

This paper shows that inter-generational asset transfers matter for intra-generational education choices. Based on Italian micro-data, I document two important facts. First, expecting an inheritance robustly predicts the pursuit of higher education. Second, the intention to leave a bequest is strongly associated with having received or expecting an inheritance, consistent with heterogeneity and persistence in dynastic altruism. I rationalize the empirical findings through a simple model, where individuals from more altruistic dynasties accumulate more human capital to increase their long-term earnings, hence their ability to finance bequests. This perpetuates inter-generational disparities in education, income, and wealth. Through a richer quantitative lifecycle model, I show that heterogeneity in bequest motives and co-residence patterns can account for almost half of the observed gap in student rates between youths who do and do not expect an inheritance. The link between inheritance expectations and education is stronger when the present value of the returns to education is 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

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 Claeys and Maria Demertzis)
Bruegel Policy Contribution No 2018/21, prepared for the Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee (ECON) of the European Parliament

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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 (EUI), 49th Symposium of the Spanish Economic Association (Palma de Mallorca)

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

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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