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## Current positions & affiliations

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- 2021 - **Post-Doctoral Researcher** at IGIER - Bocconi University
- 2021 - *Affiliated Scientist* at RFF-CMCC European Institute on the Economy and the Environment
- 2021 - *Affiliate*, Bocconi Experimental Lab for the Social Sciences (BELSS)
- 2020 - *Affiliate*, Bologna Laboratory for Experiments in Social Science (BLESS)

## Education

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- 2016-20 **PhD in Economics**, University of Bologna  
*"Essays in Applied Economics: new empirical approaches to study individual behavior and improve policy targeting"*  
Supervisor: Prof. Maria Bigoni - Committee: Sigrid Suetens, Enrico Rettore
- 2014-16 **M.Sc. in Advanced Economics**, University of Rome "La Sapienza" - *Summa cum laude*  
- **Excellent students track** at Sapienza School of Advanced Studies (SSAS)
- 2011-14 **B.Sc. in Economics**, University of Rome "La Sapienza" - *Summa cum laude*

## Research Experience and Visits

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- 2020 - **University of Turin - Dept. Economics and Statistics**  
2021 Junior Research Fellow (*July 2020 - June 2021*)
- 2019 - **European Commission - DG Joint Research Centre - I1 Unit**  
2021 External consultant (*Nov. 2020 - May 2021*)  
Research Trainee (*Oct. 2019 - March 2020*)
- 2019 **University of California Santa Barbara**  
Visiting PhD student - Invited by: Ryan Oprea (*Spring term*)
- 2017 - **Bank of Italy - DG for Economics, Statistics and Research**  
2018 Research Intern (*Jul. - Oct. 2017 & Jul. - Sept. 2018*)
- 2016 **Italian Ministry of Economics and Finance**  
Intern (*March-April*)
- 2016 **CORE - Université Catholique de Louvain**  
Visiting Master student - Invited by: Pierre Dehez (*May-July*)
- 2015 **SciencesPo Paris & Ecole Normale Supérieure de Paris** (*Spring term*)  
Exchange Master student (Erasmus+ Program)

## Additional tools / Short courses

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- 2021 *Manage Successful Impact Evaluation Surveys* - World Bank  
*Summer School: Experiments* - University of East Anglia
- 2020 *JRC training in R for official statistics (advanced)* - JRC Ispra  
*Winter School: Causal Mediation Analysis and Machine Learning* - LISER
- 2019 *JRC Week training on Composite Indicators and Scoreboards* - JRC Ispra  
*Bridges/CAGE Summer School on Behavioural Economics* - Warwick in Venice  
*Summer School on Socioeconomic Inequality* - HCEO Chicago & NES Moscow
- 2018 *Winter School in Advanced Methods for Impact Evaluation* - FBK-IRVAPP
- 2017 *Web Scraping/Social Media Scraping in R/Python Seminar* - University of Bologna

## Research Interests

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**FIELDS** Experimental & Behavioural Economics, Applied Micro–Econometrics, Policy-Evaluation  
**TOPICS** Cooperation, Social Preferences Norms, Fairness, Digital platforms

**Refereeing Activity:** Journal of the Economic Science Association, Economics Letters  
Research

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## Working Papers

*Machine Learning in the Service of Policy Targeting: The Case of Public Credit Guarantees* with Andini, M., Ciani, E., De Blasio, G., D'Ignazio, A. and Paladini, A. [Bank of Italy DP n.1206 \(2019\)](#)

*Cooperation in infinitely repeated Prisoner Dilemmas: unexplained variation & social preferences*

*Twice Losers: how the shadow of cheating affects tax behaviors and norms*

## Works in progress

*Taming Tech Giants Algorithms: What Do Consumers Know (and Want)? An Analysis of the Amazon Buy-Box Case* with F. Clavorà Braulin

*Unraveling persistence in Amazon's Buy-Box algorithm* with F. Clavorà Braulin

*Blaming migrants doesn't (always) pay: the political effects of immigration during a pandemic.* with P. Conzo and R. Zotti

## Policy works

*Monitoring Multidimensional Inequalities in the European Union* with V. Alberti & al. (2021) - Publications Office of the European Union. ISBN 978-92-76-32442-3 - doi:10.2760/726031

*An unnecessary cut? - Multilevel health systems analysis of drivers of caesarean sections rates in Italy: a systematic review* with Laurita Longo V. & al. (2020) - BMC pregnancy and childbirth, 20 (1): 1-16. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12884-020-03462-1>

## Presentations & Workshops

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- 2021 3rd EAYE Workshop (Innsbruck, AT - *Planned*)  
LISER, New York University Abu Dhabi, University of Turin  
SMYE - Spring Meeting of Young Economists (Bologna, IT), LEAR Competition Festival  
IDEE Meeting - University of Bologna, 6th BEEN Meeting (Bologna, IT)
- 2020 Joint Research Centre of the European Commission (Ispra, IT), University of Bologna  
International ExSIDE Doctoral workshop (Surrey, UK) - *Canceled after invitation due to Covid-19*
- 2019 16th Workshop on Social Economy for Young Economists (Forlì, IT)  
HCEO-NES Summer School on Socio-Economic Inequality (Moscow, RU)  
12th JDMx Meeting for Early Career Researchers (Trento, IT)  
6th Shadow Economy Conference "Tax Evasion & Ec. Inequality" (Trento, IT)  
12th VPDE PhD Workshop in Economics at Collegio Carlo Alberto
- 2018 15th Workshop on Social Economy for Young Economists (Forlì, IT)  
International Conference on Entrepreneurship and Economic Development (Bari, IT)

## Scholarships and Grants

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- 2021 **Diligentia Stiftung Research Grant** (Co-PI, 36.000 EUR)
- 2021 **EIEF Grant** - Einaudi Institute for Economics and Finance (Co-PI, 10.000 EUR)
- 2021 **Young Talent Competition Award** - LEAR Competition Festival (2.000 EUR)
- 2016-19 **Full PhD scholarship** by MIUR - Italian Ministry of Educ. Univ. and Research
- 2019 **Marco Polo Grant** - European Commission Student Award for Visiting Program
- 2018 **IFREE Small Grant** - Intern. Found. for Research in Exp. Economics (5.260 \$)
- 2017 **Outstanding Graduate Student Award** by Fondazione Sapienza
- 2016 **Particularly Deserving** mention, Bonaldo Stringher scholarship (Bank of Italy)
- 2016 **Torelli-Fiaccadori Fellowship** by Fondazione Sapienza
- 2011-16 **Merit Scholarship** for excellent students by SSAS and Univ. of Rome "La Sapienza"

## Teaching Experience

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- 2018- **University of Bologna** - Microeconomics, Econometrics, Behavioral Economics (UG courses)  
2020 **European University Institute** Microeconomics (MSc course)  
2018-19 **Johns Hopkins University - SAIS Europe** - Microeconomics, Econometrics (MSc courses)

## Languages & Technical Skills

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LANGUAGES: Italian (native); English (fluent); French, Spanish (good)

SKILLS: Stata, R (advanced); Ztree,  $\LaTeX$ , oTree (good); Python, GRETLM (basic)

## References

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Maria Bigoni	Marco Casari	Sigrid Suetens	Guido de Blasio
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