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CURRENT POSITION

Senior Economist

Feb 2025-Now

Economist

Jul 2021-Jan 2025

EDUCATION

Duke University (Durham, USA)

Jul 2015-May 2021

PhD in Economics

Duke University (Durham, USA) Winter 2020

MA in Economics en route to PhD

Bocconi University (Milan, IT)

Sep 2013-Dec 2014

Master of Business Administration

University of Genoa (Genoa, IT) Oct 2008-Feb 2011

MSc in Computer Science and Engineering (Full Marks)

University of Genoa (Genoa, IT)

Sep 2005-Sep 2008

BS in Computer Science and Engineering

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Macroeconomics, Financial Economics, Firm Dynamics, Optimal Policy, Computational Methods

ACCEPTED PAPERS/PUBLICATIONS

- 1. Machine Learning Projection Methods for Macro-finance Models, joint with Vytautas Valaitis Quantitative Economics, Vol. 15, Issue 1, January 2024, Pages 145-173
- 2. Capital and Labor Taxes with Costly State Contingency, joint with Alex Clymo and Andrea Lanteri Review of Economic Dynamics, Vol. 51, December 2023, Pages 943-964
- 3. Optimal Procurement With Quality Concerns, joint with Nicola Persico and Giuseppe Lopomo American Economic Review, Vol. 113, No. 6, June 2023, Pages 1505-19
 - Created a patent on the auction proposed in the paper. Invention ID: Disc-ID-22-03-04-001. Title: Optimal procurement in the presence of adverse selection. Technology ID: 2022-033.
- 4. Optimal Financial Contracting and the Effects of Firm's Size, joint with Sandro Brusco, Giuseppe Lopomo and Eva Ropero

RAND Journal of Economics, Vol. 52, Issue 2, Summer 2021, Pages 446-467

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- 1. The Evolving Core of Usable Macroeconomics for Policymakers, joint with Bart Hobijn and Jonas Fisher American Economic Association Papers and Proceedings (2025)
- 2. Inequality and Shocks to Firms' Pricing Decisions, joint with Filippo Ferroni *Economic Perspectives, Number 6, 2024*

WORKING PAPERS

- 1. Macro Shocks and Firm Dynamics with Oligopolistic Financial Intermediaries Revise and Resubmit (2nd round), Review of Economic Studies
- 2. Mind the Gap: The Market Price of Financial Flexibility, joint with Filippo Ippolito, Roberto Steri, and Claudio Tebaldi Revise and Resubmit, Journal of Finance

- 3. Government Debt Management and Inflation with Real and Nominal Bonds, joint with Lukas Schmid and Vytautas Valaitis
- 4. Investment-Goods Market Power and Capital Accumulation, joint with Fabio Bertolotti and Andrea Lanteri
- 5. Optimal Fiscal Policy under Endogenous Disaster Risk: How to Avoid Wars?, joint with Vytautas Valaitis
- 6. On-the-Job Search and Inflation Under the Microscope, joint with Saman Darougheh, Renato Faccini, and Leonardo Melosi

WORK IN PROGRESS

- 1. Monetary Policy in Financial Oligopolies, joint with Lukas Schmid and Vytautas Valaitis
- 2. Quantifying Market Power in Investment Goods, joint with Fabio Bertolotti and Andrea Lanteri
- 3. The Rise of Shareholder Capitalism: Macroeconomic Implications, joint with François Gourio
- 4. Dynamic Optimal Procurement With Quality Concerns, joint with Nicola Persico and Giuseppe Lopomo
- 5. Do Words Matter? The Impact of FOMC Speeches through Text Analysis and Policy Surprises, joint with Leonardo Melosi, Milena Djourelova, and Filippo Ferroni
- 6. The Deleveraging Channel of the Fiscal Theory of Price Level, joint with Francesco Bianchi, Leonardo Melosi, and Nicolò Ceneri

PRE PHD PUBLICATION

1. A Lyapunov-stable, Sensor-based Model for Real-time Path-tracking among Unknown Obstacles, joint with Antonio Sgorbissa, Andrea Vargiu and Renato Zaccaria, 2009 IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems, 2009, pp. 2946-2951

CONFERENCE AND INVITED SEMINARS (*CO-AUTHORS PRESENTING)

2025 (including scheduled): CEPR Geoeconomics*, CEPR European Summer Symposium*, Università Bocconi*, Barcelona Summer Forum

2024: University of Warwick, SCIEA 2024, SED Summer Meeting, UCSB/LAEF 3rd Junior Macro Conference, Arizona State University, SED Winter Meeting*, EWMES 2024

2023: Cornell University, SFS Cavalcade North America, Columbia University*, University of Luxembourg, 2nd CEMLA/Dallas Fed Financial Stability Workshop, Bank of Canada*, Boston University*, ITAM*, University of Minnesota*

2022: The Office of Financial Research - Department of the Treasury*, Wisconsin School of Business, Carlson School of Management*, EEA-ESEM Milano, SED Annual Meeting, Western Finance Association Annual Meeting, HEC Paris – CEPR Conference*, 11th Advances in Macro Finance Tepper-LAEF Conference, USC Marshall School of Business

2021: Pennsylvania State University, Federal Reserve Board, University of Surrey, University of Essex, Banca d'Italia, Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics, Foster School of Business - University of Washington

2020: Econometric Society World Congress, BFI Macro Finance Research Program Summer Session for Young Scholars, Boston College Macro Lunch

2019: INFORMS Annual Meeting*, Econometric Society African Meeting*, CEF 25th International Conference

2018: Econometric Society Summer European Meeting*, CEF 24^{th} International Conference, Baltic Economic Conference*

REFEREES EXPERIENCE

Review of Economic Studies, Journal of Finance, American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics, Journal of Monetary Economics, Journal of Political Economy Macroeconomics, RAND Journal of Economics, Management Science, Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control

DISCUSSIONS

• Diogo Duarte, Özde Öztekin, Yuri Saporito, "Bank Liquidity Management and Payout Policy under Peer Pressure" MFA Annual Meeting 2025

- R. Kurtzman and D. Zeke, "The Economy-Wide Gains from Resolving Debt Overhang" ITAM Finance Conference 2023
- W. W. Dou, W. Wang, and W. Wang, "The Cost of Intermediary Market Power for Distressed Borrowers" NFA 2022
- V. Elenev, T. Landvoigt, P. Shultz, and S. Van Nieuwerburgh, "Can Monetary Policy Create Fiscal Capacity?" FIRS 2022
- K. Li and L. You, "Flexibility, Option Value of Leasing, and Investment" MFA Annual Meeting 2022

CONFERENCE PROGRAM COMMITTEES

2025: EFA Annual Meetings2024: EFA Annual Meetings

RESEARCH ASSISTANT SUPERVISED

• Matthew Pitcock, PhD in Economics, Princeton University

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Duke University, Department of Economics

Instructor of Intermediate Macroeconomics (Summer 2020 Undergraduate, Teaching Evaluations), Research Assistant for Andrea Lanteri (2017-2020), Teaching Assistant for Introduction to Econometrics (Spring 2017 Undergraduate) and Intermediate Microeconomics II (Fall 2016 Undergraduate)

Duke University, Fuqua School of Business

Teaching Assistant for Finance I (Fall 2019 Finance PhD Core), Managerial Economics (Fall 2019 MBA Daytime) & Investments (Spring 2018 MBA Elective)

HONORS, AWARDS & SUMMER SCHOOLS

| Becker Friedman Institute (University of Chicago) Macro Finance Research Program Summer Session for Young Scholars | Jul 2020 |
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| Macro Finance Society Sponsored PhD Student 12^{th} Workshop | Nov 2018 |
| Society for Computational Economics Graduate Student Contest Winner 24 th Conference | Jun 2018 |
| Duke Graduate School Summer Research Fellowship | Summer 2018 |
| London School of Economics Scholarship for Advanced Tools: Solving and Estimating Advanced Macroeconomic Models | Aug 2017 |
| Duke Graduate School Full Tuition Scholarship | 2015-2020 |

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

| $\begin{array}{c} \textbf{Consilium SGR Private Equity} \\ Associate \end{array}$ | Dec 2014-Jul 2015 <i>Milan, IT</i> |
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| Blackstone Entrepreneurs Network $Fellow$ | Sep 2014-Dec 2014 Durham, USA |
| McKinsey & Company MBA Summer Associate | Summer 2014 Milan, IT |
| Danieli Automation SPA Software Engineer | $\begin{array}{c} \text{Aug 2011-Aug 2013} \\ \textbf{\textit{Genoa, IT}} \end{array}$ |
| Accenture IT Consulting $Analyst$ | Feb 2011-Aug 2011 $Milan, IT$ |

SKILLS & COMPETENCIES

Languages Italian (Native), English

Programming C/C++, Matlab, Java, C#, PHP, Javascript, Python

Computing IBM ILOG CPLEX/AMPL, GPU Computing with C and CUDA

Databases MySQL, SQL Server, Oracle PL/SQL