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Current Position

2024–present PhD Candidate in Economics
Department of Economics and Management, University of Luxembourg, Luxembourg
Supervisor: Professor Konstantinos Tatsiramos

Research Fields

Economics of Education; Labour Economics; Applied Microeconomics; Policy Evaluation.

Education

2024–present PhD in Economics
University of Luxembourg, Luxembourg

2021–2024 MSc in Economics and Public Policies
Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan
Final grade: 110/110 cum laude.
Master's thesis: *The Bologna Process and its effects: an empirical analysis of the Italian case*, supervised by Professor Lorenzo Cappellari.

2018–2021 BSc in Economics and Business
Università degli Studi di Firenze, Florence
Final grade: 110/110 cum laude.
Bachelor's thesis: *Public Debt Sustainability in a Monetary Union*, supervised by Professor Chiara Rapallini.

Research

Backward Spillovers and Equalized Access: The Effects of the Bologna Process across the Education System

with Lorenzo Cappellari
IZA Discussion Paper No. 18726, 2026.

Uses nationally representative data on high-school and university graduates and multiple difference-in-differences designs to study the causal effects of the Bologna Process reform in Italy. The reform increased university enrollment and in-time graduation, reduced dropout, and generated backward spillovers on earlier educational choices by increasing graduation from the academic-oriented high-school track. Effects are strongest for students from disadvantaged parental backgrounds, particularly among high-ability students.

Research Experience

Mar–Aug 2024 Post-Graduate Research Assistant
Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan
Researcher on the PRIN 2022 project *STEP-BY-STEP: Educational Stages, Choices, Achievement and Long-Run Outcomes*, extending my Master's thesis on the effects of the Bologna Process reform in Italy, under the supervision of Lorenzo Cappellari.

Feb–Jul 2023 Graduate Research Assistant*Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan*

Research assistant to Tommaso Colussi and Davide Cipullo on an empirical project on the economic and political effects of Milan's Area C policy.

Presentations and Conferences**Forthcoming / Accepted**

Oct 2026	67th SIE Annual Scientific Meeting, <i>Cagliari</i>
Sep 2026	41st Conference of the Italian Association of Labour Economics (AIEL), <i>Rome</i>
Sep 2026	4th Workshop on Education Economics and Policy (WEEP), <i>Trondheim</i>

Presented

Jun 2026	BSE Summer School in Labor Economics Workshop, <i>Barcelona</i>
Jun 2026	Counterfactual Methods for Policy Impact Evaluation (COMPIE) 2026, <i>Paris</i>
May 2026	Workshop on Causal Inference and Policy Evaluation, Erasmus University, <i>Rotterdam</i>
Feb 2026	Internal Poster Session, University of Luxembourg, <i>Luxembourg</i>
Nov 2025	Workshop on the Economics of Education, KU Leuven, <i>Leuven</i>
Sep 2025	Internal PhD Workshop, University of Luxembourg, <i>Luxembourg</i>

Teaching Experience**Introduction to Econometrics (BSc)**

Teaching Assistant

*Winter semester 2025/26; Summer semester 2025/26; Summer semester 2026/27 (planned)***Labour Economics (BSc)**

Teaching Assistant

*Winter semester 2026/27***Econometrics III (MSc)**

Teaching Assistant

*Winter semester 2026/27***Selected Doctoral Training**

Jun 2026	<i>BSE Summer School in Labor Economics</i> , Barcelona School of Economics
Jun 2025	<i>6th Summer School in Advanced Economics</i> - J. M. Wooldridge and P. Sant'Anna
Apr 2025	<i>Advanced Differences-in-Differences for Natural Experiments</i> - Clément de Chaisemartin

Software and Languages**Software:** Stata (advanced), R.**Languages:** Italian (native), English (fluent).