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Born 1988 · Italian nationality · Languages: Italian, English; French and Spanish (beginner)

Current appointments and affiliations

Mar 2023–present Associate Professor (tenured), University of Milan

Mar 2020–present Executive Director, CLEAN Unit on the Economics of Crime, Bocconi University

2020–present Research Affiliate, CEPR

Sep 2017–present Associate Researcher, Institut d'Economia de Barcelona

Previous appointments

Mar 2020–Feb 2023 Assistant Professor (RTD-B), University of Milan

Sep 2017–Feb 2020 Postdoctoral Researcher, Bocconi University

Oct 2015–Aug 2017 Postdoctoral Researcher, Institut d'Economia de Barcelona

Education

2012–2015 PhD in Economics, Vrije Universiteit Brussel

Dissertation: "The Family, the Mafia and the State: Essays on the Political Economics of Social Ties". Supervisor: Benny Geys.

Teaching

2023–present Economics of Crime and Corruption, University of Milan (English)

2021–present Introduction to Economics of Crime, PhD programme, University of Milan (Italian)

2020–present Economics of Crime, undergraduate, University of Milan (Italian)

2022 Empirical Legal Studies, graduate, University of Milan (English)

2020 Topics on Political Accountability, graduate, University of Barcelona (English)

2017–2019 Topics in Politics, undergraduate, Bocconi University (English)

2015–2017 Principles of Taxation; Spanish Economy, undergraduate, University of Barcelona (English)

Publications

Attacking Women or their Policies? Understanding Violence against Women in Politics, with G. Dipoppa and M. Pulejo.
Journal of Politics, 2026.

Decision-Making in the Dark: The Asymmetric Spread of COVID-19 Policies, with P. Stanig and L. Curini.
Comparative Political Studies, 2025.

Corruption under Austerity, with T. Giommoni.
Journal of Politics, 2024.

Fueling Organized Crime: Oil Thefts and the Mexican Drug War, with G. Battiston, M. Le Moglie and P. Pinotti.
The Economic Journal, 2024.

The Causal Impact of Pandemic Distress on Anti-Immigration Sentiments, with A. Martinangeli, F. Passarelli, W. Sas and L. Windsteiger.
Economica, 2024.

Who Sent You? Strategic Voting, Transfers and Bailouts in a Federation, with A. Piolatto and W. Sas.
Regional Science and Urban Economics, 2023.

Organized Crime, Violence and Support for the State, with G. M. Campedelli, A. F. M. Martinangeli and P. Pinotti.
Journal of Public Economics, 2023.

Pains, Guns and Moves: The Effect of the US Opioid Epidemic on Mexican Migration, with M. Le Moglie and F. Masera.
Journal of Development Economics, 2023.

Never Forget the First Time: The Persistent Effects of Corruption and the Rise of Populism in Italy, with A. Aassve and M. Le Moglie.
Journal of Politics, 2023.

Doing Business Below the Line: Screening, Mafias and Public Funds, with G. Dipoppa.
Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization, 2022.

Dynasties and Policymaking, with A. Romarri and P. Vertier.
Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, 2021.

Street Vendors, Incentives and Self-regulation: a Randomized Control Trial in Urban India, with D. Tommasi and S. Mookerjee.
The Review of Economics and Statistics, 2021.

Abandon Ship? Party Brands and Politicians' Responses to a Political Scandal, with S. Galletta and B. Geys.
Journal of Public Economics, 2020.

Popularity shocks and political selection: The effects of anti-corruption audits on candidates' quality, with F. De Lima Cavalcanti and S. Galletta.
Journal of Public Economics, 2018.

"Strike One To Educate One Hundred": The Effects of Organized Crime on Political Selection.
Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, 2017.

Mafia and Violence against Politicians, with G. Dipoppa.
Journal of Public Economics, 2017.

The Strength of Weak (Family) Ties: Family Networks in High vs. Low Income Countries, with B. Geys.
Journal of Development Studies, 2016.

Organised Crime, Institutions and Political Quality: Empirical Evidence from Italian Municipalities, with B. Geys.
The Economic Journal, 2015.

Interpersonal trust and welfare state support, with B. Geys.
European Journal of Political Economy, 2015.

Public support for European fiscal integration in times of crisis, with B. Geys.
Journal of European Public Policy, 2015.

Book

Fallimento Lockdown, with P. Stanig. EGEA / Bocconi University Press, 2021 (in Italian).

Working papers

Wind of Change? Experimental Survey Evidence on the COVID-19 Shock and Socio-Political Attitudes in Europe, with A. Martinangeli, F. Passarelli, W. Sas and L. Windsteiger.

Mafia, Politics and Machine Predictions, with G. M. Campedelli and M. Le Moglie. *Revise and resubmit, Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization.*

Breaking negative narratives: Long-term Social Progress and Trust in Institutions, with A. Martinangeli and F. Braccioli. *Revise and resubmit, Economic Journal.*

A loan you can't refuse: Credit rationing and organized crime infiltration of distressed firms, with M. De Simoni, D. Marchetti, G. Marcolongo and P. Pinotti. *Revise and resubmit, Journal of Political Economy.*

Women Behind Bars: Do Female-Only Prisons Reduce Recidivism? With F. Calamunci, G. Mastrobuoni and D. Terlizzese.

Equal Access, Unequal Safety: Women's NightWork and Crime in India, with A. Khemka

Research grants

2023 PRIN PNRR 2022, "The Dynamics of Crime and Social Exclusion in Italy". Local Principal Investigator (€30,000).

2022 PRIN 2022, "Fighting Organized Crime". Principal Investigator (€144,000).

2021 PRIN 2020, "The Dark Side of the Money: Causes and Consequences of Organized Crime and Corruption" (DARKSIDE). Local Principal Investigator (€112,000).

2020 Modigliani Research Grant, UniCredit Foundation (€20,000); Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation grant for research on violence (€40,000).

2016–2017 Juan de la Cierva-formación 2016. First-ranked candidate in Economics (€50,000).

Policy engagement and outreach 2021 to 2026

2026 "Jail, Recidivism and Jobs: A Dialogue between Economics and Law", University of Milan; stakeholder consultation for the European Commission Recommendation on Safety in Politics; invited speaker, "Police Communication, Trust, and Public Engagement: Research Meets Practice", Newcastle University Business School.

2025 Scientific Advisor, Observatory for the Defence of Democracy, Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR), Brussels.

2024 Presentation of "Mafia, Politics and Machine Predictions" to the leadership of the Carabinieri ROS, Rome.

2021–2024 Annual masterclass on anti-corruption policy for Italian public officials, "Anticorruzione e prevenzione dell'illegalità nella Pubblica Amministrazione e nell'impresa".

2022 Speaker, United Nations University conference "The Puzzle of Peace: Towards Inclusive Development in Fragile Contexts", Helsinki; speaker, "Knowledge that Matters" per la sicurezza e la legalità, Bocconi University; discussant, Global Organized Crime Index 2021, University of Milan.

2021 Policy discussant, "Organized Crime and Economic Growth: Evidence from Mafia-Infiltrated Municipalities in Italy", Innovations for Poverty Action; The Conference Board, Economists and Strategy Council (European corporate CEOs and CFOs); one-day seminar "I comuni e l'analisi quantitativa", National Association of Italian Municipalities (ANCI); guest seminar "Fighting Corruption with Austerity", European Commission Joint Research Centre, Ispra.

Seminars 2021 to 2026

2026 Paris-Panthéon-Assas University (FR); Université Paris Nanterre (FR); ESSEC Business School (FR)

2025 University of Bath (UK); University of Liverpool (UK); University of Edinburgh (UK)

2024 University of Padova (IT); ETH Zurich (CH); Bocconi University (IT); BI Norwegian Business School (NO); Universidad de Barcelona (ES); Universidad Carlos III Madrid (ES); University of New South Wales (AU); University of Bergen (NO)

2023 University of Verona (IT); Utrecht University (NL); University of Bolzano (IT); Stockholm School of Economics (SE)

2022 Burgundy School of Business (FR); Cattolica University (IT)

2021 RSAEM Université libre de Bruxelles (BE); London School of Economics (UK); University of Lyon (FR); CSEF - University of Naples Federico II (IT)

Conferences and workshops 2021 to 2026

2026 10th Workshop on the Economics of Organized Crime, Catania (IT); Economics of Crime and Justice 2026, LSE (UK); Development Economics Workshop – GATE, Lyon (FR); AIBE Workshop 2026, Bocconi (IT)

2025 Summer Forum, BSE Barcelona (ES); FIBRE Workshop at Bocconi University (IT)

2024 8th Workshop on the Economics of Organized Crime (Torino, IT); 2nd Resilient Democracy Lab Workshop (Sydney, AU); “Politics and Administration” Workshop (Bergen, NO)

2023 7th Workshop on the Economics of Organized Crime (IT); 13th Bari Conference on 'Economics of Global Interactions' (IT); Conference "Conflicts, Crimes and Terror: an Economic Perspective"; Tours (FR)

2022 13th Transatlantic Workshop on the Economics of Crime (organizer, Milan); 12th Bari Conference on 'Economics of Global Interactions' (IT); AL CAPONE Workshop on Organized Crime (Reggio Calabria, IT) (discussant)

2021 The political economy of corruption: Causes, consequences, and solutions (University of Rotterdam); Elections, Institutional Reforms, and Public Policy (Bochum, DE); COMPIE European Commission: "Developments in the applications of counterfactual methods for policy impact evaluation"; Workshop “Has Covid-19 wounded interpersonal trust? Six papers in search of an answer” (Collegio Carlo Alberto, Turin); Annual Departmental Conference, University of Milan (IT)

Selected refereeing

Economics

American Economic Review, Review of Economic Studies, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Journal of Political Economy, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, Economic Journal, Review of Economics and Statistics, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Law and Economics, European Journal of Political Economy, Public Choice, Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization, European Economic Review.

Political science

American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, Journal of Politics, Journal of Common Market Studies, Journal of European Public Policy, European Political Science Review, Comparative Political Studies.

Research visits

2026 Paris-Panthéon-Assas University (FR)

2025 Collegio Carlo Alberto, Turin (IT)

2024 ETH Zurich (CH); University of New South Wales (AU); National University of Singapore (SG)

2023 Brown University (US)

2018 Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (ES)

2016 BI Norwegian Business School (NO)

2013 Stanford University (US)

Academic service

2025–present Co-organizer, European Seminars on the Economics of Crime (ESEC).

2025–present Editorial Board member: European Journal on Criminal Policy and Research.

2021–present Academic Board Member, PhD programme in Organized Crime Studies, University of Milan.

2017–2026 Seminar Organizer, CLEAN, Bocconi University.

2020–2024 Student Internship Mentor, Faculty of Law, University of Milan.

2015–2017 Seminar Organizer, Institut d'Economia de Barcelona, University of Barcelona.