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## EDUCATION

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**University of Liverpool, Liverpool (UK)** 2022-2026  
PhD in Economics  
Supervisors: Giuseppe De Feo, Balazs Murakozy

**Maastricht University, Maastricht (The Netherlands)** 2021-2022  
Double Msc in Public Policy and Human Development *Grade: 8.5/10 cum laude*  
Specialisation: Social Protection Policy

**United Nations University UNU-MERIT, Maastricht (The Netherlands)** 2021-2022  
Double Msc in Public Policy and Human Development *Grade: 8.5/10 cum laude*  
Specialisation: Social Protection Policy  
*Dissertation: Organized Crime as a Threat to Social and Economic Mobility: Evidence from Sicily*

**Budapest Business School BGE, Budapest (Hungary)** 2020-2021  
Erasmus Plus Programme in international economics and politics *GPA: 4.83/5*

**Alma Mater Studiorum University of Bologna, Forlì (Italy)** 2018-2021  
Bsc in International Relations and Diplomatic Affairs - with Distinction *Grade: 110/110 cum laude*  
*Dissertation: Essay on the Rule of Law and the Illiberal Democracies in the EU*

## WORKING PAPERS

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**Another Brick in the Wall: Repurposing Mafia Properties for Local Education**

## RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

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**Mafia and social order: the effect of Sicilian mafia expansion on conflict resolution**  
*with Giuseppe De Feo and Giacomo De Luca*

**Beyond the Checkout: The Unseen Effects of Shopping Malls Expansion on Educational Success and Social Capital**  
*with Bruno Martorano*

**All Along the Watchtower: The localised effects of Public Space Protection Order in London**  
*with Enrico Cavallotti and Abhinav Khemka*

**The murder in the marketplace: evidence from medieval London**  
*with Alex Cardazzi and Zach Porreca*

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## CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PUBLICATION

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### Save The Children Italia: Fare Spazio alla Crescita, 2023

[<https://www.savethechildren.it/cosa-facciamo/pubblicazioni/fare-spazio-alla-crescita>]

*Descriptive statistics about the use of the confiscated mafia properties*

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## TEACHING

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### University of Liverpool

2023-2024

Principles of Microeconomics (Undergraduate)

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## OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

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### University of Liverpool

- 2024: Postgraduate Researchers Wellbeing Ambassador for the School of Humanities and Social Sciences
- 2023-2024: Equality Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Postgraduate Researchers representative for the University of Liverpool Management School
- 2022-2024: Postgraduate Researchers Representative for the Economics Group

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## GRANTS AND AWARDS

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### University of Liverpool

- 2023: ULMS first-year PhD Award

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## OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### Libera. Associazioni, Nomi e Numeri contro le Mafie, Italy

2018-2024

Association promoting projects and events to address organized crime-related issues

*Active member, co-author, projects and events writer*

### OPERA APS - Estro lo Spazio delle Idee, Imola (Italy)

2018-2024

Cultural center affiliated with ARCI organization, specializing in performing arts and social projects

*Co-founder, secretariat, and social media*

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## SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT

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### Liverpool (UK)

- 2023-2024: Italian Society Committee - Students support

### Maastricht (The Netherlands)

- 2022-2023: UNU-MERIT Alumni Magazine - Editorial Team
- 2021-2022: Refugee Project Maastricht - Volunteer

### Bologna (Italy)

- 2020-2021: L'Europa Futura Magazine - Co-founder and author
- 2018-2021: UDU Unione Degli Universitari - Volunteer and elections campaign organiser

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## SKILLS

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STATA (advanced), R (intermediate), GIS (intermediate), L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X (intermediate)

## LANGUAGES AND MAIN CERTIFICATES

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Italian (native), English (C1/C2), French(B2), Spanish(B1)

- 2024: MHFA England - Adult Mental Health Aware
- 2023: University of Liverpool - Associate Fellowship of the HEA
- 2023: UNICEF - Education Data Literacy
- 2022: UNICEF - Child Rights and Why They Matter
- 2022: UNODC - Understanding Transnational Organised Crime
- 2022: LanguageCert English Proficiency - C1 Level
- 2020: Duolingo English Test - C1 Level