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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Postdoctoral Researcher, University of Essex 2026 - present
Institute for Social and Economic Research (ISER), MiSoC Centre

OTHER AFFILIATIONS

Research Affiliate, UNU-MERIT (NL) 2024-

EDUCATION

PhD in Economics, University of Liverpool (UK) 2022-2026
Expected to be completed by 2026

Visiting Researcher at CLEAN Bocconi University, host Paolo Pinotti, Gianmarco Daniele (Fall 2024)

Supervisors: Giuseppe De Feo, Jakub Lonsky, Balazs Murakozy

Thesis Committee: Maria Michaela Sviatschi (external), Neomi Mantovan

Double MSc in Public Policy and Human Development, Maastricht University (NL) 2021-2022
Specialisation: Social Protection Policy *with distinction*

Double MSc in Public Policy and Human Development, UNU-MERIT (NL) 2021-2022
Specialisation: Social Protection Policy *with distinction*
Dissertation: Organised Crime as a Threat to Social and Economic Mobility: Evidence from Sicily

Erasmus Plus Programme, Budapest University of Economics and Business (HU) 2020-2021
Main subjects: International economics and politics *GPA: 4.83/5*

BSc in International Relations and Diplomatic Affairs, University of Bologna (IT) 2018-2021
Dissertation: Essay on the Rule of Law and the Illiberal Democracies in the EU *with distinction*

PUBLICATIONS

Murder in the Marketplace — *Public Choice*, 2026
with Alexander Cardazzi and Zachary Porreca

WORKING PAPERS

Another Brick in the Wall? The Educational Effects of Repurposed Mafia Properties — *Job Market Paper*

The Unintended Political Consequences of Expanding Police Authority: Evidence from London
with E. Cavallotti and A. Khemka

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Mafia and Social Order

with Giuseppe De Feo and Giacomo De Luca

Beyond the Checkout: Shopping Malls and Social Capital in Rural Italy

with B. Martorano

POLICY WORK CONTRIBUTIONS

Save The Children Italia: Fare Spazio alla Crescita, 2023

Descriptive statistics about the use of the confiscated mafia properties

PRESENTATIONS IN ACADEMIC CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

- 2026: LESE 2026 (accepted), European Urban Association European Meeting 2026 (accepted), RES 2026 (University of Newcastle), Milan PhD Workshop (Bocconi University, *accepted*), Diversity and Human Capital Workshop (University of Exeter), EEA 2026 (University College Dublin, *scheduled*), CLEAN Summer Workshop (Bocconi University)
- 2025: Women in State Capacity Conference (Oxford Martin School), Applied Young Economists Webinar (AYEW), NWSSDTP Doctoral Conference (University of Manchester), 4h Junior Economists Meeting (UniMi-JEM2025), ViCE Seminar Series, Economic History Internal Workshop (University of Birmingham), 9h Workshop on the Economics of Organised Crime (University of Edinburgh), Workshop on the Economics of Education (KU Leuven), SAEe 2025 (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona)
- 2024: Crime Before Christmas CLEAN Workshop (Bocconi University), CLEAN Internal Seminars (Bocconi University), NWSSDTP Doctoral Conference (Lancaster University), AMBS Alliance Conference (University of Manchester), Administrative Data Workshop (University of Liverpool), Micro Applied Cluster (University of Liverpool), Internal Seminars Economics Group (University of Liverpool)
- 2023: Micro Applied Cluster (University of Liverpool), Internal Seminars Economics Group (University of Liverpool)

TEACHING

University of Liverpool

2024-2025

Principles of Macroeconomics (Undergraduate)

2024-2025

Statistics for Economics and Business Students (Undergraduate)

2023-2024

Principles of Microeconomics (Undergraduate)

OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

University of Liverpool

- 2024-2025: Postgraduate Researchers Wellbeing Ambassador for the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Statistics Tutor for Stats@Liverpool, IELTS Test Centre Invigilator, Postgraduate Researchers Representative for the Economics Group
- 2023-2024: Equality Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Postgraduate Researchers representative for the University of Liverpool Management School

GRANTS AND AWARDS

University of Liverpool

- 2023: ULMS first-year PhD Award
- 2025: ULMS PhD Award

REFEREEING ACTIVITY

Journal of Iberian and Latin American Economic History

SKILLS

STATA (advanced), R (intermediate), GIS (advanced), L^AT_EX (advanced)

LANGUAGES AND MAIN CERTIFICATES

Italian (native), English (advanced), French(intermediate), Spanish(beginner)

- 2024: Accredited Researcher (ONS DEA), Adult Mental Health Aware (MHFA England)
- 2023: Associate Fellowship of the HEA (University of Liverpool), Education Data Literacy (UNICEF), Understanding Transnational Organised Crime (UNODC)

REFERENCES

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