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Personal Information

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Current Positions

Since 2015 Senior researcher, CREI – Centre de Recerca en Economia Internacional
Since 2009 Adjunct professor, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Department of Economics
Since 2009 Affiliated professor, Barcelona Graduate School of Economics
Since 2016 Associate researcher, IPEG – Institute of Political Economy and Governance
Since 2018 Research fellow, CEPR – Centre for Economic Policy Research
Since 2017 Member of the editorial board, *Review of Economic Studies*

Previous and Visiting Positions

2016 Visiting researcher, IGIER, Bocconi University
2015 – 2020 Associate editor, *Journal of the European Economic Association*
2014 Visiting professor, Harvard University, Department of Economics
2011 – 2018 Research affiliate, CEPR – Centre for Economic Policy Research
2009 – 2015 Researcher, CREI – Centre de Recerca en Economia Internacional
2002–03 Junior researcher, CeRP – Center for Research on Pensions and Welfare Policies

Education

2009 Ph.D. in Economics, Harvard University
Thesis committee: Edward L. Glaeser, Elhanan Helpman and Andrei Shleifer
2006 A.M. in Economics, Harvard University
2002 B.A. in Economics (summa cum laude), University of Turin

Grants and Fellowships

2021 – 2025 Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation grant PID2019-111691RA-I00
2017 – 2021 ERC Starting Grant CITIZINGLOBAL: Citizens, Institutions and Globalization
2017 – 2021 Government of Catalonia grant 2017 SGR 01393
2015 – 2019 Spanish Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness Ramón y Cajal grant RYC-2013-13838
2015 – 2017 Spanish Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness grant ECO-2014-59805-P
2014 – 2016 Government of Catalonia grant 2014 SGR 830
2014–15 BBVA Foundation grant for Researchers, Innovators and Cultural Creators
2014–15 Barcelona GSE Seed Grant
2014 – 2015 Scholarship of the Institut d'Estudis Autònoms, Generalitat de Catalunya
2012 – 2014 Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation grant ECO-2011-25624
2011 – 2013 Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation Juan de la Cierva grant JCI-2010-08414
2009 – 2013 Government of Catalonia grant 2009 SGR 1157
2009 – 2011 Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation grants ECO-2008-01666 and CONSOLIDER-Ingenio 2010 CSD-2006-00016
2008–09 Hartley R. Rogers dissertation completion fellowship
2008 Institute for Humane Studies summer graduate research fellowship
2006 – 2009 Humane Studies fellowship
2005–06 Mario Gasbarri fellowship

2004 – 2005 Harvard University summer research grant
2003 – 2005 Marco Fanno fellowship

Other Qualifications and Awards

2020 *Economic Journal* Annual Referee Prize
2014 *Journal of the European Economic Association* Excellence in Refereeing Award
2013-14 Italian National Scientific Qualification for the positions of full professor of Economics (13/A1), Economic Policy (13/A2), Public Economics (13/A3) and Applied Economics (13/A4)
2011 *Economic Journal* Annual Referee Prize
2008 Harvard University Certificate of Distinction in Teaching
2008 Harvard University Graduate Instruction Committee Award for Excellence in Teaching Economics to Graduate Students
2002 Mario Gasbarri Prize
2002 Unione Industriale di Torino “Menzione Optime” Prize
2002 Università di Torino Medal
1998 Alfiere del Lavoro

Teaching

Spatial Equilibrium and the Economic of Cities, CREI Macroeconomics Summer School
Summer 2019
Trade Policy and International Policy Coordination (graduate), Barcelona GSE
Winter 2019, 2020, Spring 2021
Cities and the Geography of Growth (graduate), Universitat Pompeu Fabra
Spring 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, Winter 2021
Government Inefficiency and Reform, CREI Macroeconomics Summer School
Summer 2016, 2017, 2018
Explaining Economic Policy (graduate), Universitat Pompeu Fabra
Winter 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018
Agglomeration and Economic Geography (graduate), Universitat Pompeu Fabra
Winter 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021
Firms, Technology, and Trade Policy (graduate), Barcelona GSE
Winter 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018
Microeconomic Theory (undergraduate), Harvard University
Fall 2014
Economic Analysis of Electoral Politics, Barcelona GSE Political Economy Summer School
Summer 2014, 2016
Political Agency and Accountability, Barcelona GSE Political Economy Summer School
Summer 2014, 2016
International Trade (graduate), Barcelona GSE
Winter 2014
Advanced International Trade (graduate), Barcelona GSE
Winter 2012, 2013
Urban Economics (graduate), Universitat Pompeu Fabra and Barcelona GSE
Spring 2011; Winter 2012, 2013
Political Economics (graduate), Universitat Pompeu Fabra and Barcelona GSE
Winter 2010, 2011; Spring 2012, 2013
Topics in Macroeconomics (undergraduate), Universitat Pompeu Fabra
Spring 2010, 2011, 2012; Winter 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018

Student Advising

- Ph.D. Thesis Supervision: Uğur Yesilbayraktar: Ph.D. UPF in progress
Sebastian Ellingsen: Ph.D. UPF in progress
Federica Daniele: Ph.D. UPF 2018, to OECD
Oriol Anguera Torrell: Ph.D. UPF 2016, to CETT – University of Barcelona
Andrei V. Potlogea: Ph.D. UPF 2016, to University of Edinburgh
- Ph.D. Thesis Committee: Shangyu Liu: Ph.D. UPF 2020, to Nanjing Audit University
Marta Santamaria: Ph.D. UPF 2019, to University of Warwick
Guohao Yang: Ph.D. UPF 2019, to University of Namur
Yining Geng: Ph.D. UPF 2019, to University of Liverpool
Yimei Zou: Ph.D. UPF 2018, to IIES – University of Stockholm
Felipe Valencia Caicedo: Ph.D. UPF 2015, to University of Bonn

Professional Activities

- Refereeing: American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, American Economic Review, American Political Science Review, Democratization, Econometrica, Economic Inquiry, Economic Journal, Economics of Transition, European Journal of Development Research, European Journal of Political Economy, Explorations in Economic History, Games and Economic Behavior, International Economic Review, International Review of Law and Economics, Journal of Comparative Economics, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Economic Geography, Journal of Economic Growth, Journal of Economic Policy Reform, Journal of Economics and Management Strategy, Journal of Economic Theory, Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics, Journal of International Economics, Journal of Law and Economics, Journal of Law, Economics and Organization, Journal of Legal Studies, Journal of Monetary Economics, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Politics, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of the Japanese and International Economies, Journal of Urban Economics, National Tax Journal, Oxford Economic Papers, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, Public Choice, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of Economic Dynamics, Review of Economic Studies, Southern Economic Journal, Theoretical Economics, Urban Studies
- Evaluation: Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada; Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research (Italian Evaluation of Research Quality; Research Projects of National Interest); Spanish National Evaluation and Foresight Agency (State Plan for R&D)
European Economic Association Young Economist Award. Geneva, August 2016; Lisbon, August 2017; Cologne, August 2018; Manchester, August 2019; Virtual, August 2020
- Scientific committee: Annual Congress of the European Economic Association. Online, August 2021
Virtual Meeting of the Urban Economic Association. Online, October 2020: Co-Chair
European Meeting of the Urban Economic Association. Amsterdam, May-June 2019: Vice Chair; Online, April-May 2021: Past Chair
European Meeting of the Econometric Society. Cologne, August 2018
Barcelona GSE Summer Forum, Workshop on Geography, Economic Policy, and Political Structure. Barcelona, June 2018
Barcelona GSE Summer Forum, Workshop on Geography, Trade, and Growth. Barcelona, June 2017, 2018, 2019

Barcelona GSE Summer Forum, Workshop on the Political Economy of Globalization. Barcelona, June 2017

Barcelona GSE Summer Forum, Workshop on Political Institutions. Barcelona, June 2017, 2018, 2019

Free University of Bozen-Bolzano Workshop on Political Economy. Bruneck, September 2016; October 2017, 2018, 2019

Barcelona GSE Summer Forum, Workshop on Housing and Spatial Economics. Barcelona, June 2016

Barcelona GSE Summer Forum, Workshop on the Economic Analysis of Electoral Politics. Barcelona, June 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019

IEB Workshop on Urban Economics. Barcelona, June 2014, 2016, 2018

Symposium of the Spanish Economic Association. Santander, December 2013; Palma de Mallorca, December 2014; Girona, December 2015; Bilbao, December 2016; Barcelona, December 2017

Barcelona GSE Summer Forum, Workshop on Trade, Growth, and Income Distribution. Barcelona, June 2013; June 2014; June 2015

CEPR-CREI Workshop on Politics, Information and the Macroeconomy. Barcelona, May 2011

Conference Presentations and Invited Seminars

- 2019 Free University of Bozen-Bolzano Workshop on Political Economy. Bruneck, October
 CEPR Conference in Urban and Regional Economics. London, September (discussant)
 NBER Summer Institute, Urban Economics Workshop. Cambridge, MA, July (discussant)
 Barcelona GSE Summer Forum, Workshop on Organizational Economics. Barcelona, June (discussant)
 UPF-Barcelona GSE-IPEG 7th Workshop on the Political Economy of Development and Conflict. Barcelona, May (discussant)
 Carnegie-Rochester-NYU Conference on Public Policy: “On the Border of International Cooperation.” New York, NY, April
 Geneva Trade and Development Workshop; University of Munich; University of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne; University of Southern Denmark
- 2018 13th Meeting of the Urban Economics Association. New York, NY, October
 Free University of Bozen-Bolzano Workshop on Political Economy. Bruneck, October
 NBER Summer Institute, Urban Economics Workshop. Cambridge, MA, July (discussant)
 NBER Summer Institute, Political Economy Workshop. Cambridge, MA, July
 Barcelona GSE Summer Forum, Workshop on Organizational Economics. Barcelona, June (discussant)
 Barcelona GSE Summer Forum, Workshop on Geography, Economic Policy and Political Structure. Barcelona, June
 CEPR European Summer Symposium in International Macroeconomics. Oslo, May
 UPF-Barcelona GSE-IPEG 6th Workshop on the Political Economy of Development and Conflict. Barcelona, May (discussant)
 Royal Economic Society Annual Conference. Brighton, March.
 Dutch Social Choice Colloquium. Rotterdam, March.
 Annual Meeting of the American Economic Association. Philadelphia, January (discussant)
 University of Bern; University of Chicago, Harris School of Public Policy; University of Edinburgh; University of Padua; University of Warwick
- 2017 Center for Market Studies and Spatial Economics Winter Workshop in Urban

- Economics and International Trade. Moscow, December.
- CEPR Annual Macroeconomics and Growth Programme Meeting. Frankfurt, November (discussant)
- Free University of Bozen-Bolzano Workshop on Political Economy. Bruneck, October
- CEPR Conference in Urban and Regional Economics. Paris, September
- University of Konstanz Workshop on Political Economy: Theory Meets Empirics. Konstanz, August-September
- Annual Congress of the European Economic Association. Lisbon, August
- Econometric Society European Meeting. Lisbon, August
- NBER Summer Institute, Urban Economics Workshop. Cambridge, MA, July (discussant)
- NBER Summer Institute, Real Estate Workshop. Cambridge, MA, July
- NBER Summer Institute, Political Economy Workshop. Cambridge, MA, July
- Annual Meeting of the Society for Economics Dynamics. Edinburgh, June
- IEB Workshop on Political Economy and Fiscal Federalism. Barcelona, June
- Barcelona GSE Summer Forum, Workshop on the Political Economy of Globalization. Barcelona, June
- 1st Catalan Economic Society Conference. Barcelona, May
- UPF-Barcelona GSE-IPEG 5th Workshop on the Political Economy of Development and Conflict. Barcelona, May (discussant)
- Royal Economic Society Annual Conference. Bristol, April
- NYU/Penn Conference on Law and Finance. New York, February
- London School of Economics; University of Namur; New York University School of Law; University of St Andrews
- 2016 European University Institute Workshop on Economic Policy Challenges. Florence, November
- Free University of Bozen-Bolzano Workshop on the Political Economy of Federalism and Local Development. Bruneck, September
- XXXI Jornadas de Economía Industrial. Palma, September
- NBER Summer Institute, Urban Economics Workshop. Cambridge, MA, July (discussant)
- EIEF Workshop on Political Economy. Rome, July
- Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, X DEMO Workshop, Bellaterra, June
- CEPR European Research Workshop in International Trade. Copenhagen, June
- UPF-Barcelona GSE 4th Workshop on the Political Economy of Development and Conflict. Barcelona, May (discussant)
- World Bank Conference “Can the South Keep Rising? A Response from East Asia and Latin America.” Kuala Lumpur, May
- Royal Economic Society Annual Conference. Brighton, March
- CERGE-EI Conference on the Economics of Livable Cities. Prague, March
- Bocconi University; Catholic University of Milan; University of Chicago, Harris School of Public Policy; New York University; Norwegian Business School; Queens College, CUNY; Stanford University, Graduate School of Business; Vanderbilt University
- 2015 CEPR Conference in Urban and Regional Economics. Basel, September.
- NBER Summer Institute, Urban Economics Workshop. Cambridge, MA, July (discussant)
- NBER Summer Institute, Political Economy Public Finance Workshop. Cambridge, MA, July
- Annual Meeting of the Society for Economics Dynamics. Warsaw, June
- IEB Workshop on Political Economy and Public Finance. Barcelona, June (discussant)

- UPF-Barcelona GSE 3rd Workshop on the Political Economy of Development and Conflict. Barcelona, May (discussant)
- CREI-TSE Transpyrenean Macro Workshop. Andorra, March
- Bocconi University; University of Bristol; IESE; University of Nottingham
- 2014 NBER Summer Institute, Urban Economics Workshop. Cambridge, MA, July
- NBER Summer Institute, joint session of the Income Distribution and Macroeconomics and Political Economy Workshops. Cambridge, MA, July
- NBER Summer Institute, Political Economy Workshop. Cambridge, MA, July (discussant)
- SIRE-University of Edinburgh Workshop on Country Size and Border Effects in a Globalised World. Edinburgh, June
- Barcelona GSE Summer Forum, Workshop on Trade, Growth and Income Distribution. Barcelona, June
- Barcelona GSE Summer Forum, Workshop on Economic Analysis of Electoral Politics. Barcelona, June (discussant)
- UPF-Barcelona GSE 2nd Workshop on the Political Economy of Development and Conflict. Barcelona, May (discussant)
- Political Economy Workshop, Catholic University of Milan. Milan, May
- Royal Economic Society Annual Conference. Manchester, April
- University of Chicago, Harris School of Public Policy; Harvard University; Yale University
- 2013 VATT Empirical Political Economics and Political Science Workshop. Helsinki, December
- 8th Meeting of the Urban Economics Association. Atlanta, GA, November
- CEPR-LSE Conference in Urban and Regional Economics. London, October (discussant)
- 13th SAET Conference on Current Trends in Economics. Paris, July
- NBER Summer Institute, Political Economy Public Finance Workshop. Cambridge, MA, July (discussant)
- 5th IEB Workshop on Fiscal Federalism: The Political Economy of Decentralization. Barcelona, June (discussant)
- UPF-CREI 1st Workshop on the Political Economy of Development and Conflict. Barcelona, May (discussant)
- Royal Economic Society Annual Conference. Egham, April
- CEMFI; IMT Institute for Advanced Studies Lucca; Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona; Vanderbilt University
- 2012 NBER Political Economy Program Meeting. Cambridge, MA, November (discussant)
- CRENoS Workshop on Institutions, Individual Behavior and Economic Outcomes. Argentera, September
- Annual Meeting of the Society for Economics Dynamics. Limassol, June
- 11th Journées Louis-André Gérard-Varet. Marseille, June
- CEPR European Summer Symposium in International Macroeconomics. Tarragona, May
- CEPR-La Sapienza-EIEF Conference on the Economics of Interactions and Culture. Rome, April
- 2011 NBER Summer Institute, International Trade and Investment. Cambridge, MA, August
- NBER Summer Institute, Political Economy. Cambridge, MA, July (discussant)
- Annual Meeting of the Society for Economics Dynamics. Ghent, July
- Annual Meeting of the Spanish Law and Economics Association. Barcelona, June (discussant)
- CEPR European Research Workshop in International Trade. Nottingham, June

- CEPR European Summer Symposium in International Macroeconomics. Gerzensee, May-June (discussant)
- CEPR-CREI Workshop on Politics, Information and the Macroeconomy. Barcelona, May
- CREI and Universitat Pompeu Fabra; Erasmus University Rotterdam and Tinbergen Institute; Georgetown University; Pennsylvania State University; Universitat Pompeu Fabra
- 2010 Collegio Carlo Alberto; Universitat de Barcelona and Institut d’Economia de Barcelona
- 2009 IAE-CSIC Workshop on Institutions, Contracts and Growth: Links and Dynamics. Barcelona, June (discussant)
- Universiteit van Amsterdam; Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona and Institut d’Anàlisi Econòmica; Bank of Italy; Bocconi University; University of Cambridge; CREI and Universitat Pompeu Fabra; EIEF; Paris School of Economics; University of Zurich
- 2008 Cornell University
- 2007 NBER Conference on the Economics of Agglomeration. Cambridge, MA, November-December
- NBER Summer Institute, Real Estate Markets, Local Public Finance, and Public Policy. Cambridge, MA, July

Publications

- “Securing Property Rights,” with A. Patrick Behrer, Edward L. Glaeser and Andrei Shleifer. *Journal of Political Economy*, forthcoming.
- “A Theory of Economic Unions,” with Gino Gancia and Jaume Ventura. *Journal of Monetary Economics*, Vol. 109 (January 2020): 107–127.
- “The Political Economy of Transportation Investment,” with Edward L. Glaeser. *Economics of Transportation*, Vol. 13 (March 2018): 4–26.
- “Infrastructure, Incentives, and Institutions,” with Nava Ashraf and Edward L. Glaeser. *American Economic Review: Papers & Proceedings 2016*, Vol. 106, No. 5 (May 2016): 77–82.
- “Urban Networks: Connecting Markets, People and Ideas,” with Edward L. Glaeser and Yimei Zou. *Papers in Regional Science*, Vol. 95, No. 1 (March 2016): 17–59.
- “Political Centralization and Government Accountability” with Federico Boffa and Amedeo Pioletto. *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, Vol. 131, No. 1 (February 2016): 381–422.
- “Shrouded Costs of Government: The Political Economy of State and Local Public Pensions,” with Edward L. Glaeser. *Journal of Public Economics*, Vol. 116 (August 2014): 89–105.
- “Cities, Skills, and Regional Change,” with Edward L. Glaeser and Kristina Tobio. *Regional Studies*, Vol. 48, No. 1 (January 2014): 7–43.
- “Stare Decisis: Rhetoric and Substance,” with Patricio A. Fernandez. *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization*, Vol. 28, No. 2 (June 2012): 313–336.
- “Clusters of Entrepreneurship,” with Edward L. Glaeser and William R. Kerr. *Journal of Urban Economics*, Vol. 67, No. 1 (January 2010): 150–168.
- “Did the Death of Distance Hurt Detroit and Help New York?” with Edward L. Glaeser. In E. Glaeser (ed.), *Agglomeration Economics* (Chicago, IL: University of Chicago Press, 2010): 303–337.
- “Case Law versus Statute Law: An Evolutionary Comparison,” with Patricio A. Fernandez. *Journal of Legal Studies*, Vol. 37, No. 2 (June 2008): 379–430.
- “Why Does Democracy Need Education?” with Edward L. Glaeser and Andrei Shleifer. *Journal of Economic Growth*, Vol. 12, No. 2 (June 2007): 77–99.

“Strategic Extremism: Why Republicans and Democrats Divide on Religious Values,” with Edward L. Glaeser and Jesse M. Shapiro.

Quarterly Journal of Economics, Vol. 120, No. 4 (November 2005): 1283–1330.

“Analisi comparativa dell’onerosità dei prodotti previdenziali individuali,” [A comparative analysis of the costs of individual pension products] with Elsa Fornero and Carolina Fugazza. *Mercato, Concorrenza, Regole*, Vol. 5, No. 2 (August 2004): 297–328.

“The Market for Annuities in Italy: Reality or Chimera?” with Margherita Borella and Elsa Fornero. In E. Fornero and E. Luciano (eds.), *Developing an Annuity Market in Europe* (Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, 2004): 262–290.

Research Papers

“The Dracula Effect: Voter Information and Trade Policy,” with Maria Petrova and Ruben Enikolopov. CEPR Discussion Paper No. 8726 (revised, October 2020).

“Globalization and Political Structure,” with Gino Gancia and Jaume Ventura. CEPR Discussion Paper No. 11159 (revised, February 2020). R&R, *Journal of the European Economic Association*.

“Social Capital, Government Expenditures, and Growth,” with Ugo Troiano. CEPR Discussion Paper No. 9891 (revised, April 2018). R&R, *Journal of the European Economic Association*.

“Fundamental Errors in the Voting Booth,” with Edward L. Glaeser. CEPR Discussion Paper No. 12206 (August 2017).

“Optimally Vague Contracts and the Law,” with Nicola Gennaioli. CEPR Discussion Paper No. 10700 (revised, January 2017).

“Infrastructure, Incentives and Institutions,” with Nava Ashraf and Edward L. Glaeser. CEPR Discussion Paper No. 11072 (January 2016).

“Intellectual Property Rights and Efficient Firm Organization.” CEPR Discussion Paper No. 9212 (revised, June 2014).

Work in Progress

“Do Incompetent Politicians Breed Populist Voters? Evidence from Italian Mayors,” with Federico Boffa and Vincenzo Mollisi

“Legal Evolution, Contract Evolution, and Standardization,” with Nicola Gennaioli and Enrico Perotti

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