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## Personal Information

Citizenship: Italian

Date of birth: 10 December 1979

## 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 Researcher, IPEG – Institute of Political Economy and Governance  
Since 2018 Research fellow, CEPR – Centre for Economic Policy Research

## Previous and Visiting Positions

2022 – 2024 Member of the board of directors, Urban Economics Association  
2017 – 2024 Member of the editorial board, *Review of Economic Studies*  
2016 Visiting researcher, IGIER, Bocconi University  
2015 – 2020 Associate editor, *Journal of the European Economic Association*  
2014, 2022 Visiting professor, Harvard University, Department of Economics  
2011 – 2018 Research affiliate, CEPR – Centre for Economic Policy Research  
2009 – 2015 Junior 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

2025 – 2029 Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation grant PID2024-157284NA-I00  
2022 – 2025 Government of Catalonia grant 2021 SGR 01599  
2020 – 2024 Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation grant PID2019-111691RA-I00  
2017 – 2022 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

2025	City of Barcelona Award for the Social Sciences and Humanities
2020	<i>Economic Journal</i> Annual Referee Prize
2014	<i>Journal of the European Economic Association</i> 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	<i>Economic Journal</i> 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 and Urban Economics (graduate), Universitat Pompeu Fabra	Winter 2025, ‘26
International Trade and Geography (graduate), Universitat Pompeu Fabra	Winter 2024, ‘25, ‘26
The Geopolitics of Trade and Conflict (graduate), Barcelona School of Economics	Spring 2023, ‘24, ‘25, ‘26
Spatial Equilibrium and the Economic of Cities, CREI Macroeconomics Summer School	Summer 2019
Trade Policy and International Policy Coordination (graduate), Barcelona School of Economics	Winter 2019, ‘20, Spring 2021, ‘22
Cities and the Geography of Growth (graduate), Universitat Pompeu Fabra	Spring 2017, ‘18, ‘19, ‘20, Winter 2021, ‘22, Spring 2024
Government Inefficiency and Reform, CREI Macroeconomics Summer School	Summer 2016, ‘17, ‘18
Explaining Economic Policy (graduate), Universitat Pompeu Fabra	Winter 2015, ‘16, ‘17, ‘18
Agglomeration and Economic Geography (graduate), Universitat Pompeu Fabra	Winter 2015, ‘16, ‘17, ‘18, ‘19, ‘20, ‘21, ‘22, ‘23
Firms, Technology, and Trade Policy (graduate), Barcelona School of Economics	Winter 2015, ‘16, ‘17, ‘18
Intermediate Microeconomics: Advanced (undergraduate), Harvard University	Fall 2014, ‘22
Economic Analysis of Electoral Politics, BSE Political Economy Summer School	Summer 2014, ‘16
Political Agency and Accountability, BSE Political Economy Summer School	Summer 2014, ‘16

International Trade (graduate), Barcelona School of Economics  
 Winter 2014

Advanced International Trade (graduate), Barcelona School of Economics  
 Winter 2012, '13

Urban Economics (graduate), Universitat Pompeu Fabra  
 Spring 2011; Winter 2012, '13

Political Economics (graduate), Universitat Pompeu Fabra  
 Winter 2010, '11; Spring 2012, '13

Topics in Macroeconomics (undergraduate), Universitat Pompeu Fabra  
 Spring 2010, '11, '12; Winter '13, '14, '15, '16, '17, '18; Spring 2020, '22, '23, '24, '26

### **Student Advising**

Ph.D. Thesis Supervision: Nathan Jones: Ph.D. UPF 2025, to Bank of Spain

Uğur Yeşilbayraktar: Ph.D. UPF 2023, to University of Duisburg–Essen

Sebastian Ellingsen: Ph.D. UPF 2021, to University of Bristol

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: Sampreet Goraya: Ph.D. UPF 2021, to Stockholm School of Economics

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 Journal: Microeconomics, American Economic Review, American Political Science Review, Democratization, Econometrica, Economic Inquiry, Economic Journal, Economics of Transition, Economics of Transportation, 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 Law Finance and Accounting, 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, Quantitative Economics, 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: European Research Council; 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); Riksbankens Jubileumsfond, Sweden

European Economic Association Young Economist Award. Geneva, August 2016; Lisbon, August 2017; Cologne, August 2018; Manchester, August 2019; online, August 2020; online, August 2021; Milan, August 2022

Scientific committee: CEPR Political Economy Symposium. Rome, April 2024, March 2025; Lisbon, March 2026

Urban Economics Association Summer School in Urban Economics. Barcelona, June 2022: Chair

BSE Summer Forum Workshop on Political Economy. Barcelona, June 2022, '23, '24, '25, '26

CREI Workshop on Geography, Trade and Growth. Barcelona, December 2021

CREI-IPEG Workshop on Political Economy. Barcelona, November 2021

Annual Congress of the European Economic Association. Online, August 2021; Milan, August 2022

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; Barcelona, May 2026: Local Organizer

European Meeting of the Econometric Society. Cologne, August 2018

BSE Summer Forum Workshop on Geography, Economic Policy, and Political Structure. Barcelona, June 2018

BSE Summer Forum Workshop on Geography, Trade, and Growth. Barcelona, June 2017, '18, '19, '22, '23, '24, '25, '26

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

BSE Summer Forum Workshop on Political Institutions. Barcelona, June 2017, '18, '19

Free University of Bozen-Bolzano Workshop on Political Economy. Bruneck, September 2016; October 2017, '18, '19; November 2021, '23, '24

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

BSE Summer Forum Workshop on the Economic Analysis of Electoral Politics. Barcelona, June 2014, '15, '16, '17, '18, '19

IEB Workshop on Urban Economics. Barcelona, June 2014, '16, '18, '22

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

BSE Summer Forum Workshop on Trade, Growth, and Income Distribution. Barcelona, June 2013, '14, '15

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

### **Conference Presentations and Invited Seminars**

2026 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the European Association of Young Economists. Bilbao, May (keynote speaker)

EJPE-CEPR Conference on Political Economy. Davos, February

University of Chicago

- 2025 CEPR Conference in Urban and Regional Economics. London, November  
Free University of Bozen-Bolzano Workshop on the Demand for Bad Policy. Bolzano, July  
CEPR Political Economy Symposium. Rome, March (discussant)  
14<sup>th</sup> European Meeting of the Urban Economics Association. Berlin, March  
University of Turin
- 2024 Free University of Bozen-Bolzano Workshop on Political Economy. Bruneck, November  
EJPE-CEPR Conference on Political Economy. Naples, September (discussant)  
NBER Summer Institute Workshop on Urban Economics. Cambridge, MA, July (discussant)  
Georgian Economic Association International Conference. Tbilisi, July  
NERI Workshop on “Investing in Infrastructure: New Technologies, Sustainability and Regulatory Challenges.” Naples, May (keynote speaker)  
STEG Theme Workshop on Political Economy and Public Investment. Barcelona, January (discussant)
- 2023 Free University of Bozen-Bolzano Workshop on Political Economy. Bruneck, November  
CEPR Conference on the Political Economy of Populism. London, September  
NBER Summer Institute Workshop on Urban Economics. Cambridge, MA, July (discussant)  
NBER Summer Institute Workshop on International Trade and Investment. Cambridge, MA, July (discussant)  
CEPR European Research Workshop in International Trade and Conference in Urban and Regional Economics. Turin, June (discussant)  
Institutional and Organizational Economics Academy. Cargèse, May. Lecture on “International Unions.”  
Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, University of Glasgow, University of Namur
- 2022 NBER Summer Institute Workshop on Urban Economics. Cambridge, MA, July (discussant)  
NBER Summer Institute Workshop on Income Distribution and Macroeconomics. Cambridge, MA, July  
Urban Economics Association Summer School in Urban Economics. Barcelona, June. Lecture on “Hedonics and the Rosen-Roback Model.”  
University of Oxford; University of Warwick
- 2021 CREI Workshop on Geography, Trade and Growth. Barcelona, December  
CEPR Conference in Urban and Regional Economics. Madrid, December (discussant)  
Free University of Bozen-Bolzano Workshop on Political Economy. Bruneck, November  
WZB Berlin Social Science Center Workshop on “Instrumentalizing Economics for Political Goals, Instrumentalizing Politics for Economic Goals.” Berlin, October
- 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 Workshop on Urban Economics. Cambridge, MA, July (discussant)  
Barcelona GSE Summer Forum, Workshop on Organizational Economics. Barcelona, June (discussant)  
UPF-Barcelona GSE-IPEG 7<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Urban Economics Association. New York, NY, October  
 Free University of Bozen-Bolzano Workshop on Political Economy. Bruneck, October  
 NBER Summer Institute Workshop on Urban Economics. Cambridge, MA, July  
 (discussant)  
 NBER Summer Institute Workshop on Political Economy. 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 Workshop on Urban Economics. Cambridge, MA, July  
 (discussant)  
 NBER Summer Institute Workshop on Real Estate. Cambridge, MA, July  
 NBER Summer Institute Workshop on Political Economy. 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  
 1<sup>st</sup> Catalan Economic Society Conference. Barcelona, May  
 UPF-Barcelona GSE-IPEG 5<sup>th</sup> 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 Workshop on Urban Economics. Cambridge, MA, July

- (discussant)
- EIF 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Workshop on Urban Economics. Cambridge, MA, July (discussant)
- NBER Summer Institute Workshop on Political Economy and Public Finance. Cambridge, MA, July
- Annual Meeting of the Society for Economic Dynamics. Warsaw, June
- IEB Workshop on Political Economy and Public Finance. Barcelona, June (discussant)
- UPF-Barcelona GSE 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Workshop on Urban Economics. Cambridge, MA, July
- NBER Summer Institute Workshops on Income Distribution and Macroeconomics and Political Economy. Cambridge, MA, July
- NBER Summer Institute Workshop on 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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
- 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Urban Economics Association. Atlanta, GA, November
- CEPR-LSE Conference in Urban and Regional Economics. London, October (discussant)
- 13<sup>th</sup> SAET Conference on Current Trends in Economics. Paris, July
- NBER Summer Institute Workshop on Political Economy and Public Finance. Cambridge, MA, July (discussant)
- 5<sup>th</sup> IEB Workshop on Fiscal Federalism: The Political Economy of Decentralization.

- Barcelona, June (discussant)  
 UPF-CREI 1<sup>st</sup> 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  
 11<sup>th</sup> 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 Workshop on International Trade and Investment.  
 Cambridge, MA, August  
 NBER Summer Institute Workshop on 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 Workshop on Real Estate Markets, Local Public Finance, and  
 Public Policy. Cambridge, MA, July

## Publications

- “Social Capital, Government Expenditures, and Growth,” with Ugo Antonio Troiano.  
*Journal of the European Economic Association*, Vol. 23, No. 2 (April 2025): 632–681
- “Globalization and Political Structure,” with Gino Gancia and Jaume Ventura.  
*Journal of the European Economic Association*, Vol. 20, No. 3 (June 2022): 1276–1310

- “Securing Property Rights,” with A. Patrick Behrer, Edward L. Glaeser and Andrei Shleifer. *Journal of Political Economy*, Vol. 109, No. 4 (April 2021): 1157–1192.
- “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

- “Why Has Construction Productivity Stagnated? The Role of Land-Use Regulation,” with Leonardo D’Amico, Edward L. Glaeser, Joseph Gyourko, William R. Kerr. CEPR Discussion Paper No. 19711 (revised, November 2024)
- “Do Incompetent Politicians Breed Populist Voters? Evidence from Italian Mayors,” with Federico Boffa and Vincenzo Mollisi CEPR Discussion Paper No. 17997 (March 2023).
- “The Dracula Effect: Voter Information and Trade Policy,” with Maria Petrova and Ruben Enikolopov. CEPR Discussion Paper No. 8726 (revised, June 2021).
- “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).

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