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PERSONAL

Born on December 28th, 1975
Italian citizenship
Two children (born in 2010 and 2012)

CURRENT POSITIONS

Professor of Economics, Department of Economics, University of Milano Bicocca 2020-

Other appointments

Co-Editor of *The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy* (deGruyter), 2014-
Editorial Board *Lavoce.info*, September 2022-
Director of the Development Research Program, Centro Studi L. d'Agliano (LdA), Turin, 2008-
Scientific Committee, Center for European Studies (CefES), University of Milano Bicocca, 2019-
IZA (Institute of Labor Economics), Bonn, Germany. Research Fellow, 2014-

VISITING POSITIONS

Migration Policy Center, European University Institute (EUI), Fiesole, Fall 2023.
Tinbergen Institute, Amsterdam, the Netherlands, Fall 2008.
New York University, Department of Economics, NYC, Fall 2006.

EDUCATION

University of Milan, *Ph.D. in Economics*, Milan, 2005
University of Sussex, *M.A. in Development Economics*, UK, 2002
Bocconi University, *Laurea in Discipline Economiche e Sociali (DES)*, Milan, 2000
Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile, *Exchange Student Program*, Santiago de Chile, 1999

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Economics of Migration, Development Economics, Applied microeconomics.

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journals

1. International Migration Intentions and Illegal Costs: Evidence from Africa-to-Europe Smuggling Routes (with Guido Friebel, Miriam Manchin and Giovanni Prarolo), *Journal of International Economics*, forthcoming.
2. Nutritional and Schooling Impact of a Social Protection Program in Ethiopia: A Retrospective Analysis of Childhood Exposure (with Mengesha Yayo Negasi), *Journal of African Economies* forthcoming.
3. Talents and Cultures: Immigrant Inventors and Ethnic Diversity in the Age of Mass Migration (with Francesco Campo, Andrea Morrison and Gianmarco Ottaviano), *Journal of European Economic Association*, Vol.20(5), 1971-2021, October 2022.
4. The Impact of Family size and Sibling Structure on the Great Mexico-U.S. Migration (with Massimiliano Bratti and Simona Fiore), *Journal of Population Economics* Vol.33, 483–529, 2020.

5. South-South Migration and the Labor Market: Evidence from South Africa (with Costanza Biavaschi, Giovanni Facchini and Anna Maria Mayda), *Journal of Economic Geography*, Vol.18 (4), 823-853, 2018.
6. International Migration and Child Labor in Developing Countries (with A.dePaoli), *The World Economy*, Vol.40 (4), 678-702, 2017.
7. International Migration and Informal Social Protection in Rural Mozambique, *Research in Economics*, 71 (2017), 282-290.
8. The Effects of Migration on Child Labor in Home Countries, *IZA World of Labor*, 2016: 286. (solicited paper).
9. The Formation of Migrant Networks (with Margherita Comola), *The Scandinavian Journal of Economics*, Vol. 117 (2), 592–618, 2015.
10. The Welfare Impact of Land Redistribution: Evidence from a Quasi-Experimental Initiative in Malawi (with Franklin Simtowe), *World Development*, Vol. 72, pp. 53–69, 2015.
11. Parental Health and Child Schooling (with Massimiliano Bratti), *Journal of Health Economics*, 35: 94–108, 2014.
12. Labor Migration and Social Network Participation: Evidence from Southern Mozambique (with J.M. Gallego), *Economica*, 80 (320): 721-759, 2013.
13. What drives individual attitudes towards immigration in South Africa? (with G.Facchini and A.M.Mayda), *Review of International Economics*, 21 (2): 326-341, 2013.
14. Xenophobic attacks, migration intentions and networks: evidence from the South of Africa (with G.Friebel and J.M.Gallego), *Journal of Population Economics*, 26 (2): 555-591, 2013.
15. International migration and gender differentials in the home labor market: evidence from Albania (with G. Carletto), *Labour Economics*, 19 (6): 870–880, 2012.
16. Rural out-migration and economic development at origin. A review of the evidence, *Journal of International Development*, 24 (1): 102-122, January 2012.
17. Catastrophic and impoverishing effects of health expenditure: new evidence from the Western Balkans (with C. Bredenkamp and M. Gragnolati) *Health Policy and Planning* 26: 349-356, 2011.
18. Social determinants of labor market status of ethnic minorities in Britain (2009) (with M. Kahane), *Research in Labor Economics*, 29, 167-195, 2009.
19. Migration and Technological Change in Rural Households: Complements or Substitutes?, *Journal of Development Economics*, 85 (1-2) 150–175, 2008.
20. Agricultural technology adoption and poverty reduction: a propensity-score matching analysis for rural Bangladesh, *Food Policy*, 2, 372–393, 2007.
21. Farm Households Production Theories: a Review of ‘Institutional’ and ‘Behavioural’ responses, *Asian Development Review*, vol. 24 (1), 2007.
22. Le scelte di produzione delle famiglie contadine: aspetti istituzionali e comportamentali nella teoria economica, *QA -La Questione Agraria*, N.2, 2006.
23. Summary of the Thesis: ‘Technology Adoption and Migration in Rural Households in Developing Countries’, *Rivista Italiana degli Economisti*, N.1, 2006.

Chapters in Books

1. The Impact of migration on child labor: theory and evidence from Brazil (with Garance Genicot and Anna Maria Mayda), (2017) in *Markets, Governance and Institutions in the Process of Economic Development*, Festschrift in Honor of Kaushik Basu, Oxford University Press.

2. The Economic Effects of Land Redistribution: The Case of Community Based Rural Land Development Project in Malawi (with Simtowe, F, Mangisoni, J., Tchale, H. and Nyirongo, C.) in *Land Tenure Reforms in Asia and Africa* edited by Klaus Deininger, Stein Holden and Keijiro Otsuka, Palgrave Macmillan, 2013.

Submitted Working Papers

- Political Backlash to Refugee Settlement: Cultural and Economic Drivers (with Francesco Campo, Sara Giunti and Giulia Tura), [IZA DP No. 16245](#) and [Cefes WP N.522](#), 2023.
- Emigration from Developing Countries: Selection, Income Elasticity and Simpson's Paradox (with Michael A. Clemens), [CGD WP 539](#), [IZA DP 13612](#), 2020.
 - o Featured in *The Economist*, *Voice from America*, *CGDev Blog*, *UN Dispatch*, *IZA Newsroom*, *TheNewEuropean*, *CSAE Blog*.
- The Refugee Crisis and Right-Wing Populism: Evidence from the Italian Dispersal Policy (with Francesco Campo and Sara Giunti), [IZA DP 14084](#), 2021. R&R at the *European Economic Review*.
 - o Featured in *LaRepubblica*, *IlFoglio*, *Redattoresociale*, *Viedifuga*, *StranieriinItalia*, *Il Tempo*, *LaSicilia*, *Vita*, *AffariItaliani*, *WorldMagazine*, *Amnesty International Italia*, *ActionAidItalia*, *LaVoce.info*, *Openpolis*.
- Curse or Blessing? Multinational Corporations and Labor Supply in Africa (with Giovanni Prarolo and Tommaso Sonno), [CEPR DP 16964](#), 2022.
- Learning about Farming: Innovation and Social Networks in a Resettled Community in Brazil (with Margherita Comola and Carla Inguaggiato), [IZA DP 14092](#), 2021. R&R at the *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*.
- Agricultural Transformation and Farmers' Expectations: Experimental Evidence from Uganda (with Jacopo Bonan and Harounan Kazianga), [LdA WP n.458](#), 2019. R&R at the *Review of Economics and Statistics*.

Selected work in progress

- Immigration attitudes, stereotypes and perspective taking: a randomized intervention in high schools in Italy (with Andrea Guariso, Sara Giunti and Irene Solmone), in progress 2022
- Impressionable years and attitudes towards immigration: evidence from Germany (with Jacopo Mazza and Marco Scipioni) in progress 2022.

Policy Papers

1. "Multiple Vulnerabilities of Borderland Communities in Africa", background paper for the UNDP Africa Borderlands Centre (ABC).
2. "Irregular Migration out of Africa to Europe", background project UNDP Report *Scaling Fences: Voices of Irregular African Migrant to Europe*.
3. "Global Evidence on Prospective Migrants from Developing Countries", background paper prepared for *FAO 2018 State of Food and Agriculture (SOFA) Report "Migration, Agriculture and Rural Development"*.
4. *Towards a Sustainable Migration: Interventions in the Countries of Origin* (2016), Report prepared for the *Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS)* in collaboration with ICID-Rome (coordinator: Prof. Furio Rosati).
5. *Migration and Social Protection in Rural Mozambique* (2010), background paper prepared for the *European Report on Development*, European Commission.
6. *Migration and Development: African profiles and Challenges for Future Research* (2009), background paper prepared for the *Human Sciences Research Council*, Pretoria, South Africa.

7. Impoverishment effects of the health care system: Evidence from the Western Balkans (2007), paper prepared for the *Human Development Unit, The World Bank*, Washington DC.
8. Rural out-migration and economic development at origin: what do we know? (2006) background paper prepared for the *Agricultural Development Economics Division, FAO*, Rome.

Op-ed articles:

- Articoli per lavoce.info:
 - *Quanto conta il contesto culturale nell'accoglienza dei rifugiati* (con F.Campo e S.Giunti, G.Tura), Sett 2023
 - *Ma l'arrivo di migranti non è una sorpresa* (con G.Prarolo), Giugno 2023.
 - *Una buona accoglienza è possibile, per tutti*, Febbraio 2023.
 - *Esodo dall'Ucraina: dalla crisi umanitaria all'integrazione*, Aprile 2022.
 - *Dall'Afghanistan all'Ucraina: investire nel futuro con l'integrazione* (con Irene Solmone), Marzo 2022.
 - *Protagonismo di Frontex, ma non sui diritti umani* (con Federica Testi), Febbraio 2022.
 - *Migranti: un nuovo muro sulla rotta orientale*, (con Marco Visentin), Novembre 2021.
 - *L'accoglienza made in Italy è low-cost* (con F.Campo e S.Giunti), Giugno 2021.
 - *Centri di accoglienza: cos'è influenzano il voto* (con F.Campo e S.Giunti), Giugno 2021.
 - *Le attività essenziali hanno bisogno degli immigrati* (con F.Campo e S.Giunti), Aprile 2020.
 - *Nobel contro la povertà*, Ottobre 2019.
 - *Per regolare l'immigrazione ci vuole un patto tra paesi* (with Giovanni Prarolo), January 2019.
 - *Aiuti allo sviluppo e flussi migratori*, June 2017.
 - *Le migrazioni dall'Africa si fermano creando opportunità*, Settembre 2017.
 - *Migrazione sostenibile e politiche di cooperazione allo sviluppo* (with Furio Rosati), Marzo 2017.
 - *Germania: effetti economici delle politiche di accoglienza*, Agosto 2016.
 - *Porte girevoli nel controllo delle frontiere europee*, Luglio 2016.
- *The market for migrants and border control between Africa and Europe*, September 2019, www.cefes-dems.unimib.it/publications/one-paper-in-one-page/
- *Migration route length and intent to migrate: The case of post-Gaddafi Libya* (with Guido Friebel, Miriam Manchin and Giovanni Prarolo), February 2019, www.voxeu.org

RESEARCH GRANTS

Principal Investigator (PI):

- Fondazione Cariplo, “Demographic changes and enriched society: promoting cultural diversity in Italy”, 2022-2024.
- Università di Milano Bicocca, Fondo di Ateneo Quota Competitiva 2021
- The World Bank, “International migration in Europe and Central Asia (ECA): Evidence from Italy”, 2019-2020.
- International Growth Center (IGC), LSE (London), “Subjective Expectations, Labour Market Choices and Migration among University Students in Mozambique”, 2016-2018.
- International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie) (Washington DC), "Knowledge Heterogeneity: Experimental Evidence on Information Barriers to Agricultural Technology Adoption in Uganda ", 2014-2019.
- CISEPS-LdA project on “Migrant networks in Milan”, 2011-2012.
- The World Bank, Italtrend Spa and Government of Malawi, Ministry of Lands “Independent Impact Evaluation of the World Bank Community Based Rural Land Development Project (CBRLDP) in Malawi”, 2010 – 2011.
- LdA Project “Migration and Community Participation in Mozambique”, 2008-2009.

Team Member:

- PRIN 2022 “Debunking Ancestral Narratives” (P.I.: Alessandro Saia), 2022-2024
- The World Bank “Migration and Labor Market Outcomes in Sending and Southern Receiving Countries” (Lead PI: Giovanni Peri, UC Davis). 2009-2011

- Marie Curie Research Training Network “TOM -Transnationality of Migrants” (PI: Riccardo Faini/Gianni Toniolo). 2006-2009
- EC-6th Framework Programme funded Research Network on “SUS.DIV -Sustainable Development in a Diverse World” (coordinated by Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei). 2005-2010.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

National Committee, Italian Scientific Qualification (ASN) in Economics, 2021-2023
 Department “Excellence Project” Committee, DEMS Bicocca, 2023-
 Department Research Committee (Commissione Ricerca), DEMS Bicocca, 2018-2022
 Member of the Ph.D. Committee (Collegio docenti) in Economics and Statistics, Bicocca 2019-2022
 Member of the Ph.D. committee (Collegio docenti), DEFAP, 2008-2018
 Organizer, ReLunch Seminars Bicocca 2014-2017
 Scientific Committee, ‘Global Challenges’ Seminar Series, inter-Universities in Milan, 2014-2019
 Scientific Committee, International Development Workshop, ICID-IFAD, University of Rome Tor Vergata, 2016-2017

TEACHING

University of Milan Bicocca, International Economics (undergraduate), 2022-
 University of Milan Bicocca, Population Studies (graduate), 2022-
 University of Milan Bicocca, Geography, Population and Development (undergraduate), 2022
 University of Milan Bicocca, Macroeconomics (undergraduate), 2017-2022
 University of Milan Bicocca, Development Economics (graduate), 2009- 2021
 University of Milan, LL.M. in Sustainable Development, Economics and Economic Policy (graduate), 2017-2018.
 IDEAs Summer School in Development Economics, Prato (graduate), 2017
 University of Milan Bicocca, International Economics (undergraduate), 2015- 2017.
 University of Milan Bicocca, Economics of Global Markets (undergraduate), 2009- 2017.
 University of Roma Tor Vergata, Master in Development Economics and International Cooperation, Course on Impact Evaluation (graduate), Rome, 2015.
 University of Roma-Tre, Master in Human Development and Food Security (graduate), Rome 2005–2008.
 University of Bergamo, Master in Microfinance (graduate), Bergamo 2005, 2008.
 ISPI – Winter School ‘Poverty and Development’, Milan 2005 .
 University of Milan, Teaching assistant in Microeconomics, 2002–2005.
 Bocconi University, Teaching assistant in Public Economics and Political Economy, 2002–2004.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Refereeing activity (not complete):

Journals: American Political Science Review, Economic Journal, Economic Development and Cultural Change, European Economic Review, Journal of European Economic Association, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Population Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, World Bank Economic Review, World Development.

Grants: ERC Starting Grant (European Commission); Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), UK; Austrian Science Fund, Austria; Research Foundation Flanders (FWO), Belgium.

Doctoral dissertation reading committee:

Toulouse School of Economics, University of Sussex, Bocconi University, Collegio Carlo Alberto-Torino, Nova Business School, University of Milan, University of Ancona, University of Pavia, University of Turin.

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

Italian Ministry of Education Seed Funding for Research 2017.

Italian Economic Association Award (PREMIO SIE) for the best Doctoral Dissertation in Economics (2005)

University of Milan, graduate scholarship (2001-2005)

Fondazione Roberto Franceschi, undergraduate dissertation award (2000)

FIELD WORK/ DATA COLLECTION

Italy. Administrative data collection on asylum seekers hosted in extraordinary reception centres (Fall 2019).

Mozambique, Africa. Student survey on subjective expectations on labor market outcomes in Maputo (Spring 2017).

Uganda, Africa. Household survey on agricultural technology adoption (2016-ongoing).

Milan, Italy. Data collection among Sinhalese immigrants in Milan (Dec.2011 - Mar. 2012).

Mozambique, Africa. Household survey on networks and migration in two southern Provinces (Mar.2008-Aug.2008).

Montevideo, Uruguay. Planning of a micro-credit project in Montevideo (Mar.2001-Aug.2001).

Caracas, Venezuela. Project Monitoring (child development in the Catuche suburb and cocoa cultivation in Barlovento) (Dec.2000-Jan.2001)

Banja Luka, Bosnia Erzegovina. Volunteer. Economic and financial evaluation of a rural development project in Srpska Republic (Jun.2000-Aug.2000).

INVITED SEMINARS (*last 5 years*):

2023: University of Luxemburg; Paris School of Economics; University of Siena. **2022:** Univerdad del Rosario in Bogotá, University of Venice, University of Bergen; Coopera2022-Italian National Conference on Development and Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (invited speaker). **2021:** Internatinal Conference “Economics of Global Interactions”, University of Bari (keynote speaker); University of Pittsburgh (online), Dondena-Bocconi (online). **2020:** Collegio Carlo Alberto (online), University of Pavia (online), Insubria, GDs17-Rome (online). **2019:** UNU-Wider (Helsinki); Navarra Center for International Development; University of Goettingen; RWI-Leibniz-Institute for Economic Research (Essen); University of Milan; Parthenope University of Naples. **2018:** Norwegian University of Science and Technology (Trondheim); Growth Lab-CID, Harvard Kennedy School; 2nd CEPR-EBRD Economics of Transition Symposium, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), London.

ORGANIZATION OF ACADEMIC EVENTS

2022: [XXI Summer School in International and Development Economics](#) "Conflict, Social Cohesion and Development", Sept.2022 Castello di Gargonza (Arezzo); [Workshop on Firms, Labor Markets and Development](#), European University Institute, June 2022, Fiesole (FI); Workshop on “[Hosting Refugees: National Policies and Local Communities](#)”, University of Milano Bicocca, March 2022. **2020-21:** [YoDev Online Seminar Series](#); XIX, XX Summer School in International and Development Economics "Investment Choices in Developing Countries", Castello di Gargonza (Arezzo). **2019:** XVIII Summer School in International and Development Economics "Social Norms, Gender and Development", University of Milan, Palazzo Feltrinelli (Gargnano- BS); Workshop on Development Economics “Challenges and Opportunities for Policy Making and Growth in Africa”, University of Milano Bicocca; **2018:** XVII Summer School in International and Development Economics "Household, Labor Markets and Development: a Structural Approach”, University of Milan, Palazzo Feltrinelli (Gargnano- BS); **2017:** Workshop on “Migration as a Driver of Development: Cooperation policies and strategies between origin and destination countries”, Palazzo Greppi, Sala Napoleonica (Milan); XVI Summer School in International and Development Economics "Family, Human Capital and Development”, University of Milan, Palazzo Feltrinelli (Gargnano- BS); Research Lunch Seminar Series, University of Milano-Bicocca. **2016:** XV Summer School in International and Development Economics "Institutions, Politics and Development”, University of Milan, Palazzo Feltrinelli (Gargnano- BS); III Workshop on “Global

Challenges" (joint with Centro Baffi-Bocconi, Centro Studi L.d'Agliano-Milan, Catholic University Milan); Research Lunch Seminar Series, University of Milano-Bicocca. **2015:** Research Lunch Seminar Series, University of Milano-Bicocca; XIV Summer School in International and Development Economics "Risks and Policy Responses in Developing Countries", University of Milan, Palazzo Feltrinelli (Gargnano), Italy. Seminar Series and Final Workshop on "Global Challenges" (joint with Centro Baffi-Bocconi, Centro Studi L.d'Agliano-Milan, Catholic University Milan). **2014:** XIII Summer School in International and Development Economics "Investment, Saving and Wellbeing in Developing Countries", University of Milan, Palazzo Feltrinelli (Gargnano), Italy. **2013:** Seminar Series and Final Workshop on "Global Challenges" (joint with Centro Baffi-Bocconi, Centro Studi L.d'Agliano-Milan, Catholic University Milan). **2010:** Workshop on "Migration and Economic Development: Insights from original data collection and fieldworks", Villa Il Poggiale, San Casciano Val Di Pesa (Chianti, Italy). **2008:** II "Riccardo Faini" Doctoral Conference on Development Economics, University of Milan, Palazzo Feltrinelli (Gargnano), Italy. **2007:** First "Riccardo Faini" Doctoral Conference on Development Economics, University of Milan, Palazzo Feltrinelli (Gargnano), Italy. **2007:** 'Debating' Seminars "Research methods in economics: interdisciplinary approaches", Graduate School in Social, Economic and Political Sciences, University of Milan, Italy. **2006:** XIth Spring Meeting of Young Economists (SMYE), University Pablo de Olavide and University of Seville, Siviglia, Spain (member of the Program Committee).

LANGUAGES

Italian (native), English and Spanish (fluent), Portuguese (fair)