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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

Scientific Director of Centro Studi L. d'Agliano (LdA), Turin, 2025-
CEPR Research Fellow 2025-
IZA Research Fellow, 2014-
Vice-Director, Center for European Studies (CefES), University of Milano Bicocca, 2019-
Co-Editor of *The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy* (deGruyter), 2014-
Editorial Board *Lavoce.info*, September 2022-

VISITING POSITIONS

Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies (MPC), EUI, Fiesole (FI), Fall 2023.
Tinbergen Institute, Amsterdam, 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

International and Development Economics, Economics of Migration.

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journals

1. Agricultural Transformation and Farmers' Expectations: Experimental Evidence from Uganda (with Jacopo Bonan and Harounan Kazianga), *Review of Economics and Statistics*, forthcoming 2025.
2. Impressions for a lifetime: youth exposure to diversity and anti-immigrant sentiment in Germany (with Jacopo Mazza and Marco Scipioni), *Journal of Demographic Economics*, forthcoming.
3. Political Backlash to Refugee Settlement: Cultural and Economic Drivers (with Francesco Campo, Sara Giunti and Giulia Tura), *Journal of Public Economics*, vol. 250, 105467, 2025.
4. Emigration from Developing Countries: Selection, Income Elasticity and Simpson's Paradox (with Michael A. Clemens), *Journal of Development Economics*, Vol. 171: 103359, 2024.
5. Refugee Crisis and Right-Wing Populism: Evidence from the Italian Dispersal Policy (with Francesco Campo and Sara Giunti), *European Economic Review*, Vol.168: 104826, 2024.

6. 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*, Vol. 148: 103878, 2024.
7. Social Networks and Economic Transformation: Evidence from a Resettled Village in Brazil (with Margherita Comola and Carla Inguaggiato), *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*, Vol. 221, 17-34, 2024.
8. Curse or Blessing? Multinational Corporations and Labor Market Outcomes in Africa (with Giovanni Prarolo and Tommaso Sonno), Special Issue on "African regional and global integration", *Review of World Economics*, 2024.
9. 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*, Vol. 33 (4), 390–410, 2024.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. International Migration and Child Labor in Developing Countries (with A.dePaoli), *The World Economy*, Vol.40 (4), 678-702, 2017.
14. International Migration and Informal Social Protection in Rural Mozambique, *Research in Economics*, 71 (2017), 282-290.
15. The Effects of Migration on Child Labor in Home Countries, *IZA World of Labor*, 2016: 286. (solicited paper).
16. The Formation of Migrant Networks (with Margherita Comola), *The Scandinavian Journal of Economics*, Vol. 117 (2), 592–618, 2015.
17. 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.
18. Parental Health and Child Schooling (with Massimiliano Bratti), *Journal of Health Economics*, 35: 94–108, 2014.
19. Labor Migration and Social Network Participation: Evidence from Southern Mozambique (with J.M. Gallego), *Economica*, 80 (320): 721-759, 2013.
20. 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.
21. 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.
22. International migration and gender differentials in the home labor market: evidence from Albania (with G. Carletto), *Labour Economics*, 19 (6): 870–880, 2012.
23. Rural out-migration and economic development at origin. A review of the evidence, *Journal of International Development*, 24 (1): 102-122, January 2012.
24. Catastrophic and impoverishing effects of health expenditure: new evidence from the Western Balkans (with C. Bredenkamp and M. Gagnolati) *Health Policy and Planning* 26: 349-356, 2011.

25. Social determinants of labor market status of ethnic minorities in Britain (2009) (with M. Kahanec), *Research in Labor Economics*, 29, 167-195, 2009.
26. Migration and Technological Change in Rural Households: Complements or Substitutes? *Journal of Development Economics*, 85 (1-2) 150-175, 2008.
27. Agricultural technology adoption and poverty reduction: a propensity-score matching analysis for rural Bangladesh, *Food Policy*, 2, 372-393, 2007.
28. Farm Households Production Theories: a Review of 'Institutional' and 'Behavioural' responses, *Asian Development Review*, vol. 24 (1), 2007.
29. Le scelte di produzione delle famiglie contadine: aspetti istituzionali e comportamentali nella teoria economica, *QA -La Questione Agraria*, N.2, 2006.
30. 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.

RESEARCH GRANTS

Principal Investigator (PI):

- UniCredit Foundation Research Grant on Education - 4th edition, 2026-2028
- Fondazione Cariplo, "Demographic changes and enriched society: promoting cultural diversity in Italy", 2022-2025.
- 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 "ROOTS: Debunking Ancestral Narratives" (P.I.: Alessandro Saia), 2022-2025
- 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

University Orientation Committee 2024-
Department “Excellence Project” Committee, DEMS Bicocca, 2023-
Department Research Committee, DEMS Bicocca, 2018-2022
National Committee, Italian Scientific Qualification (ASN) in Economics, 2021-2023
Member of the Ph.D. Committee in Economics and Statistics, Bicocca 2019-2022
Member of the Ph.D. committee, 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, Population Dynamics (graduate), 2022-
University of Milan Bicocca, International Economics (undergraduate), 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 Rome Tor Vergata, Master in Development Economics and International Cooperation, Impact Evaluation (graduate), 2015.
University of Roma-Tre, Master in Human Development and Food Security (graduate), 2005–2008.
University of Bergamo, Master in Microfinance (graduate), 2005, 2008.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Refereeing activity (not complete):

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

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

Italian Ministry of Education Seed Funding for Research 2017.
University of Milano Bicocca, Dpt. of Law and Economics, Research Fellowship 2005-2007
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)

FIELDWORK/ DATA COLLECTION

Italy. Immigration attitudes and social inclusion in Italian high-schools (2022-2023).
Italy. Administrative data collection on asylum seekers in Italy (Fall 2019).
Mozambique, Africa. Student survey on subjective expectations and labor market outcomes in Maputo (Spring 2017).
Uganda, Africa. Household survey on agricultural technology adoption (2016-2019).

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/WORKSHOPS (recent years) [scheduled*]:**

2026: UCLouvain, AISSEC Conference-University of Ancona (keynote speaker); **2025:** University of Padua; GIGA Institute-Hamburg; 4th Workshop on Gender and Economics-University of Luxembourg (keynote speaker); ESPE Conference; RFBerlin Migration Forum; Southern Political Science Association Conference. **2024:** Dondena, Bocconi University; Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne; Migration and Development Conference (Bologna); LISER (Luxembourg- Doctoral Lecture Series); Humans-LACEA Workshop at the World Bank (Washington DC); John Hopkins University SAIS Europe (Bologna); University of Bergamo; University of Ancona. **2023:** University of Luxembourg; Paris School of Economics; University of Siena. **2022:** Universidad del Rosario (Bogotá), University of Venice, University of Bergen; Coopera2022-Italian National Conference on Development and Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (invited speaker). **2021:** International 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

Regular annual events:

[Summer School in International and Development Economics](#), 2014-
[Workshop on Firms, Labor Markets and Development](#), 2021-

Occasional workshops/conferences:

2025: Workshop on “[Discrimination, Social Inclusion and Development](#)”, University of Milano Bicocca. **2022:** Workshop on “[Hosting Refugees: National Policies and Local Communities](#)”, University of Milano Bicocca, March 2022. **2020-21:** [YoDev Online Seminar Series](#). **2019:** Workshop on Development Economics “Challenges and Opportunities for Policy Making and Growth in Africa”, University of Milano Bicocca; **2017:** Workshop on “Migration as a Driver of Development: Cooperation policies and strategies between origin and destination countries”, Palazzo Greppi, Sala Napoleonica (Milan); Research Lunch Seminar Series, University of Milano-Bicocca. **2016:** 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; Seminar Series and Final Workshop on “Global Challenges” (joint with Centro Baffi-Bocconi, Centro Studi L.d'Agliano-Milan, Catholic University Milan). **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).

LANGUAGES

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