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## PERSONAL

Born on December 28<sup>th</sup>, 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 (Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies), EUI, Fiesole (FI), Fall 2023.  
Tinbergen Institute, Amsterdam, the Netherlands, Fall 2008.  
New York University, Department of Economics, NYC, USA, 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, International and Development Economics.

## PUBLICATIONS

### Refereed Journals

1. Emigration from Developing Countries: Selection, Income Elasticity and Simpson's Paradox (with Michael A. Clemens), *Journal of Development Economics*, Vol. 171: 103359, 2024.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.

5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. International Migration and Child Labor in Developing Countries (with A.dePaoli), *The World Economy*, Vol.40 (4), 678-702, 2017.
11. International Migration and Informal Social Protection in Rural Mozambique, *Research in Economics*, 71 (2017), 282-290.
12. The Effects of Migration on Child Labor in Home Countries, *IZA World of Labor*, 2016: 286. (solicited paper).
13. The Formation of Migrant Networks (with Margherita Comola), *The Scandinavian Journal of Economics*, Vol. 117 (2), 592–618, 2015.
14. 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.
15. Parental Health and Child Schooling (with Massimiliano Bratti), *Journal of Health Economics*, 35: 94–108, 2014.
16. Labor Migration and Social Network Participation: Evidence from Southern Mozambique (with J.M. Gallego), *Economica*, 80 (320): 721-759, 2013.
17. 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.
18. 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.
19. International migration and gender differentials in the home labor market: evidence from Albania (with G. Carletto), *Labour Economics*, 19 (6): 870–880, 2012.
20. Rural out-migration and economic development at origin. A review of the evidence, *Journal of International Development*, 24 (1): 102-122, January 2012.
21. 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.
22. Social determinants of labor market status of ethnic minorities in Britain (2009) (with M. Kahane), *Research in Labor Economics*, 29, 167-195, 2009.
23. Migration and Technological Change in Rural Households: Complements or Substitutes?, *Journal of Development Economics*, 85 (1-2) 150–175, 2008.
24. Agricultural technology adoption and poverty reduction: a propensity-score matching analysis for rural Bangladesh, *Food Policy*, 2, 372–393, 2007.

25. Farm Households Production Theories: a Review of 'Institutional' and 'Behavioural' responses, *Asian Development Review*, vol. 24 (1), 2007.
26. Le scelte di produzione delle famiglie contadine: aspetti istituzionali e comportamentali nella teoria economica, *QA -La Questione Agraria*, N.2, 2006.
27. 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.
- 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*.

## 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 "ROOTS: 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 Dynamics (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: 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.

### **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 (*recent years*) [*\*scheduled*]:

**2025:** 4<sup>th</sup> Workshop on Gender and Economics- University of Luxembourg\*. **2024:** Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne\*; EUI-Migration Policy Center (Schuman Center)\*; University of Padua\*; 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; 2<sup>nd</sup> CEPR-EBRD Economics of Transition Symposium, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), London.

## ORGANIZATION OF ACADEMIC EVENTS

### *Regular annual events:*

[XXII Summer School in International and Development Economics](#), Gargnano (Como)/ Castello di Gargonza (Arezzo), 2014-

[Workshop on Firms, Labor Markets and Development](#), EUI/CCA/Ortygia, 2021-

### *Occasional workshops/conferences:*

**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). **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)