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## APPOINTMENTS

- 2022- *Assistant Professor* – University of St. Gallen, Department of Economics.  
2018-2022 *SNSF Ambizione Fellow* – University of Zurich, Department of Economics.  
2015-2018 *Post-Doctoral Fellow* – University of Zurich, Department of Economics.

## EDUCATION

- 2010-15 *Ph.D. in Economics* – Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona. *Summa cum laude*.  
2009-10 *M.Sc. in Economics* – Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona.  
2002-06 *B.A. in Economics* – University “Sapienza,” Rome. *Summa cum Laude*.

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- 2022 “New Deal, New Patriots: How 1930s Welfare Spending Boosted the War Effort during WW II.” with H.-J. Voth. Accepted: *Quarterly Journal of Economics*. Media: [Guardian](#), [Le Monde](#), [Vox](#), [A Correction](#).  
2020 “Rage against the Machines. Labor-saving technology and unrest in Industrializing England.” with H.-J. Voth. *American Economic Review–Insights* 2(3): 305-320. Media: [Vox](#), [VoxDev](#), [El Pais](#), [FUW](#), [UBS Policy Brief](#), [A Correction](#), [LSE BR](#).  
2016 “Agricultural Productivity and Structural Transformation. Evidence from Brazil.” with P. Bustos & J. Ponticelli. *American Economic Review* 106 (6):1320-65.

## WORKING PAPERS AND WORK IN PROGRESS

- 2022 “Redistribution, Voting and Clientelism: Evidence from the Italian Land Reform.” with L. Casaburi & M. Venturini. [CEPR Discussion Paper 15679](#). Media: [Vox](#), [A Correction](#), [La Voce](#).  
2022 “Going Viral: Nazi Propaganda and Social Spillovers in Persuasion” with M. Caesemann, H.-J. Voth and D. Yanagizawa-Drott.  
2022 “Fighting for Growth. War-Induced Labor Shortages and Technology Adoption during the British Industrial Revolution.” with A. Trew, and H.-J. Voth.  
“You Only Weave Twice: Industrial Espionage and Economic Growth in XIX Century France.” with Raffaele Blasone and Julian Langer. *In progress*.  
“Labor tax, Employment and Productivity: Experimental Evidence From Uganda.” with Elisa Macchi. *In progress*.  
“The New Occupations of the Industrial Revolution.” with D. Acemoglu and H.-J. Voth. *In progress*.

## ACADEMIC VISITS

- 2020 *Visiting Fellow* – Northwestern University, Evanston, IL.  
2018 *Visiting Professor* – Einaudi Institute for Economics and Finance, Roma.  
2013-14 *Ph.D. visiting student* – Princeton University, Princeton, NJ.

## GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2020 *Fonds zur Förderung des Akademischen Nachwuchses. P.I.* (CHF88'000).  
2018 *UZH MERCATOR Award* (CHF5'000).  
2017 *SNSF Ambizione. P.I.* (CHF885'104).  
2017 *SNSF Project Funding. Project Partner. P.I.:* H.-J. Voth (CHF1'061'969).  
2017 *Richard-Büchner Stiftung. P.I.* (CHF50'000).  
2013 *CEPR PEDL Exploratory Research Grant. P.I.* (£20'000).  
2011 *Best Teaching Assistant of the Year.* Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona.  
2008 *“Angelo Costa” Award* – Rivista di Politica Economica, Rome. *1<sup>st</sup> Prize.*

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE (UPF)

- 2015 (Spring) *Teaching Assistant* – Econometria; C. Fons-Rosen (undergrad; Spanish and Catalan)  
2011 (Fall) *T.A.* – International Trade; A. Bonfiglioli (grad; English)  
2010 (Fall) *T.A.* – Statistics and Econometrics; K. Schmidheiny and V. Carvalho (grad; English)

## SELECTED ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

- CONFERENCES 2022: CEPR Paris Symposium; NYU/LSE Pol Ec; Barcelona Summer Forum; UNIL National Identity; NWU Econ History of War; APSA San Antonio 2021: CEPR Growth, Rome (d); ECONtribute, Bonn; Bocconi; Lund; RIDGE-LACEA (v); ESPC (v); YSEM (v). 2020: ECWS. 2019: Econ History Ass., Atlanta (d); Long-term development; Bologna (d); Galatina Summer Meetings (d); ECINEQ Meeting, Paris; BGSE Barcelona Summer Forum (d); RIDGE-LACEA, Medellin; ZEW Public Finance Conference, Mannheim; EPCS, Jerusalem. 2018: BoI - WB Workshop, Rome; NBER-SI – DAE & PENS, Boston; RIDGE-LACEA, Montevideo; EPCS, Rome; 2016: Galatina Summer Meetings. 2013: PEDL, Warwick; BGSE Barcelona Summer Forum; CEPR ESSIM, Izmir; IZA, Buch/Ammersee. 2010: Confindustria, Rome.
- SEMINARS 2022: CEU; Hebrew; King's; USG; Lausanne; 2021: Bonn; 2020: UBC; Brown; Northwestern; Milan; 2019: Cambridge; Warwick; PSE; 2018: EIEF; Bologna; Cattolica/Statale/Bocconi; Montreal; McGill; 2017: Bonn; Genève; Lausanne; Copenhagen; NTNU Trondheim; 2016: UC Berkeley; 2015: Zurich; WB; IADB; 2014: Princeton; 2013: IPEA.
- REFEREE *AER, ECMA, QJE, REStud, AER: Insights, REStat, JEEA, EJ, JEGr, JIE, JDE, APSR, Nature Sci Rep, EDCC, BE J Macro, Ox Bull Ec & Stat, Expl Ec Hist, Eu Rev Ec Hist.*
- ORGANIZATION 2020, 2019, 2017: UZH Political Economy & Development Conference.

## LANGUAGES

Italian; English; Catalan (3S,3W); Spanish (3S,2W); French, German (2S,2W). Speak, Write: 1-3.