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APPOINTMENT

2018- *SNSF Ambizione Fellow* – University of Zurich, Department of Economics.

EDUCATION

2011-15 *Ph.D. in Economics* – Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona. *Summa cum laude*.

Advisors: Prof. Paula Bustos and Prof. Antonio Ciccone.

2013-14 *Ph.D. visiting student*. Princeton University, Princeton, NJ.

2009-10 *M.Sc. in Economics* – Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona.

2006-08 *M.A. in Economics* – University “Sapienza,” Rome. *Summa cum Laude*.

Supervisor: Prof. Pier Carlo Padoan.

2002-06 *B.A. in Economics* – University “Sapienza,” Rome. *Summa cum Laude*.

PUBLICATIONS

2016 “Agricultural Productivity and Structural Transformation. Evidence from Brazil.” with P. Bustos and J. Ponticelli. *American Economic Review* 106 (6):1320-65. 140 Google Scholar citations as of 9th March 2019. Media coverage: [BGSE Focus](#).

2008 “Finance and the Diffusion of Digital Technologies,” *Rivista di Politica Economica*, 98(6):79-122. (M.A. thesis).

GRANTS AND AWARDS

2018 *MERCATOR Award* (Amount: CHF5’000).

2017 *SNSF Ambizione* (CHF885’104).

2017 *Richard-Büchner Stiftung* (CHF50’000).

2016 *GRC Peer Mentoring Grant*. University of Zurich. (CHF6’500).

2013 *PEDL Exploratory Research Grant*. CEPR. *Principal Investigator*. (£20’000).

2012 *PEDL ERG*. CEPR. *Co-Investigator*. P.I.: Paula Bustos. (£45’000).

2011 *Best Teaching Assistant of the Year*. Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona.

2008 “*Angelo Costa*” *Award* – *Rivista di Politica Economica*, Rome. *1st Prize*.

SELECTED WORKING PAPERS

- 2019 “The electoral impact of wealth redistribution. Evidence from a land reform in Italy.” with Lorenzo Casaburi and Miriam Venturini.
- 2019 “From welfare to warfare: New Deal spending and patriotism during World War II.” with F. Schmidt-Fischbach and H.-J. Voth.
- 2018 “Rage against the Machines. Labor-saving technology and unrest in England, 1830-32.” with H.-J. Voth. Media coverage: [VoxEU](#), [VoxDev](#), ElPais [[ES](#),[EN](#)], [FUW](#), [UBS Policy Brief](#).
- 2012 “Team visibility and city travel. Evidence from the UEFA Champions League (random) draw.”

SELECTED ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

- CONFERENCES 2019: 8th ECINEQ Meeting, Paris, France; ZEW Public Finance Conference, Mannheim, Germany; European Public Choice Society Conference, Jerusalem, Israel; 2018: Bank of Italy - World Bank Workshop, Rome, Italy; NBER-SI – Development of the American Economy & Economics of National Defense, Boston, US; Development Economics and Policy Conference, Zurich, Switzerland; RIDGE-LACEA Conference, Montevideo, Uruguay; European Public Choice Society Conference, Rome, Italy; “Sinergia” Conference, Sarnen, Switzerland. 2017: YSI-INET Edinburgh, UK. 2016: Econ History, Odense, Denmark; Culture, Institutions and Development, Galatina, Italy. 2014: Development Economics, Ascea, Italy. 2013: PEDL, Warwick, UK; BGSE Summer Forum, Barcelona, Spain; CEPR ESSIM, Izmir, Turkey; IZA, Buch/Ammersee, Germany. 2010: Confindustria, Rome.
- SEMINARS 2018: EIEF; U Bologna; Cattolica/Statale/Bocconi; U Montreal; McGill; 2017: U Bonn; U Genève; U Lausanne; U Copenhagen; NTNU Trondheim; 2016: UC Berkeley; 2015: U Zurich; World Bank; Inter-American Development Bank; 2014: Princeton University; 2013: IPEA.
- REFEREE *Econometrica*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *Economic Journal*, *Journal of Economic Growth*, *BE Journal of Macroeconomics*, *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, *Explorations in Economic History*, *European Review of Economic History*.
- ORGANIZATION 2019: UZH Political Economy & Development Conference. 2017: UZH National Identity Conference.

LANGUAGES

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