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APPOINTMENTS

2018- *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*.

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

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*.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

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](#). Citations: 27.

2016 “Agricultural Productivity and Structural Transformation. Evidence from Brazil.” with P. Bustos & J. Ponticelli. *American Economic Review* 106 (6):1320-65. Citations: 285.

WORKING PAPERS AND WORK IN PROGRESS

2021 “The electoral impact of wealth redistribution. Evidence from a land reform in Italy.” with L. Casaburi & M. Venturini. [CEPR Discussion Paper 15679](#). Media: [Vox](#).

2021 “New Deal, New Patriots: How 1930s Welfare Spending Boosted the War Effort during WW II.” with H.-J. Voth. Media: [Guardian](#), [Le Monde](#), [Vox](#), [A Correction](#).

“Fighting for Growth. War-Induced Labor Shortages and Technology Adoption during the British Industrial Revolution.” with A. Trew, and H.-J. Voth. *In progress*.

“The New Occupations of the Industrial Revolution.” with D. Acemoglu and H.-J. Voth. *In progress*.

“Pressures to Hire, Productivity and Technology Adoption: Experimental Evidence from Uganda.” with Elisa Macchi. *In progress*.

“Contagious extremism. Nazi marches and radical voting” with M. Caesemann, H.-J. Voth and D. Yanagizawa-Drott. *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. *1st Prize.*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE (UPF)

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

SELECTED ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

CONFERENCES 2021: ESPC, virtual; YSEM, virtual. 2020: ECWS, virtual. 2019: Econ History Association Meeting, Atlanta (d); Long-term development workshop, Bologna (d); Galatina Summer Meetings (d); ECINEQ Meeting, Paris; BGSE Barcelona Summer Forum (d); RIDGE-LACEA Conference, Medellin; ZEW Public Finance Conference, Mannheim; European Public Choice Society Conference, Jerusalem. 2018: BoI - WB Workshop, Rome; NBER-SI – DAE & PENS, Boston; RIDGE-LACEA Conference, Montevideo; European Public Choice Society Conference, Rome; 2016: Galatina Summer Meetings. 2013: PEDL, Warwick; BGSE Barcelona Summer Forum; CEPR ESSIM, Izmir; IZA, Buch/Ammersee. 2010: Confindustria, Rome.

SEMINARS 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 Trodheim; 2016: UC Berkeley; 2015: Zurich; World Bank; Inter-American Development Bank; 2014: Princeton; 2013: IPEA.

* = scheduled; d = discussion.

REFEREE *AER, ECMA, QJE, REStat, EJ, JEEA, JEGrowth, JIE, JDE, BE J Macro, Oxford Bull Ec & Stat, Econ Dev & Cultural Change, Expl Econ Hist, Eu Rev Econ Hist.*

ORGANIZATION 2020, 2019, 2017: UZH Political Economy & Development Conference.

LANGUAGES

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