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## Positions

2016- **Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Bocconi University**  
2011-2016 Research Officer, Centre for Research and Analysis of Migration (CReAM)

## Scientific affiliations

2024- Verein für Socialpolitik (VfS): Population Economics  
2023- Institute for European Policymaking (IEP)  
2021- Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR): LE, PE  
2021- Institute of Labor Economics (IZA)  
2017- Laboratory for Effective Anti-poverty Policies (LEAP)  
2016- Bocconi Institute for Data Science and Analytics (BIDSA)  
2016- Innocenzo Gasparini Institute for Economic Research (IGIER)  
2011- Centre for Research and Analysis of Migration (CReAM)

## Education

2017 PhD in Economics, University College London  
2011 MPhil in Economics, University College London  
2009 Diplom in International Economics, University of Tübingen

## Research visits

Apr-May 2024 Visiting Scholar, Yale University  
Jan-June 2021 Visiting Scholar, Universitat Pompeu Fabra  
Apr-June 2012 Visiting PhD student, European University Institute  
Apr-May 2011 Visiting PhD student, European University Institute

## Peer-reviewed articles

- “Instrumenting the effect of terrorism on education: Evidence from spatially disaggregated data.” *Journal of Applied Econometrics* (2024), with Marco Alfano.
- “Capital Markets, Temporary Migration and Entrepreneurship: Evidence from Bangladesh.” *World Development* 176: pp 106505 (2024), with Laurent Bossavie, Çağlar Özden and He Wang.
- “Terrorism, media coverage and education: Evidence from al-Shabaab attacks in Kenya.” *Journal of the European Economic Association* 21(2): pp 727-763 (2023), with Marco Alfano.
- “Borrowing Constraints, Migrant Selection, and the Dynamics of Return and Repeat Migrations.” *Journal of Labor Economics* 41(1): pp 205-243 (2023).

- “The Dynamics of Return Migration, Human Capital Accumulation, and Wage Assimilation.” *Review of Economic Studies* 89(6): pp 2841-2871 (2022), with Jérôme Adda and Christian Dustmann.
- “Spillovers and Strategic Interaction in Immigration Policies.” *Journal of Economic Geography* 21(2): pp 287-315 (2021), with Nicolas Motz.
- “Estimating Immigrant Earnings Profiles when Migrations Are Temporary.” *Labour Economics* 41: pp 1-8 (2016), with Christian Dustmann.
- “The Economics of Temporary Migrations.” *Journal of Economic Literature* 54(1): pp 98-136 (2016), with Christian Dustmann.

### Chapters in edited volumes

- “The Selection of Return Migrants: Some Evidence and a Model-based Analysis.” In: Robert Sauer (editor): *World Scientific Encyclopaedia of Global Migration*, Volume 3, Chapter 4, World Scientific Publisher (2024), with Filippo Palomba.
- “Selective Out-Migration and the Estimation of Immigrants’ Earnings Profiles.” In: Barry R. Chiswick and Paul W. Miller (editors), *Handbook of the Economics of International Migration 1A*, North Holland (2015): pp 489-533, with Christian Dustmann.
- “Western Representations of Fascist Influences on Islamist Thought.” In: Jörg Feuchter, Friedhelm Hoffmann and Bee Yun (editors), *Cultural Transfers in Dispute - Representations in Asia, Europe and the Arab World*, Campus (2011): pp 149-166.

### Working papers

- “Temporary Migration for Long-term Investment”, with Laurent Bossavie, Çağlar Özden and He Wang (revise & resubmit at *Journal of Development Economics*).
- “Skill and Substitutability: A New View on Immigrant Assimilation”, with Pietro Galeone (reject & resubmit at *Journal of Human Resources*).
- “A Generalized Measure of Bargaining Power for Non-Cooperative Games”, with Nicolas Motz.
- “Weather shocks, migration, and in-place adaptation”, with Marco Alfano.

### Teaching

2019, 2021-	Structural Econometrics (PhD), Bocconi University
2016-2019, 2021-	Economics I (BSc), Bocconi University
2018	Dynamic Panel Data Analysis (PhD), Bocconi University
2013, 2014	Statistics and Econometrics (BSc), Stockholm School of Economics in Riga

### PhD supervision

As main advisor	Pietro Galeone, Katarina Kuske, Ivan Kim Taveras
2nd/3rd reader	Davide Coluccia, Blanka Imre, Bence Szabo
or examiner	

### Invited seminars

scheduled	HHU Düsseldorf
2024	University of Pennsylvania; Johns Hopkins University; Armenian Economic Association; University of Konstanz

2022-2023	Washington University St. Louis; LMU Munich; University of Potsdam; University of Tübingen
2020-2021	Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona; Universitat Pompeu Fabra; Università di Modena e Reggio Emilia; University of the Basque Country; The Economics of Migration Webinar ( <a href="https://sites.google.com/view/the-economics-of-migration">https://sites.google.com/view/the-economics-of-migration</a> )
2018-2019	Collegio Carlo Alberto; CReAM/University College London; TU Dresden; UA Madrid; Copenhagen Business School; Aarhus University; Strathclyde University; Tepper School of Business (Carnegie Mellon University)
2016-2017	Cornell University; University of Tübingen; University of Sussex; University of Surrey; KU Leuven; Aix-Marseille School of Economics; McGill University; Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México; Università Bocconi; University of Cambridge
until 2015	University of Mannheim (PhD seminar); Bank of Latvia; Centre for Evaluation of Development Policies (London).

### **Conference presentations (incl. invited)**

scheduled	Leuven Summer Events (invited); BEET Workshop (invited); UCL Economics PhD Alumni Conference; 1st European Workshop on the Macroeconomic Implications of Migration (PSE); Como Workshop on Economic Effects of Climate Change (invited)
2024	EUDN Scientific Conference; VfS Standing Field Committee in Population Economics meeting (invited)
2022-2023	NBER Summer Institute; CEPR-Bank of Italy Workshop: Labour Market Policies and Institutions; VfS annual conference (Regensburg); 12th IBEO Workshop (Alghero); SSES Annual Congress (Neuchâtel); BSE Summer Forum: Structural Microeconometrics; BSE Summer Forum: Migration; 4th EBRD-King's College Workshop on the Economics and Politics of Migration (Istanbul); Resilience and Solidarity in Europe: Economic and Legal Perspectives (Tübingen); CReAM Workshop (Piemonte)
2020-2021	Temporary migration and immigrant integration (LISER, invited); ESPE; 13th Migration and Development Conference (online); EALE/SOLE/AASLE (online); NAWM of the Econometric Society (San Diego)
2018-2019	NBER Summer Institute; SIE Annual Conference (Palermo); Immigration, Health and Wellbeing Workshop (Pittsburgh); briq-GEA conference (Bonn); ESEM (Cologne); 11th Migration and Development Conference (Stanford); International Conference on Demographics, Immigration and the Labor Market (IAB Nuremberg); Quantitative Research Symposium (Abu Dhabi, invited)
2016-2017	Boğaziçi Center for Economics and Econometrics Annual Conference (Istanbul, invited); 13th CSEF-IGIER Symposium on Economics and Institutions (Anacapri); 16th Journée LAGV International Conference in Public Economics (Aix-en-Provence); BSE Summer Forum: Structural Microeconometrics; 2nd EPEC Workshop (Alghero)

until 2015 EWMES (Milan); NEUDC conference (Brown); Oxford Development Economics Workshop; EALE/SOLE (Montreal); BSE Summer Forum: Migration; 1st PhD Workshop on the Economics of Migration (Southampton); 5th Norface Migration Workshop (Berlin); Norface Migration Conference (London).

### **Journal refereeing**

American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Review, BE Journal of Macroeconomics, British Journal of Industrial Relations, Canadian Journal of Economics, Econometrica, Economic Journal, Empirical Economics, European Economic Review, International Migration, IZA Journal of Development and Migration, Journal of Applied Econometrics, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Economic Geography, Journal of Economic Growth, Journal of Economic Literature, Journal of European Social Policy, Journal of Human Capital, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Mathematical Economics, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Population Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of the Economics of the Household, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Urban Economics, Labour Economics, Migration Studies, Oxford Economic Papers, Population Research and Policy Review, Quantitative Economics, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Regional Science and Urban Economics, Research in Labor Economics, Research Policy, Review of Economic Dynamics, Review of Economic Studies, Review of World Economics, Social Science Review, World Development.

### **Scientific committees**

Verein für Socialpolitik 2022, 2024; European Economic Association Congress 2023; LEAP Development Conference 2022.

### **Grant refereeing**

Swiss National Science Foundation, Research Foundation Flanders.

### **Institutional service at Bocconi University**

2017-2019, 2023- Development, Labor and Political Economy Seminar series organization  
2023 Contribution to MSc student initiative “ESS Presents”  
2022 Migration and the Macroeconomy conference organization  
2017 Recruiting committee  
2016- MSc student mentoring through IGIER visiting student initiative and hosting of research internships

### **Outreach beyond academia**

- *From migrant worker to owner: When temporary migration is used to start one’s own business*, with Laurent Bossavie, Çağlar Özden and He Wang - VoxEU (08/03/2024); re-published on editor’s initiative on VoxDev (09/04/2024).
- *Predicting terror attacks using insurgent networks and revenue streams*, with Marco Alfano - VoxDev (20/02/2024).
- *Migration as a Step Towards Opening a Business* - #LEAPTalks EP03 (30/06/2023).
- *Immigrants need certainties* - Interview for Via Sarfatti 25 (02/04/2023).
- *Temporary migration entails benefits, but also costs, for sending and receiving countries*, with Katarina Kuske - IZA World of Labor 2022: 503.

- *Il comportamento economico dei cittadini stranieri fra migrazione temporanea e prospettive di insediamento*, with Jérôme Adda - Caritas e Migrantes: XXXI Rapporto Immigrazione 2022.
- *Al-Shabaab: sensational media reports about Kenyan terror attacks keep kids out of school*, with Marco Alfano - The Conversation (24/11/2022).
- *Access to media amplifies negative effects of terrorism on school enrolment in Kenya*, with Marco Alfano - EurekAlert! (02/11/2022).
- *How certainty helps immigrants integrate and contribute more to the local economy* - The Conversation (20/06/2022). Translated to Portuguese for Interesse Nacional.
- *Media coverage of terrorism / La cobertura mediática del terrorismo / Couverture médiatique du terrorisme*, with Marco Alfano - globaldev.blog (16/11/2020).
- *Immigration: time to shift the debate* - viaSarfatti25 Videos (15/03/2018).
- *Alla buona integrazione servono tempi certi* - viaSarfatti25 Numero 5 - anno XII (Maggio 2017), p 33.
- *What do we know about migration? Informing the debate.*, with Marco Alfano, Michele Battisti, Charles Clarke, Thomas Cornelissen, Christian Dustmann, Francesco Fasani, Tommaso Frattini, Luigi Minale, Anna Okatenko, Ian Preston and Jonathan Wadsworth - Centre for Research and Analysis of Migration: Policy briefing (2014).

### Grants (post PhD)

2022-2025	Next Generation EU project Age-it PE00000015 (B43D22000720006), “Ageing well in an ageing society” (3,559,856 EUR; with Jérôme Adda, Massimo Anelli, Francesco Billari, Maurizio Del Conte, Catherine De Vries, Vincenzo Galasso, Giulia Giupponi, Paola Profeta, Scott Williamson)
2023-2024	Bocconi Junior Researchers’ Grant 2023 (10,000 EUR)
2022-2023	CIVICA, “Migrants’ integration in EU countries: for a selected few only? Current shifts in conceptions of integration and impact on social and ethnic inequalities in host countries” (68,600 EUR; team member; project leader: Laurence Romani)
2018-2022	VolkswagenStiftung, “Risk sharing in the euro area” (998,900 EUR; with Jens-Hinrich Binder, Elena Carletti, Wilhelm Kohler, Gernot Müller, Martin Nettesheim and Georgios Psaroudakis)

### Awards

2022	Research Excellence Award by Bocconi University
2016	The Review of Economic Studies Excellence in Refereeing Award