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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

2025-	Research Fellow at RFBerlin
2025-	Associate Member at European Development Research Network (EUDN)
2025-	Research Fellow at Institute of Labor Economics (IZA)
2024-	Verein für Socialpolitik (VfS): Population Economics
2023-	Institute for European Policymaking (IEP)
2021-	Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR): LE, PE
2017-	Laboratory for Effective Anti-poverty Policies (LEAP)
2016-	Bocconi Institute for Data Science and Analytics (BIDSA)
2016-	Innocenzo Gasparini Insitute for Economic Research (IGIER)

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

May 2025	Visiting Scholar, Einaudi Institute for Economics and Finance
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

- “Temporary Migration for Long-term Investment”, with Laurent Bossavie, Çağlar Özden and He Wang *Journal of Development Economics* 174: pp 103360 (2025).
- “Terrorism and education: Evidence from instrumental variables estimators.” *Journal of Applied Econometrics* 39(5): pp 906-925 (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 and the Dynamics of Return and Repeat Migration.” *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 Policy.” *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

- “Matching with preferences: Caring who cares for the old”.
- “A Generalized Measure of Bargaining Power for Non-Cooperative Games”, with Nicolas Motz.
- “Coping with weather shocks”, with Marco Alfano.
- “Asymmetric Shocks and Heterogeneous Worker Mobility”, with Riccardo Franceschin.
- “Skill and Substitutability: A New View on Immigrant Assimilation”, with Pietro Galeone (reject & resubmit at the *Journal of Human Resources*).
- “The Fiscal Impact of Immigration: A Life-cycle Analysis”, with Christian Dustmann, Tommaso Frattini and Chiara Giannetto (revise & resubmit at the *Journal of the European Economic Association*).

Teaching

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

Grants

2023-2025	Next Generation EU project Age-it (CUP B43D22000720006), “Ageing well in an ageing society” (spoke 7 budget: 2,430,712.50 EUR; with Jérôme Adda, Massimo Anelli, Nicolò Cavalli, Maurizio Del Conte, Catherine De Vries, Vincenzo Galasso, Giulia Giupponi, Letizia Mencarini, Paola Profeta)
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; 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)

Invited seminars

scheduled	Central European University (Vienna); Institute for Employment Research (Nuremberg); University of Padova
2024-2025	University of Pennsylvania; Johns Hopkins University; Armenian Economic Association; University of Konstanz; HHU Düsseldorf; TU Dortmund; Kiel University; Berlin Applied Micro Seminar; University of Edinburgh; Tor Vergata University Rome; Collegio Carlo Alberto/University of Torino; ENS Lyon
2022-2023	Washington University St. Louis; LMU Munich; Bocconi student initiative “ESS Presents”; 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 (https://sites.google.com/view/the-economics-of-migration)
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).

Conferences (indicating invited presentations)

2024-2025	RFBerlin Workshop on the Economics of Aging; Leuven Summer Events (invited); BEET Workshop (invited); Como Workshop on Economic Effects of Climate Change (invited); 1st European Workshop on the Macroeconomic Implications of Migration (PSE); EUDN Scientific Conference; Migration and Development Conference (Bologna); UCL Economics PhD Alumni Conference; VfS Standing Field Committee in Population Economics meeting (invited)
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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 Inquiry, Economic Journal, Empirical Economics, European Economic Review, Industrial and Labor Relations 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 Political Economy Microeconomics, 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.

Grant refereeing

European Research Council, Swiss National Science Foundation, Research Foundation Flanders.

Scientific committees/conference program chairing

Conference of the International Association of Applied Econometrics 2025; Verein für Socialpolitik 2022, 2024; European Economic Association Congress 2023; LEAP Development Conference 2022; Migration and the Macro-economy 2022.

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).