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Education

1997 PhD in Economics, Northwestern University, Evanston, U.S.A.
1990 Laurea in Economics, Università Bocconi, Milano, Italy
1985 Diploma, Liceo classico statale 'Arnaldo', Brescia, Italy

Research Interests

Economic History, Applied Microeconomics

Academic Career and Affiliations

2011-2019 Director, IGIER (Innocenzo Gasparini Institute for Economic Research), Università Bocconi
2009-current Professor of Economics, Università Bocconi
2006-2009 Professor of Economics, Università di Torino
2004-2005 Associate Professor with tenure, Department of Economics, Boston University
1997-2004 Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Boston University

2023 President, European Economic Association (President-elect 2022, Vice-President 2021)
2018-current Vice-President (Fellow since 2005), Center for Economic Policy and Research (CEPR)
2005-current Fellow, Center for Economic Policy and Research (CEPR)
2011-current Fellow, European Economic Association
2009-current Fellow, IGIER, Università Bocconi

Honors and Awards

2012 National Jewish Book Award (U.S.A.) in the category of "scholarship" (Nahum M. Sarna Memorial Award) for the book *The Chosen Few* written with Zvi Eckstein
2009, 2011, 2012, 2013 Teaching award (Premio per la didattica), Università Bocconi
2002-2004 Alfred P. Sloan Research fellowship (annually awarded to eight economists in the U.S.)
2000-2001 John Olin Junior Faculty fellowship (annually awarded to young scholars in the U.S.)
2000 University-wide teaching award, Boston University
1999 Neu Family teaching and research awards, Department of Economics, Boston University
1993-1995 Scholarship from Ente Einaudi (Roma)
1991-1993 Scholarship 'Luciano Jona' from Compagnia di San Paolo (Torino)

Grants --- Principal Investigator

2012-2017 European Research Council (ERC), Advanced research grant ("Contracts, Institutions, and Markets in Historical Perspective")
2004-2006 National Science Foundation, grant SES-0339133 ("Empirical Analysis of Matching Models") with Daniel A. Akerberg and Aloysius Siow
2003-2006 National Science Foundation, grant SES-0318364 ("From Farmers to Merchants and Moneylenders: A Human Capital Interpretation of Jewish History") with Zvi Eckstein
2000-2004 National Science Foundation, CAREER grant SES-9983749 ("Institutions, Markets, and Households in Historical Perspective")
2000, 1998 Boston University, Industry Studies Program, seed grants
1999-2000 National Science Foundation, grant SES-9975086 ("Marriage Markets and Intergenerational Transfers in a Pre-Modern Economy")
1998, 1996 Economic History Association, Arthur H. Cole grant-in-aid
1998 Boston University, Humanities Foundation, grant to organize a lecture series on "The Role of Culture and Cultural Values in Economic Growth and Development"
1997 'Primo Levi' Foundation for Jewish Studies (Firenze), grant-in-aid

Books

1. Maristella Botticini and Zvi Eckstein
The Chosen Few: How Education Shaped Jewish History, 70–1492
Princeton University Press, 2012

Winner of the 2012 National Jewish Book award in the category of “scholarship” (Nahum M. Sarna Memorial award) awarded by the Jewish Book Council (United States)

2022 Hungarian translation, Napvilag Kiado
2021 Chinese translation, Shanghai Lexicographical Publishing House
2016 French translation, Editions Albin Michel
2014 Polish translation, Jagiellonian University Press
2014 Spanish translation, Antoni Bosch Publisher
2014 Vietnamese translation, ThaiHabooks
2013 Hebrew translation, Tel Aviv University Press
2012 Italian translation: *I pochi eletti. Il ruolo dell’istruzione nella storia degli ebrei, 70–1492.*
Università Bocconi Editore

2. Maristella Botticini. *Price of Love: Marriage Markets in Comparative Perspective* (under contract with Princeton University Press).
3. Maristella Botticini, Zvi Eckstein and Anat Vaturi
The Chosen Many: How Demography and Institutions Shaped Jewish History in Eastern Europe, 1500–1850 (under contract with Princeton University Press, expected publication date: 2025).

Articles in Refereed Journals

- “The Beauty of Uncertainty: The Rise of Insurance Contracts and Markets in Medieval Europe”, *Journal of the European Economic Association* 21, no. 6 (December 2023), with Pietro Buri and Massimo Marinacci. [EEA Presidential Address](#).
- “Child Care and Human Development: Insights from Jewish History in Central and Eastern Europe, 1500–1930.” *Economic Journal* 129, no. 623 (October 2019): 2637–90, with Zvi Eckstein and Anat Vaturi ([The Economic Journal Lecture](#)).
- “From Farmers to Merchants, Conversions, and Diaspora: Human Capital and Jewish History.” *Journal of the European Economic Association* 5, no. 5 (September 2007): 885–926 with Zvi Eckstein (lead article).
- “Jewish Occupational Selection: Education, Restrictions, or Minorities?” *Journal of Economic History* 65, no. 4 (December 2005): 922–48, with Zvi Eckstein.
- “Why Dowries?” *American Economic Review* 93, no. 4 (September 2003): 1385–98, with Aloysius Siow.
- “Endogenous Matching and the Empirical Determinants of Contract Form.” *Journal of Political Economy* 110, no. 3 (June 2002): 564–92, with Daniel A. Akerberg.
- “The Choice of Agrarian Contracts in Early Renaissance Tuscany: Risk Sharing, Moral Hazard, or Capital Market Imperfections?” *Explorations in Economic History* 37 (July 2000): 241–57, with Daniel A. Akerberg.
- “A Tale of ‘Benevolent’ Governments: Private Credit Markets, Public Finance, and the Role of Jewish Lenders in Medieval and Renaissance Italy.” *Journal of Economic History* 60 (March 2000): 165–89.
- “A Loveless Economy? Intergenerational Altruism and the Marriage Market in a Tuscan Town, 1415-1436.” *Journal of Economic History* 59 (March 1999): 104–21.
- “New Evidence on Jewish Money Lending in Tuscany, 1310-1430: The ‘Friends and Family Connection’ Again.” In *Zakhor. Rivista di storia degli ebrei in Italia* I (1997): 77–93.

Entries in Encyclopedias and Handbooks

- “Religious Norms, Human Capital, and Money Lending in Jewish European History.” In *Oxford Handbook of the Economics of Religion*, edited by Rachel McCleary, chapter 3. New York: Oxford University Press, with Zvi Eckstein, 2011.
- “Path Dependence and Occupations.” In *The New Palgrave Dictionary of Economics*, edited by Steven N. Durlauf and Lawrence Blume. New York: Palgrave MacMillan, with Zvi Eckstein, 2008.
- “Ethnic Groups, Jews.” In *History of World Trade After 1450*, edited by John J. McCusker. Farmington Hills, MI: Macmillan Reference USA, 2006.
- “Marriage Payments.” In *Oxford Encyclopedia of Economic History*, edited by Joel Mokyr, vol. 3. New York: Oxford University Press, 2003.
- “Jewish Diaspora.” In *Oxford Encyclopedia of Economic History*, edited by Joel Mokyr, vol. 3. New York: Oxford University Press, 2003.
- “Commercial and Trade Diasporas.” In *Oxford Encyclopedia of Economic History*, edited by Joel Mokyr, vol. 2. New York: Oxford University Press, 2003.

Working Papers

- “Are There Increasing Returns to Scale in Marriage Markets?” (May 2012), with Aloysius Siow.

Book Chapters

- “The 1427 Florentine *Catasto* as a Source for the Study of Jewish Money Lending.” In *Des personnes aux institutions. Réseaux et culture du crédit du XVI^e au XX^e siècle en Europe*, edited by L. Fontaine, G. Postel-Vinay, J.-L. Rosenthal and P. Servais, pp. 28-47. Louvain-la-Neuve: Bruylant-Academia, 1997.

Articles in Italian

- “Contrattazione matrimoniale e trasferimenti intergenerazionali in prospettiva comparata.” *Rivista di Politica Economica*, IX-X (September–October 2003): 21–46.
- “Contratti, mercati e istituzioni in prospettiva storica.” *Rivista di Storia Economica* (December 2002): 351–78.

Articles in Medical Journals

- G. L. Baiocchi, S. Giacomuzzi, D. Reim, G. Piessen, P. Matos da Costa, J. Reynolds, H.-J. Meyer, P. Morgagni, I. Gockel, L. Lara Santos, L. S. Jensen, T. Murphy, D. D’Ugo, R. Rosati, U. Fumagalli Romario, M. Degiuli, W. Kielan, S. Moenig, P. Kołodziejczyk, W. Polkowski, M. Pera, P. M. Schneider, B. Wijnhoven, W. O. de Steur, S. S. Gisbertz, H. Hartgrink, J. W. van Sandick, M. Botticini, A. H. Hoelscher, W. Allum, G. De Manzoni. “Incidence and Grading of Complications after Gastrectomy for Cancer Using the Gastrodata Registry. A European Retrospective Observational Study.” *Annals of Surgery* (2020): 272(5), pp. 807–13. doi: 10.1097/SLA.0000000000004341
- Baiocchi, G.L., Giacomuzzi, S., Marrelli, D., Reim, D., Piessen, G., Matos da Costa, P., Reynolds, J.V., Meyer, H.-J., Morgagni, P., Gockel, I., Lara Santos, L., Jensen, L.S., Murphy, T., Preston, S.R., Ter-Ovanesov, M., Fumagalli Romario, U., Degiuli, M., Kielan, W., Mönig, S., Kołodziejczyk, P., Polkowski, W., Hardwick, R., Pera, M., Johansson, J., Schneider, P.M., de Steur, W.O., Gisbertz, S.S., Hartgrink, H., van Sandick, J.W., Portolani, N., Hölscher, A.H., Botticini, M., Roviello, F., Mariette, C., Allum, W., De Manzoni, G. “International Consensus on a Complications List After Gastrectomy for Cancer.” *Gastric Cancer* (2019): 22(1), pp. 172–89. doi: 10.1007/s10120-018-0839-5

Visiting Scholar

IDC Herzliya, Israel (2013), Oxford University (2012), University of Zurich (2010), Washington University, St. Louis (2008), Tel Aviv University (2007-2012), Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis (2005), University of Toronto (1998)

Presentations at Scientific Events

Since earning the PhD in 1997, I have given more than 200 presentations of my research including invited and keynote lectures, and presentations at international conferences and invited seminars as listed below.

Invited, Keynote, and Plenary Lectures

- Aug. 2023 Presidential address, European Economic Association (EEA) annual congress, Barcelona
- Oct. 2019 Keynote lecture, Workshop on Global Challenges, Centro Luca D'Agliano and UniCredit Research Foundation, Milano
- May 2019 Keynote lecture, CEPR conference on "Economics of Religion", Venezia
- Mar. 2018 The *Economic Journal* Lecture, Royal Economic Society annual meeting, Sussex University
- Apr. 2016 Max Weber Lecture, European University Institute, Firenze (invited)
- June 2014 Invited lecture, TIGER Forum, Toulouse School of Economics
- June 2013 Plenary lecture, ISNIE (International Society for New Institutional Economics) annual conference, Firenze
- Apr. 2011 Invited lecture, Royal Economic Society annual congress, London
- June 2010 Plenary lecture, European Society for Population Economics annual conference, Essen
- Aug. 2007 Invited lecture, Econometric Society European annual congress, Budapest
- June 2007 Invited lecture, Canadian Institute for Advanced Research (CIAR) conference, Tel Aviv
- June 2007 "State of the art" lecture, Canadian Economic Association annual congress, Halifax
- Oct. 2006 Invited lecture, Società Italiana degli Economisti annual conference, Verona

Presentations at Conferences

- Aug. 2010 World Congress of the Econometric Society, Shanghai
- June 2010 "Economics of the Family" workshop, London School of Economics
- Jan. 2009 American Economic Association (ASSA) annual meeting, San Francisco
- Jan. 2008 American Economic Association (ASSA) annual meeting, New Orleans
- Jan. 2007 American Economic Association (ASSA) annual meeting, Chicago
- Sep. 2006 Workshop on "The Economics of Diversity, Migration, and Culture," Bologna
- July 2006 Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics (SITE) summer workshop on "Risk, Contracts, and Organizations: Evidence from History and the Present"
- Apr. 2006 Workshop on "Social Economics: Market Behavior in a Social Context," Italian Academy for Advanced Studies at Columbia University
- Sep. 2005 Economic History Association (EHA) meetings, Toronto
- June 2005 Society for Economic Dynamics (SED) meetings, Budapest
- July 2004 Society for Economic Dynamics (SED) meetings, Firenze
- Oct. 2003 Society for the Scientific Study of the Religion meetings, Norfolk
- June 2003 North American summer meetings of the Econometrics Society, Evanston
- June 2003 European Society for Population Economics (ESPE) meetings, New York
- Jan. 2003 American Economic Association (ASSA) meetings, Washington
- Oct. 2002 Economic History Association (EHA) meetings, St. Louis
- Aug. 2002 European Economic Association (EEA) meetings, Venezia
- June 2001 European Society for Population Economics (ESPE) meetings, Athens
- Aug. 2000 World Congress of the Econometric Society, Seattle
- Jan. 2000 American Economic Association (ASSA) meetings, Boston
- Oct. 1999 European Historical Economics Society meetings, Lisbon
- Oct. 1999 Economic History Association (EHA) meetings, Baltimore
- Sep. 1999 Conference of the International Society for New Institutional Economics, Washington
- June 1999 Society for Economic Dynamics (SED) meetings, Alghero
- Jan. 1998 American Historical Association (AHA) meetings, Seattle
- Oct. 1997 Social Science History conference (SSHC), Washington
- Sep. 1997 Economic History Association (EHA) meetings, New Brunswick
- July 1997 Third World Cliometrics conference, Munich
- Nov. 1996 Conference *Des personnes aux institutions. Réseaux et culture du crédit du XVIe au XXe siècle en Europe*, Mons (Belgium)

Invited Seminars

2012-2013	Bologna
2011-2012	Central European University (Budapest), Oxford
2010-2011	Amsterdam (ACLE), Mannheim, Tinbergen Institute
2009-2010	Warwick
2008-2009	Bocconi, Carlos III Madrid, Harvard, IMT Lucca, Kennedy School of Government, London School of Economics (2 seminars), University of Milan-Bicocca, Stockholm School of Economics, Toulouse, Tufts
2007-2008	Ente Einaudi, Essex, Paris School of Economics, Stanford, UC Berkeley, UCLA, Università Cattolica (Milano), University of Zurich
2006-2007	Boston University, Brown, European University Institute (Firenze), Georgetown, Northwestern, Oxford, University College London (UCL)
2005-2006	Boston University, CEMFI (Madrid), Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, Pompeu Fabra, Southern California, Università di Milano, Utrecht University
2004-2005	Columbia, Harvard, McGills, Queen's University, Toronto, Università di Bologna, Università di Roma (Tor Vergata)
2003-2004	Boston College, Carnegie Mellon, George Mason, Harvard, Houston, Michigan, Princeton, Rice, Stern NYU, Texas A&M, University College London (UCL), Università di Venezia
2002-2003	Boston University, Brown, Clark, Columbia, Harvard, Rochester, Tufts, Università di Milano-Bicocca, Università di Torino, Vanderbilt
2001-2002	Banca d'Italia (Roma), Cambridge, European University Institute (Firenze), Michigan, Toulouse, University College London (UCL), Università di Modena e Reggio Emilia, Università di Padova, Università di Siena, Università di Venezia, Warwick
2000-2001	Boston University, California Institute of Technology, Chicago, Ente Einaudi (Roma), Harvard, Princeton, Rochester, Southern California, Stanford, Tel Aviv, UC Davis, UCLA, Università di Torino, Yale
1999-2000	Boston University, Brown, Colorado at Boulder, Duke, Harvard, Illinois at Urbana, MIT (2 seminars), Northwestern, Università di Bologna, Università di Brescia
1998-1999	HIID, Maryland, Observatoire Français des Conjonctures Économiques (Paris), Università Bocconi, Toronto, Yale
1997-1998	Boston University, Brown (Population Center), Harvard, Iowa, UCLA, Western Ontario

Editorial Activities

2011-2017	Associate editor, <i>Journal of the European Economic Association</i>
2007-2008	Member of the editorial panel, <i>Economic Policy</i>
2005-2012	Editorial board member, <i>Explorations in Economic History</i>
1995-2003	Assistant editor for the <i>Oxford Encyclopedia of Economic History</i> project

Refereeing Activity

American Economic Review, American Economic Journal: Microeconomics, Econometrica, Economic Journal, European Review of Economic History, Explorations in Economic History, Human Nature, International Economic Review, Journal of Applied Econometrics, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Economic History, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization, Journal of Political Economy, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS), Quarterly Journal of Economics, Rationality and Society, Research in Economics, Review of Economic Studies, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of Economics of the Household, Structural Change and Economic Dynamics

ANVUR (Italy), Austrian Science Foundation, European Research Council (ERC), Hong Kong Research Council, ICREA (Barcelona), Israel Science Foundation, National Science Foundation (U.S.A.), Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, 2005 CIVR Evaluation - Ministero dell'Istruzione, dell'Università e della Ricerca (Italy)

Institutional Activities for the Academic Community

2023	President, European Economic Association (EEA)
2022	President-elect, European Economic Association (EEA)
2021	Vice-President, European Economic Association (EEA)
2022-current	European Economic Experts Panel, The Initiative on Global Markets Forum (IGM), Chicago Booth
2018-current	Vice-President, CEPR (Center for Economic Policy Research), London
2018-2020	Advisory Board member, Università Ca' Foscari, Venezia
2013, 2015	Chair, Starting Grant evaluation panel, European Research Council (ERC, Panel SH1)
2012-2014, 2021-2024	Executive Committee member, European Economic Association
2011, 2013, 2015, 2021-2023	Nominating committee member, European Economic Association
2009-2011	Starting Grant evaluation panel member, European Research Council (ERC, Panel SH1)
2011-2015	Council member, European Economic Association
2011-2014	Selection committee member (chair in 2014), "Bonaldo Stringher" scholarships, Bank of Italy
2008	External reviewer for senior hiring, European University Institute (Firenze)
2000-2008	Committee member (and chair for three times) for the Ranki Prize awarded by the Economic History Association to the best book on European economic history

Program Committee Member/Chair for International Conferences

2023	Winter European Meetings of the Econometric Society (ESEM) (Manchester)
2022	Local organizing committee member, EEA-ESEM annual congress (Milano)
2014	International Society for New Institutional Economics annual conference (Duke University)
2013	Program chair, European Economic Association (EEA) annual congress (Göteborg)
2011, 2012	European meeting of the Econometric Society (Oslo, Malaga)
2011	Economic History Association (EHA) annual conference (Cambridge, Massachusetts)
2010	World congress of the Econometric Society (Shanghai)
2007-2015	European Economic Association (EEA) annual congress (Budapest, Milano, Barcelona, Glasgow, Oslo, Malaga, Mannheim)
2005	Society for Economic Dynamics (SED) annual conference (Budapest)

Administrative and Committee Work

At Università Bocconi

2017-2022	University tenure and promotion committee member
2015-2016	University faculty recruiting committee member
2014-2015	Director, CLES (undergraduate program in Economic and Social Sciences)
2013-2015	University faculty disciplinary committee member
2012, 2014	Junior hiring committee member, Department of Economics
2011-2018	Chair, senior hiring committee, Department of Economics
2011-2019	Executive committee member, Department of Economics
2011	Scientific coordinator, IGIER 20th anniversary conference (8–9 June)
2011-2019	Promoter and scientific coordinator, IGIER Visiting Students Initiative
2011-2019	Director, IGIER research center
2011-2012	University Tenure and Promotion committee member
2011-2012	University Research committee member
2010, 2011	Promoter and scientific coordinator, <i>Bocconi Lecture</i> (in memory of Ferdinando Bocconi, the founder of Bocconi University)
2010-2011	Senior hiring committee member, Department of Economics
2010-2011	Chair, junior hiring committee, Department of Economics

At Collegio Carlo Alberto (Torino)

2007-2013	Selection committee member, Carlo Alberto Medal to an Italian economist under 40
2007-2009	Chair, junior hiring committee member
2007-2009	Scientific coordinator, Vilfredo Pareto lectures series
2007-2009	Seminar series coordinator

At Boston University, Department of Economics

2003-2004 Tenure and Promotion committee member
2000-2004 Editor, Department Newsletter
2000-2004 Coordinator, 'Conversations in Economics' lecture series
1999-2004 Merit and Salary committee member
1998-2004 Seminar series coordinator
1998-2004 Junior hiring committee member

Teaching at Bocconi University

2017-current Coordinator and instructor, Foundations of Microeconomics, BESS (undergraduate)
2016-current Coordinator and instructor, Microeconomics, BEMACS (undergraduate)
2010-current Institutions and Long-Run Growth in Comparative Perspective (PhD in Economics)
2012-2015 Microeconomics, CLES (undergraduate)
2009-2011 Microeconomics, CLEACC (undergraduate)

Board of Directors

2011-2023 Independent board member, CIR (Compagnie Industriali Riunite)

Language Knowledge

Italian: mother tongue
English: fluent in reading, writing, and speaking
French, ancient Greek, Latin: fluent in reading