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• Born September 18 1965; Ph.D. in Economics Harvard University, 1996. Other doctorate from University of Pavia (1995) and MSC in Economics and Social Sciences, summa cum laude, from Bocconi University in 1991.

- **Professor** of Political Economics, department of Economics, Bocconi University;
- **Director** of research unit **PERICLES**, in the Baffi Center of Economics and Finance Research;
- **Senior Research Scientist** at the Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research (LISER);
- **Fellow** of
 - the **Econometric Society**, elected 2020;
 - the **Society for the Advancement of Economic Theory** (SAET) since 2018;
 - *Center for Economic Policy Research (CEPR)*, Public Economics group and Political Economy group;
 - the Innocenzo Gasparini Institute for Economic Research (IGIER), Baffi Center of Economics, Finance and Regulation, and Institute for Economic Policy Making (IEP-BU).
- **Chair** of the Minorities in Economics (MinE) Committee of the **European Economic Association** since 2021;
- member of CEPR Research Policy Networks (RPN) on populism, on policies for peace, and on geoeconomics.

• **Previous academic positions and affiliations:**

- Professor of Political Science and Economics, Columbia University, from 2007 to 2014;
- National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) Research Associate;
- Visiting Professor at New York University Abu Dhabi (J-Term);
- Part-time Professor of Economics at the European University Institute, 2009-11;
- Associate Professor of Economics and Political Science at the Ohio State University (2004-07);
- Assistant Professor of Economics at The Ohio State University (2000-04);
- Research Fellow at the Institute for Advanced Study, School of Social Science, Princeton (2001-02);
- Visiting Professor at University of Minnesota (1999-2000);
- Assistant Professor of Economics at the Iowa State University (1997-2000);
- Marie Curie Post-Doctoral Fellow at the Center for Operation Research and Econometrics, CORE (1996-97).

• **Grants and Fellowships (last to first):**

- *PRIN* grant: PI of a research collaborative agenda on the Political Economy of Reforms and the Costs of Populism (**PERCOP**), awarded in 2023 from the MIUR;
- *European Research Council Advanced Grant*, 694583, awarded in 2016: “The Political Economy of Power Relations”.
- *Framework for Attraction and Strengthening of Excellence* in Italy, grant for projects on legislative complexity.
- *Prin* grant on “Macroeconomic Management and Consensus Preservation,” prot. 2015EL3MRC.

- *National Science Foundation, Grant SES-0519205 and 0811966*, (2005-09): theory and experiments of multilateral bargaining on multi-dimensional policy space with incomplete information. Co-funded by the Economics program and the Decision Risk and Management Science division
 - *National Science Foundation, Grant SES-0213312* (2002-05): research on electoral systems and incentives for parties, candidates and voters
 - Deutsche Bank Fellowship (2001-02), as a Fellow of the *Institute for Advanced Study* in Princeton
 - *National Science Foundation Starter Award* (2000-01): for research project on the endogenous quality of elected officials
 - International Center for Economic Research (Torino) Fellowship, Summer 2001 and Summer 2002
 - CORE post-doctoral Fellowship and Marie Curie Fellowship (1997)
 - Bocconi Fellowship (1995, 1996)
 - Harvard Graduate Society Fellowship (1994)
 - San Paolo Bank fellowship (1992 to 1994).
- **Awards and Prizes:**
 - *Premio Angelo Ferro 2024*, in recognition of achievements among Italians with visual disability.
 - Bocconi University Research Excellence Award from 2014 to present;
 - *Elinor Ostrom Prize* for best paper on the Journal of Theoretical Politics, awarded in 2015;
 - *International Geneva Award* 2015, for the paper “Strategic Mass Killings”;
 - *Koc University Prize* for best paper in the Review of Economic Design in year 2000;
 - Excellence in refereeing award by *Review of Economic Studies* and *American Economic Review* for multiple years;

- Lions Club award, 2017;
 - *La Canaviglia 2007*: most important prize by the City of Livorno, instituted to recognize every year one citizen of Livorno for their general achievements and international recognition;
 - Innocenzo Gasparini Prize for best student in the Social and Economic Disciplines (DES) undergraduate program at Bocconi University in 1990.
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- **Research interests:** Game theory, political economy, institutional design, development economics, law and economics, behavioral and public economics, comparative politics, international relations and conflict studies.

• **Main publications on refereed journals** (last to first):

1. *Journal of Politics* (forthcoming): “Polity Size and the Congested Budget: Evidence from Italian Municipalities” (with Luca Bellodi);
2. *Electoral Studies* (forthcoming): “Intertemporal Evidence on the Strategy of Populism in the United States” (with Gloria Gennaro and Giampaolo Lecce);
3. *Handbook of Economics of Conflict* (forthcoming): “Natural resources and conflict: The crucial role of power mismatch and geographic asymmetries” (with Dominic Rohner), volume co-edited by Dube, Morelli, Ray and Sjöström;
4. *Journal of Political Economy* (forthcoming): “More Laws More Growth? Evidence from U.S. States” (with Elliott Ash and Matia Vannoni);
5. *Economica* (forthcoming): “Economic Insecurity and the Demand of Populism in Europe” (with Guiso, Herrera and Sonno);
6. *Journal of Economic Geography* (forthcoming): “Pay-as-they-get-in: attitudes towards migrants and pension systems.” (with T. Boeri, M. Gamalerio and M. Negri), *CEPR* dp no. 17991;
7. *Economic Policy* (forthcoming): “Power Mismatch and Civil Conflict: an Empirical Investigation” (with Laura Ogliari and Long Hong);
8. *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization* (forthcoming): “In Medio Stat Virtus? Effective Communication and Preferences for Redistribution in Hard Times” (with Paola Bertoli, Veronica Grembi and Anna Rosso);
9. *American Journal of Political Science* (2023): “A Costly Commitment: Populism, Economic Performance and the Quality of Bureaucracy” (with Luca Bellodi and Matia Vannoni), **Volume 68**, 193-209, open access;
10. *Political Analysis* (2023): “Cross-Domain Topic Classification for Political Texts” (with Elliott Ash and Moritz Osnabruegge), **Volume 31**(1), pages 59-80;
11. *International Economic Review* (2022): “Optimal Checks and Balances under Policy Uncertainty” (with Gabriele Gratton), **Vol. 63**: 549-69; <https://doi.org/10.1111/iere.12>
12. *Quarterly Journal of Political Science* (2022): “A Theory of Power Wars” (with Helios Herrera and Salvatore Nunnari), **Vol. 17**(1), **PP 1-30**;

13. *Quarterly Journal of Political Science* (2022): “Third Party Intervention and Strategic Militarization” (with Adam Meirowitz, Kris Ramsay and Francesco Squintani), **Vol. 17(1)**, PP 31-59;
14. *American Economic Review* (2021): “From Weber to Kafka: Political Instability and Over-Production of Laws” (with Gabriele Gratton, Luigi Guiso and Claudio Michelacci), **Volume 111(9)**, PP 2964-3003;
15. *Political Analysis* (2021): “Measuring Discretion and Delegation in Legislative Texts: Methods and Application to U.S. States” (with Elliott Ash and Matia Vannoni), **Volume 29(1)**, 43-57;
16. *Journal of Public Economics* (2021): “Bureaucrats under Populism” (with Gregory Sasso), **Vol. 202**;
17. *Peace Economics, Peace Science and Public Policy* (2020): “COVID-19 and the Potential Consequences for Social Stability” (with Roberto Censolo); ISSN: 1554-8597
18. *Political Science Research and Methods* (2020): “Divided Government, Delegation and Civil Service Reform” (with Elliott Ash and Matia Vannoni), doi:10.1017/psrm.2020.51
19. *Political Science Research and Methods* (2020): “Legislative Activity and Private Benefits: A Natural Experiment in New Zealand” (with Moritz Osnabruegge and Matia Vannoni);
20. *Journal of Political Economy* (February 2019): “Dispute Resolution Institutions and Strategic Militarization” (with Adam Meirowitz, Kris Ramsay and Francesco Squintani), vol. 127, issue 1, 378-418; <http://www.journals.uchicago.edu/doi/10.1086/700761>
21. *Journal of Political Economy* (February 2019): “Redistributing Income under Proportional Representation, a Correction” (with Margherita Negri), vol. 127, issue 1, 458-62;
22. *Economic Policy* (2019): “Global Crisis and Populism: the Role of Euro Zone Institutions” (with Luigi Guiso, Helios Herrera and Tommaso Sonno), Volume 34, Issue 97, Pages 95-139;
23. *Journal of Politics* (2017): “Elections and Divisiveness: Theory and Evidence” (with Elliott Ash and Richard Van Weelden), **Vol. 79, 4**: 1268-85;

24. *Journal of Economic Literature* (2017): “On Economic Interdependence and War” (with Tommaso Sonno);
25. *Journal of Monetary Economics* (2016): “Credit Market Frictions and Political Failure” (with Madhav S. Aney and Maitreesh Ghatak), **Vol.** 81, 48-64;
26. *American Journal of Political Science* (2016): “Turnout Across Democracies” (with Helios Herrera and Salvatore Nunnari), **Vol.** 60(3), 607-24;
27. *Journal of International Economics* (2016): “Cultural Differences and Institutional Integration” (with Luigi Guiso and Helios Herrera), **Vol.** 99, 97-113;
28. *Games and Economic Behavior* (2016): “Internal Hierarchy and Stable Coalition Structures,” (with In-Uck Park), **Vol.** 96, 90-96;
29. *Oxford University Press (2016) Handbook: Economic Aspects of Genocide, Mass Atrocities, and Their Prevention, Chapter 6:* “Incentives and Constraints for Government Mass Killings: a Game-Theoretic Approach” (with Joan Esteban and Dominic Rohner);
30. *Journal of Development Economics* (2015): “Resource Concentration and Civil Wars” (with Dominic Rohner), **Vol.** 117, 32-47;
31. *Journal of Political Economy* (2015): “Strategic Mass Killings” (with Joan Esteban and Dominic Rohner), **Vol.** 123-5, 1087-1132; International Geneva Award winner 2015;
32. *Review of Economic Studies* (2015): “Mediation and Peace” (with Johannes Horner and Francesco Squintani), **Vol.** 82, 1483-501;
33. *Quarterly Journal of Economics* (2015): “The Geography of Inter-State Resource Wars” (with Francesco Caselli and Dominic Rohner) **Vol** 130-1, pp. 267-315;
34. *Social Choice and Welfare* (2015): “Approval Quorums Dominate Participation Quorums” (with Francois Maniquet), **Vol.** 45-1, 1-27 (lead article);
35. *Journal of Public Economics* (2014): “A Volatility-Based Theory of Fiscal Union Desirability,” (with Jaime Luque and Jose’ Tavares), **Vol.** 112-C, 1-11 (lead article);

36. *Economic Journal* (2014): “Turnout and Power Sharing” (with Helios Herrera and Tom Palfrey), **Vol.** 124 (issue 574), 131-62;
37. *Journal of Theoretical Politics* (2014): “Ideology and Information in Policy making” (with Richard Van Weelden), **Vol.** 25(3), 412-39 – (awarded the 2015 Elinor Ostrom Prize for the best paper published in JTP during 2014);
38. *Economica* (2014): “The Incumbency Effects of Signalling” (with Francesco Caselli, Tom Cunningham and Ines Moreno de Barreda), **Vol.** 81 (issue 323), 397-418;
39. *Economic Theory* (2012): “Pork vs. Public Good Provision: An Experiment within a Legislative Bargaining Framework” (with Guillaume Fréchet and John Kagel); **Vol.** 49-3, pp. 779-800;
40. *American Economic Journal: Microeconomics* (2012): “Competitive non linear Taxation and Constitutional Choice,” (with Huanxing Yang and Lixin Ye), **Vol.** 4-1, 142-75;
41. *Rivista di Politica Economica* (2012): “Union Integration Paths”, lead article, pp 7-25;
42. *Handbook on the Political Economy of War* (2011), edited by Chris Coyne, Elgar Publishing: “The Reasons for Wars - an Updated Survey” (with Matthew O. Jackson), Chapter 3;
43. *Review of Economic Design* (2009): “Institutional Design and Conflict; an Introduction.” **Vol** 13(3), 167-70;
44. *Quarterly Journal of Political Science* (2009): “Strategic Militarization, Deterrence and Wars,” (with Matthew O. Jackson) **Vol.** 4-4, 279-313;
45. *American Journal of Political Science* (2008): “Incumbents’ Interests and Gender Quotas” (with Francois Maniquet and Guillaume R. Fréchet) **Vol.** 52-4, 891-909;
46. *Journal of Economic Theory* (2007): “Entrepreneurial Talent, Occupational Choice and Trickle Up Policies” (with Maitreesh Ghatak and Tomas Sjöström), **Vol.** 137, 27-48; also reprinted in *Entrepreneurship in Recession* (2011), edited by S.C. Parker, as part of “THE INTERNATIONAL LIBRARY OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP Series,” Editor: David B. Audretsch;

47. *American Economic Review* (2007): “Political Bias and War” (with Matthew O. Jackson), Vol. **97-4**, 1353-73;
48. *American Economic Review* (2006): “Self-Enforcing Voting in International Organizations” (with Giovanni Maggi), Vol. **96-4**, 1137-58;
also reprinted in *Public International Law* (November 2010), edited by Eric A. Posner, Elgar Publishing;
49. *Econometrica* (2005): “Behavioral Identification in Coalitional Bargaining: an Experimental Analysis of Demand Bargaining and Alternating Offers” (with Guillaume Fréchette and John Kagel), Vol. **73-6**, 1893-939;
50. *Games and Economic Behavior* (2005): “Gamson’s Law versus Noncooperative Bargaining Theories” (with Guillaume Fréchette and John Kagel), Vol. **51-2**, 365-82;
51. *Journal of Public Economics* (2005): “Nominal Bargaining Power, Selection Protocol and Discounting in Legislative Bargaining” (with Guillaume Fréchette and John Kagel), Vol. **89-8**, 1497-1518;
52. *Journal of Public Economics* (2004): “Bad Politicians” (with Francesco Caselli), Vol. **88/3-4**, 759-82;
53. *Journal of Economic Theory* (2004): “Retrading in Market Games” (with Sayantan Ghosal), Vol. **115**, 151-81;
54. *Review of Economic Studies* (2004): “Party Formation and Policy Outcomes under Different Electoral Systems,” Vol. **71-3**, 829-53;
55. *Games and Economic Behavior* (2003): “The Demand Bargaining Set: General Characterization and Application to Majority Games” (with Maria Montero), Vol. **42-1**, 146-64;
56. *Review of Economic Studies* (2001): “Occupational Choice and Dynamic Incentives” (with Maitreesh Ghatak and Tomas Sjöström), Vol. **68-4**, 781-810;
57. *Review of Economic Design* (2000): “Network Formation with Sequential Demands” (with Sergio Currarini), Vol. **5-3**, 229-49; (best paper award 2000); also reprinted in *Networks and Groups: Models of Strategic Formation*, edited by B. Dutta and M.O. Jackson, Springer Verlag, Heidelberg 2003;

58. *American Political Science Review* (1999): “Demand Competition and Policy Compromise in Legislative Bargaining,” Vol. **93-4**, 809-20;
59. *Research in Economics* (1997): “Game-Theoretic Definitions of Fairness and the Contractualistic Foundations of Justice” (with Pier Luigi Sacco), Vol. 51-4, 387-400;

• **Other publications:**

60. *LISER Policy Brief* (2022): “Democracies in Danger: How Can we Break the Vicious Circle of Populism?” (with Frederic Docquier and Eugenio Peluso);
61. *IEB Policy Report* (2020): “Economic Insecurity, Disillusion and the (Temporary?) Success of Populism;”
62. *SUERF Policy Note* (2020): “The Paradox of Endogenous Nationalism and the Role of Quantitative Easing,” Issue 140; also contained in the conference proceedings volume *Populism Economic Policies and Central Banking*, edited by Ernest Gnan and Donato Masciandaro;
63. *Middle East Policy* (2014): “The Turkey-KRG Energy Partnership: Assessing Its Implications” (with Costantino Pischedda), Vol. 21(1), 107-21;
64. *National Interest* (2013): “Let Turkey and Kurdistan Get Closer,” with Costantino Pischedda.
65. *American Political Science Review* (2007): “Demand Commitment and Legislative Bargaining: A Response.” Vol. **101(4)**, 851;
66. “Oil, Federalism, and Third-party Intervention: An Assessment of Conflict Risk in Iraqi Kurdistan”, in Filippo Andreatta (ed.), *Solutions and Failures in Identity-based Conflicts*, Trento: FBK Press (with C. Pischedda).

• **Working papers:**

1. “The Shift to Commitment Politics and Populism: Theory and Evidence” (with Luca Bellodi, Antonio Nicolò and Paolo Roberti), under review;

2. “Digging Up Trenches: Populism, Selective Mobility and the Political Polarization of Italian Municipalities” (with Bellodi, Docquier, Iundolo and Turati), IZA dp no. 16732;
3. “The Financial Drivers of Populism in Europe” (with Luigi Guiso, Tommaso Sonno and Helios Herrera), CEPR DP no. 17332;
4. “Populism: Demand and Supply” (with Luigi Guiso, Helios Herrera and Tommaso Sonno), *CEPR* DP no. 11871;
5. “The Populist Dynamic: Experimental Evidence on the Effects of Countering Populism” (with Vincenzo Galasso, Tommaso Nannicini and Piero Stanig), *CEPR* dp no. 18826;
6. “Social Structure, State and Economic Activity” (with Yann Bramoulle and Sanjeev Goyal), *CEPR* dp no. 18971;
7. “The Political Economy of Open Borders: Theory and Evidence on the Role of Electoral Systems” (with Matteo Gamalerio and Margherita Negri);
8. “The Common Determinants of Legislative and Regulatory Complexity” (with Dana Foarta), resubmitted to *Journal of Law, Economics and Organization*;
9. “Corruption and Extremism” (with Attila Gaspar, Tommaso Giommoni and Antonio Nicolò), resubmitted to *Journal of Development Economics*;
10. “A Complex Compromise: Ideology and Regulatory Complexity in the US Federal Bureaucracy” (with Luca Bellodi and Matia Vannoni);
11. “Position Taking and the Quality of Legislation: A Text and Network Analysis for the US Congress” (with Tommaso Giommoni and Daniele Paserman);
12. “The Economic Costs of Ambiguous Laws” (with Tommaso Giommoni, Luigi Guiso and Claudio Michelacci);
13. “A Two-Edged Sword? Banking Regulation, Complexity and the Economy” (with Donato Masciandaro and Matia Vannoni), in preparation;
14. “Stay, Split or Overthrow: Theory and Evidence on Secessionist vs Centrist Conflict” (with Joan Esteban, Sabine Flamand and Dominic Rohner);

15. “Power in the Pipeline” (with Quentin Gallia and Dominic Rohner);

• **Opinion pieces and main columns:**

1. *The Conversations* (2022): “US Midterm Elections 2022: History Makes us Predict a Significant Drop in Law Making Quantity and Quality.”
2. *La Voce* (2022): “Riforma Elettorale Proporzionale: l’occasione persa.”
3. *Vox EU* (2022): “Financial Crises as Drivers of Populism. A New Channel.” Also translated in Italian for *La Voce*.
4. *Vox EU* (2021A): “Regulation and Economic Growth: a ‘Contingent’ Relationship.” <https://voxeu.org/article/regulation-and-economic-growth-contingent-relationship>
5. *Vox EU* (2021B): “Expelling the Experts: The Cost of Populism for Bureaucratic Expertise and Government Performance” (with Luca Bellodi and Matia Vannoni); <https://voxeu.org/article/populism-bureaucratic-expertise-and-government-performance>
6. *Vox EU* lead commentary (2020): “Political Participation, Populism and the Covid-19 Crisis” <https://voxeu.org/article/political-participation-populism-and-covid-19-crisis>
7. *Vox EU* October 2017: “The Spread of Populism in Western Countries” (with Luigi Guiso, Helios Herrera and Tommaso Sonno);
8. *The Political Economist* (2017): “Populism: Protection Demand and Disinformation Supply” (with Luigi Guiso, Helios Herrera and Tommaso Sonno);
9. *Vox EU* (November 26 2016): “The Italian Constitutional Reform and Legislative Efficiency” (with Moritz Osnabruegge);
10. *VoxEU* (November 3 2014): “Fixing Europe in the Short and Long Run: the European Federal Institute” (with Luigi Guiso);
11. *Vox EU* (July 19 2013): “Asymmetric Oil: Fuel for Conflict” (with F. Caselli and D. Rohner);
12. *Vox EU* (January 2012): “Is this the End of Populism in Europe?” (with Luigi Guiso and Helios Herrera);

- **Newspaper articles for:** *Il Sole 24Ore; La Repubblica; Il Foglio; EuroIntelligence.com; La Voce, Vox, Linkiesta, Noise from Amerika, Columbia Spectator.*

- **Teaching:**

- Graduate courses taught until now:

- Topics in International Relations and Conflict Theory;
- The Political Economy of Institutions;
- Game Theory (cooperative and non-cooperative);
- Mechanism Design and Contract Theory;
- Public economic theory.

- Current Undergraduate course at BSC level: *International Relations.*

- Current teaching at master level: *Decisions and Organizations.*

- Previously taught undergraduate courses: Political Economy, Game theory, intermediate microeconomics, natural resources and conflict.

- **Editorial tasks and service to the profession in general:**

- Editor of the *Handbook of Economics of Conflict* (with Debraj Ray, Oeindrila Dube and Tomas Sjoström), North Holland – expected completion Spring 2024;

- Associate Editor for *Social Choice and Welfare*;

- Springer editorial board member, *Review of Economic Design*, since 2009; Editor of special issue on *Institutional Design and Conflict*, 2009, volume 13(3);

- Associate Editor of *Political Science Research and Methods* 2015-19;

- Chair of MinE best paper EEA award committee for 2022,2023;

- member of the committee for inclusion, disability and well being for Bocconi University, 2022-24;

- member of the social inclusion lab at Dondena research center;

- member of the Council of *European Economic Association* 2018-22;
 - Associate member of *ThReD*, an organization devoted to frontier *Theoretical Research in Development* economics.
- **Reviewer for:** *American Economic Review, Journal of Political Economy, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Econometrica, Review of Economic Studies, Journal of Economic Theory, Games and Economic Behavior, Journal of the European Economic Association, International Economic Review, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, Review of Economic Design, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Law and Economics, Journal of Public Economic Theory, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Law, Economics and Organization, Journal of Comparative Economics, American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, British Journal of Political Science, International Studies Quarterly, Quarterly Journal of Political Science, Journal of Theoretical Politics, and National Science Foundation.*
- **Ph.D. thesis supervising:** My advisees have obtained academic positions or post-doc positions at UCSD, NYU, UCL, Princeton, EUI, Warwick, Toulouse, Oxford, ETH Zurich, LSE, Cambridge, St. Andrews, Queen Mary, San Paolo, FJV, , , Bristol, Kings College, Birkbeck College, Tilburg, Barcelona.
- **Hobbies:** Jazz, rowing and swimming.