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CURRENT POSITIONS

2022 – present **Bank of Italy**, Florence, Italy
Economist, Regional Economic Research Division

2020 – present **European University Institute**, Florence, Italy
PhD Researcher in Economics
Supervisors: Prof. Andrea Ichino and Prof. Thomas Crossley
Expected completion date: Summer 2025

EDUCATION

2020 – 2021 **European University Institute**, Florence, Italy
M.Res. in Economics

2016 – 2018 **Bocconi University**, Milan, Italy
M.Sc. in Economic and Social Sciences. Thesis title: *The Second Demographic Transition in Italy: evolution and correlates at the provincial level*. Supervisor: Prof. Francesco C. Billari.
Final grade: 110/110 *cum laude* (GPA: 29.4/30)

2016 **Maastricht University**, Maastricht, The Netherlands
Erasmus semester abroad

2013 – 2016 **Bocconi University**, Milan, Italy
B.Sc. in Economic and Social Sciences. Thesis title: *Lotta alla povertà in Italia: il Reddito di Inclusione Sociale*. Supervisor: Prof. Carlo Devillanova. Final grade: 110/110 *cum laude* (GPA: 29.4/30)

2008 – 2013 **Liceo Melchiorre Gioia**, Piacenza, Italy
High school in Classical Studies. Final grade: 100/100 *cum laude*

WORK EXPERIENCE

2022 **European University Institute**, Florence, Italy
Research Assistant to the Head of Department (Prof. Andrea Ichino) for the Self-Assessment Report of the Economics Department

2018 – 2020 **Osservatorio sui Conti Pubblici Italiani, Catholic University**, Milan, Italy
Junior Economist. Supervisors: Prof. Carlo Cottarelli and Prof. Giampaolo Galli. Main tasks: analysis of public spending, taxation, fiscal deficit and public debt in Italy

2018 **Mediobanca**, Milan, Italy
Intern, Research Area. Main tasks: analysis of Italian firms' balance sheet data and implementation of a survey on risk management (drafting of the questions, data collection, data analysis)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Family Economics, Labor Economics, Gender Economics, Political Economy, Microeconometrics

WORKING PAPERS

Parental Retirement and Fertility Decisions across Family Policy Regimes

This paper investigates whether parental retirement affects the timing of adult couples' fertility decisions and whether the effect is heterogeneous across family policy regimes in Europe. I use SHARE data for the period 2004-2018 and consider 11 countries belonging to three different regimes (Continental, Mediterranean and Nordic). Results from a regression discontinuity design suggest that parental retirement has a significant and positive causal effect only in Mediterranean countries, where it is driven by an increase in the availability of informal childcare. These findings are consistent with the hypothesis that parental support matters more in countries with weaker family policies and stronger family ties, and indicate that increases in the retirement age might have unintended negative consequences on fertility rates in Southern Europe by delaying adult couples' fertility decisions.

Do Female Leaders Choose Women? Evidence from Visible and Hidden Appointments, with A. Cintolesi

We study the effect of having women in power instead of men on the appointment of other women. We use mixed-gender elections in Italian municipalities held since 1993 and observe the share of women appointed by the mayor to the executive committee (visible appointments) and to the board of municipal SOEs (hidden appointments). We find that when a woman marginally defeats a man the share of women appointed to visible positions drops by 5.7 pp, while the share of women appointed to hidden positions does not change. The effect appears only from the early 2000s, when gender issues began to receive attention, and it shows up earlier in regions where public opinion is more sensitive to gender equality. These results suggest that male leaders nominate more women in visible positions because they are subject to more stringent scrutiny on gender issues than female leaders. Other mechanisms do not find support in the data.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

The Impact of Excellence Funding on Scientific Productivity and Academic Careers, with N. Cattadori and E. Lazzaro

High-Speed Rail and Students' Mobility, with E. Lazzaro

GRANTS AND AWARDS

2020 – 2022	PhD grant, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
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CERTIFICATES

2019	GRE General Test 169Q (95 th percentile), 166V (97 th percentile)
2019	TOEFL iBT Test 112/120

LANGUAGE AND COMPUTER SKILLS

Languages: Italian (native); English (fluent); French (intermediate)

Software and programming: MS Office, LATEX, Stata (advanced); R (basic)