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Current position

- September 2013 - present: **Assistant Professor**, Department of Economics (FAE)
University of Alicante, Alicante, Spain

Education

- September 2007 - April 2013: **Ph.D. in Economics**
Bocconi University, Milan, Italy
- September 2005 - September 2006: **M.A. in Development Economics**
University of Sussex, Brighton, UK
- September 2000 - February 2005: **M.A. in Public Administration and International Institutions Management, major in International Institutions**
Bocconi University, Milan, Italy. Final grade: 110/110 cum laude

Visiting Positions

- November 2016 - December 2016: IRES. University of Louvain-La-Neuve, Louvain-La-Neuve, Belgium
- September 2009 - September 2010: CRED. University of Namur, Namur, Belgium

Field of Interest

Development Economics, Labour Economics, Economics of Education and Health, Applied Econometrics

Publications

- "Family Planning and Child Health Care: Effect of the Peruvian Programa de Salud Reproductiva y Planificación Familiar, 1996-2000" (with Nina Pallares), forthcoming in *Population and Development Review*.
- "The Curse of Low Expectations: Remedial Education and Perceived Returns to Education of Roma People" (with Lara Lebedinski), *Economics of Transition*, 25(4): 681-721, 2017
- "Equal Access to Education: An Evaluation of the Roma Teaching Assistant Program in Serbia" (with Lara Lebedinski), *World Development*, 76: 62-81, December 2015
- "Migration, Health Knowledge and Teenage Fertility: Evidence from Mexico", *SERIEs: Journal of the Spanish Economic Association*, 6(2): 179-206, 2015

Working Papers

- “Repayment Flexibility and Risk Taking: Experimental Evidence from Credit Contracts” (with Selim Gulesci and Andreas Madestam), *DP13329 CEPR Discussion Papers*. Reject and Resubmit at *The Review of Economic Studies*.
- “Segregation and Fertility: the Case of the Roma in Serbia” (with Bastien Chabé-Ferret and Lara Lebedinski), *Discussion Papers (IRES - Institut de Recherches Economiques et Sociales) 2017-11*, *Université catholique de Louvain, Institut de Recherches Economiques et Sociales (IRES)*. Submitted
- “Non-Cognitive Skills and Remedial Education: Good News for Girls” (with Marisa Hidalgo-Hidalgo), *WP-AD 2019-01*. Submitted
- “Luck, Math and Gender” (with Pedro Albarran and Marcello Sartarelli). Submitted.

Research in Progress

- “Medium Term Effects of the Roma Teaching Assistant Program” (with Lara Lebedinski)

Teaching experience

- 2018-2019: Introduction to Statistics (undergraduate), University of Alicante
- 2013-2019: Labour Economics (Master), University of Alicante (Overall Teaching Evaluation: 9/10)
- 2011-2013: Teaching Assistant in Econometrics (PhD), Bocconi University
(Overall Teaching Evaluation: 0.9/1)
Teaching Assistant in Development Economics (undergraduate), Bocconi University
- 2010-2011: Teaching Assistant in Public Economics (undergraduate), Bocconi University
Teaching Assistant in Development Economics (undergraduate), Bocconi University
- 2007-2009: Teaching Assistant in Macroeconomics (undergraduate), Bocconi University
Teaching Assistant in Microeconomics (undergraduate), Bocconi University
- 2007: Quantitative Analysis of Poverty (Master), CID, University of Bologna

Honors and Grants

- September 2017 - September 2019: Ramón Areces research grant “Non-cognitive Skills and Remedial Education: The role of Teachers” (with Marisa Hidalgo-Hidalgo)
- September 2009 - September 2010: CRED. University of Namur, Namur, Belgium
AMID fellowship-early stage researcher
- September 2008 - 2012: Bocconi University Fellowship
- 2005: Award “Borsa di Studio Roberto Franceschi” for best final dissertations in social and development issues
- January 2003 - June 2003: Institut d’études politiques de Paris, Paris, France
Exchange Student Program fellowship

Professional Activities

Selected Conferences and Invited Seminars

- April 2019: 4th Annual Researcher Gathering on Financial Inclusion & Social Protection, Northwestern University, Evanston, USA
- November 2018: BCDE9, Santa Cruz, Bolivia
- November 2018: Workshop on Remedial Education, non-cognitive skills and gender, Sevilla, Spain
- June 2018: IZA World Labor Conference, Berlin, Germany
- November 2017: Invited seminar at Universitat Rovira i Virgili, Tarragona, Spain
- November 2017: Invited seminar at Aix-Marseille School of Economics, Aix-en-Provence, France
- October 2017: Invited seminar at Navarra Centre For International Development - University of Navarra, Pamplona, Spain
- July 2017: Family in Transition: Context, Values, and Choice, Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies, Tutzing, Germany
- June 2017: 2017 Conference on Health and Development, The Institute of Economics, Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan
- January 2017: Invited workshop on Remedial Education in Europe: Some Lessons, FEDEA, Madrid, Spain
- December 2016: SAEe 2016, Universidad del Pais Vasco, Bilbao, Spain
- December 2016: Invited seminar at Maastricht University Graduate School of Governance, Maastricht, The Netherlands
- November 2016: Invited seminar at IRES - Université catholique de Louvain, Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium
- August 2016: 56th ERSa Congress, University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria
- June 2014: 28th Annual Conference of the European Society for Population Economics (ESPE), University of Minho, Braga, Portugal
- November 2013: Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference (NEUDC), Center for International Development at Harvard University, Cambridge, USA
- June 2012: 26th Annual Conference of the European Society for Population Economics (ESPE), University of Bern, Bern, Switzerland
- June 2012: Student Work in Progress Seminars, UCL, London, UK
- September 2011: CEPR/AMID/BREAD/PSE Development Economics Conference/ Skills training workshop for AMID fellows, Paris School of Economics, Paris, France
- April 2011: NORFACE Conference - Migration: Economic Change, Social Challenge, University College London, London, UK
- June 2010: 2nd AMID Summer school, London, UK
- March 2010: CRED - LICOS workshop, University of Namur, Namur, Belgium
- September 2009: AMID/BREAD/CEPR Development Economics Symposium, LSE, London, UK
- June 2009: 1st AMID Summer school: An Introduction to Field Surveys in LCDs, University of Namur, Namur, Belgium

Referee

Labour Economics, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of the European Economic Association, Population and Environment, Journal of Demographic Economics, SERIE AD - Publicaciones IVIE, SERIEs: Journal of the Spanish Economic Association, Economia Politica, IZA Journal of Labor Economics

Work Experience

- January 2009 - March 2009: **Bocconi University**
Research Assistant for Tommy E. Murphy for “The Colonial Origins of the Divergence in the Americas: A Labor Market Approach” (joint with Robert C. Allen and Eric B. Schneider), *Journal of Economic History*, Vol. 72(4), 2012
- January 2007 - July 2007: **Triple Line Consulting, c/o LSE Consortium Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina**
Junior Expert in the project “Support to Poverty Reduction Policies in Bosnia and Herzegovina”, managed by London School of Economics Consortium, for Department of International Development (DFID)
- January 2007 - July 2007: **Nomisma S.p.A., Societa di studi economici, Bologna, Italy**
Research fellow in the area Cooperation to Development (International Programmes). Applied research and data analysis for the European project “Migravalue-Fostering Cohesion in the CADSES Space: Migration as a Development Tool”
- March 2005 - July 2005: **IOM (International Organization for Migration). Mission Chile, Santiago de Chile, Chile**
Internship. Junior Economist in the Office for Methodological Assistance to Projects for the Management of Migration
- July 2002 - August 2002: **ONLUS “Amici del Brasile”, Fortaleza, Brasil**
Participation in local economic development projects and educational programmes in communities of semi-arid in Ceara (Brasil). Volunteer experience

Language skills

Italian (Mother tongue); **English** (Fluent); **Spanish** (Fluent); **French** (Advanced); **Portuguese** (Intermediate)

Additional Information

French national academic qualification as *Maitre de Conference*, Section 5 *Sciences Economiques*, analogous to *Ricercatore nel macrosettore di Economia 13/A*, 7th February 2017; Spanish national academic qualification as *Profesor Ayudante Doctor, Ciencias Economicas y Empresariales*, analogous to *Ricercatore nei macrosettori di Economia 13/A ed Economia Aziendale 13/B*, 15th January 2016.

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