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## CURRICULUM VITAE:

### INFORMAZIONI PERSONALI

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***Il sottoscritto allega alla presente richiesta di ammissione a partecipare un CV redatto in altro formato, contenente tutte le informazioni richieste e altre che possono essere rilevanti per la mia candidatura.***

### OCCUPAZIONE ATTUALE

Incarico	Struttura
PhD Cadidate, TA	Università Bocconi

### ISTRUZIONE E FORMAZIONE

Titolo	Corso di studi	Università	anno conseguimento titolo
Laurea Magistrale o equivalente	Bachelor of Science in Economics (Equipollenza con Laurea Magistrale presentata per l'inizio del dottorato in Bocconi)	Georgia State University	2015
Dottorato Di Ricerca	Economics and Finance	Università Bocconi	2021

### LINGUE STRANIERE CONOSCIUTE

lingue	livello di conoscenza
Inglese	Avanzato
Francese	Intermedio
Spagnolo	Intermedio



## PREMI, RICONOSCIMENTI E BORSE DI STUDIO

anno	Descrizione premio
2013	Atlantis Program Scholarship, Borsa di studio per finanziare una seconda laurea alla Georgia State University
2014	President's List at Georgia State University, Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Summer 2014
2014	Erasmus+ Scholarship per studiare a Université Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines
2015-19	Bocconi PhD Fellowship
2016	Netspar Bachelor Thesis Award
2017	Fondi di ricerca Fondazione Franceschi
2019	Fondazione Invernizzi Funding for Promising Research Candidates
2020	Fondazione Invernizzi Funding for Promising Research Candidates

## ATTIVITÀ DI FORMAZIONE O DI RICERCA

### **Rescue on Stage: Border Enforcement and Public Attention in the Mediterranean Sea (JMP)**

Irregular migrants attempt to cross the Mediterranean Sea to reach Europe. European border enforcement has the conflicting objectives of preventing irregular migration and granting humane treatment to migrants. The former would lead policy to deter border crossings, at the cost of increasing risk for migrants; the latter would require reducing this risk. Exploiting geo-located data on the universe of rescue operations for migrants leaving from Libya to Europe from 2014 to 2017, I show that rescue policy influences departures. Using exogenous variation coming from commercial sea traffic, I also show that policy impacts death risk for migrants. The implied trade-off is dynamic, as present policy influences future policy expectations by migrants. In addition, if the policy maker is more concerned with outcomes when they get more visibility, this trade-off interacts with public attention. Using shocks to attention uncorrelated with policy and migration, I empirically find that this is the case. Then, I propose and estimate a dynamic model of policy choice and public attention. Using my results, I show that past rescue policy was suboptimal in minimizing deaths of migrants. I also use the estimated preferences to assess the policy makers' willingness to accept migrants' deaths in exchange for reducing migrants' arrivals.

### **Informing Risky Migration: Experimental Evidence from Guinea**

*Joint with Lucia Corno and Eliana La Ferrara*

We conduct a large-scale randomized experiment in 160 secondary schools in the Republic of Guinea to study whether risky and irregular migration towards Europe can be reduced by providing information on the risks and costs of the journey and on the economic situation in destination countries. Combining hard data and video-testimonies by migrants who settled in Europe, we study the effect of three treatments: one in which we deliver information about risks and costs of the journey, one in which we give information about migrants economic outcomes, and a treatment pooling the two previous types of information. Preliminary results show that information affects perceptions about risks and economic outcomes, as well as migration intentions.

### **Third Party Interest, Resource Value, and the Likelihood of Conflict**

*Joint with Matteo Bizzarri and Riccardo Franceschin*

We build a model of resource war to investigate the impact of a change in the resource value on the likelihood of a conflict. A predator decides whether to wage war against a resource holder and seize its resource. A powerful third party, who does not act as a social planner but maximizes its own profits, can intervene to back the defendant. The effect of a change in resource value is a priori unclear. On the one hand, increased resource value results in higher incentives to predate. On the other hand, it produces a higher incentive for the third party to intervene, therefore increasing deterrence. Under general assumptions, we find that the probability of a conflict as a function of resource value is hump-shaped. We test our prediction using data on interstate and civil war, a comprehensive measure of natural resource ownership, and a measure relying on geographical determinants of oil presence. We find support for our theory.



## Fueling Organized Crime: Oil Thefts and the Mexican Drug War

*Joint with Gianmarco Daniele, Marco Le Moglie, and Paolo Pinotti*

Work in progress.

## Political Statements and Sentiments on Migration

*Joint with Federico Boffa, Eugenio Levi, and Steven Stillman*

Work in progress.

### CONGRESSI, CONVEGNI E SEMINARI

Data	Titolo	Sede
08/2020	Rescue on Stage: Public Attention and Border Enforcement in the Mediterranean Sea	Econometric Society World Congress, Online
06/2020	Rescue on Stage: Public Attention and Border Enforcement in the Mediterranean Sea	EALE SOLE AASLE World Conference, Online
10/2020	Rescue on Stage: Public Attention and Border Enforcement in the Mediterranean Sea	Oxford Development Workshop, Oxford UK
10/2019	Rescue on Stage: Public Attention and Border Enforcement in the Mediterranean Sea	Workshop on Political Economy, Bolzano
06/2019	Rescue on Stage: Public Attention and Border Enforcement in the Mediterranean Sea	XII International Conference on Migration and Development, Madrid
04/2019	Rescue on Stage: Public Attention and Border Enforcement in the Mediterranean Sea	2019 Development and Political Economy SF Bay Area PhD Student Conference, Stanford
04/2019	Rescue on Stage: Public Attention and Border Enforcement in the Mediterranean Sea	V Workshop on the Economics of Migration, Luxemburg
03/2019	Rescue on Stage: Public Attention and Border Enforcement in the Mediterranean Sea	Forced Displacement, Asylum Seekers and Refugees: Economics Aspects and Policy Issues, London
03/2016	Incorporating Preference Axioms in Discrete Choice Experiment Design <i>Joint with Antonio Nicolò, Giacomo Pasini and Noemi Pace</i>	AIES, XIII National Conference, Bologna



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Le dichiarazioni rese nel presente curriculum sono da ritenersi rilasciate ai sensi degli artt. 46 e 47 del DPR n. 445/2000.

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