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FIELDS

Primary: Applied Microeconometrics, Household Economics
Secondary: Gender Economics

RESEARCH TOPICS

I study how gender norms, family institutions, and invisible burdens within couples shape women's economic autonomy, the allocation of time, women's health, and the risk of violence.
In particular, my research focuses on invisible constraints; intra-household conflict; male responses to normative and cultural changes; how time, norms, and violence intersect women's health behavior

CURRENT POSITION

University of Bergamo, Department of Economics
Assistant Professor of Economics (RTDA)

2025 – present

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

IF=Impact Factors *JCR=Journal Citation Reports

1. Pisanelli, Elena. **“A Tale of Two: Can Gender Equality and Efficiency Go Hand in Hand?”**
Italian Economic Journal, 2025, DOI:10.1007/s40797-025-00322-9.
IF: 1.2 JCR Economics, Econometrics and Finance Q2
2. Pisanelli, Elena. **“Divorce, domestic violence, and help-seeking”**
Italian Economic Journal, 2024, DOI:10.1007/s40797-024-00300-7.
IF: 1.2 JCR Economics, Econometrics and Finance Q2
3. Pisanelli, Elena. **“Your resume is your gatekeeper: Automated resume screening as a strategy to reduce gender gaps in hiring”**
Economics Letters, 2022, vol. 221, 110892, ISSN 0165-1765, DOI:10.1016/j.econlet.2022.110892.
IF: 2.1 JCR Economics and Econometrics Q2

SUBMITTED WORKING PAPERS

1. Pisanelli, E. **“Hidden Coordination and the Organization of Household Production”**.
2. Pisanelli, E. **“Hidden Harm and Coercive Household Externalities”**.
3. Barigozzi, F., P. Biroli, C. Monfardini, N. Montinari, E. Pisanelli and S. Vitellozzi (2025), **“Beyond Time: Unveiling the Invisible Burden of Mental Load”**. CEPR Discussion Paper No. 20269. CEPR Press, Paris & London. *ISSN 0265-8003*.
4. Pisanelli, E. **“Emergency Contraception, Disclosure, and Risk Compensation”**
5. Pisanelli, E. **“Measuring domestic violence: Individual attitudes and time use within the household”**.
6. Pisanelli, E.; Schram, A. **“Even Biased AI Recommendations May Improve Job Candidate Selection”**.

PROJECTS

- **TIMES : A time-use observatory on young couples**
(with Margherita Fort, Chiara Monfardini & Natalia Montinari)

Outputs: Submitted working-papers 2, 3 and 4

TIMES is a project dedicated to addressing the challenges that time introduces into family dynamics to provide support for informed policy decisions. The main goal of the project is to understand through a survey, time diaries, and survey experiments the division of tasks within couples, considering household chores, childcare, family organization, work, and career. TIMES places the concept of time at the center: both as a limited resource to be allocated to daily activities and as an era of change and evolution.

- **Understanding key barriers to Female Labor Force Participation: Sexual Harassment in the Workplace**
(with M Niaz Asadullah & Elisabetta De Cao)

The study aims to assess the prevalence of workplace sexual harassment in emerging sectors in Bangladesh, identify the factors that lead to its occurrence, and examine the impact on the mental health and working performance of those affected. Importantly the study seeks to identify legislative, policy and program interventions that could help address sexual harassment in the workplace. In particular, the study furthers our understanding of the existing formal and informal preventive and mitigation measures against workplace sexual harassment by evaluating and implementing programs that could help reduce workplace-related sexual harassment.

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

CREED, University of Amsterdam, €2.000
European University Institute, Early Career Research Funds €1.900
European University Institute Ph.D. Grant, August 2022 – November 2023
Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs Ph.D. Grant, September 2019 – August 2022

PAST POSITIONS

University of Bologna, Department of Economics Postdoctoral Researcher (Assegnista di ricerca Senior)	2023 – 2025
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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Social Sciences, European University Institute <i>Examining Board: Prof. Klarita Gërxhani (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, supervisor); Prof. Arnout van de Rijt (European University Institute); Prof. Chiara Monfardini (University of Bologna); Prof. Paola Profeta (Bocconi University)</i>	November 2023
M.Res. Public Policy and Social Change, Collegio Carlo Alberto	June 2019
M.Sc. Economics, University of Bergamo	October 2018

AFFILIATION TO RESEARCH CENTERS, INSTITUTES AND RESEARCH GROUPS

GRINS Foundation Researcher within the Spoke 3, wp 3.3. PI: Tullio Jappelli.	2023 – present
Bocconi University, Axa Gender Lab Visiting Researcher, Sponsor: Paola Profeta.	2022 – 2023
Technological Change and Society Research Cluster, European University Institute Researcher, Coordinator: Giacomo Calzolari.	2019 – 2023
Experimental Working Group, European University Institute Researcher, Coordinators: Klarita Gërxhani, Sule Alan, Andrea Mattozzi.	2019 – 2023

TEACHING ACTIVITY

Population Economics: Inequality, Migration and Development, University of Bergamo 2026–2027

Central Banking Policies for Sustainability, University of Bergamo 2025–2027

Student evaluation: 9.1/10 average overall rating.

Above the MSc programme average on all 12 teaching-evaluation dimensions.

Teaching Assistant

Applied Statistics, Collegio Carlo Alberto, graduate level course, M.A. Allievi Honors Program From 2021 to 2023

Introduction to Quantitative Methods, European University Institute, graduate level course, Ph.D. Fall 2020

STUDENTS MENTORING

Matilde Penna, Predoctoral Researcher, University of Bologna. June-October 2024.

Elisa Mahfouz, Ph.D. Student in Economics, University of Bologna. From January 2024.

MEDIA COVERAGE ON RESEARCH

lavoce.info, 11/03/2025

Violenza domestica tra cultura, norme e conseguenze inattese

ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCES AND COORDINATION OF ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Organizer of the session “Gender Harassment in the Workplace” at the 65th meeting of Italian Economic Society (SIE)

SELECTED CONFERENCES PRESENTATIONS

GRINS Spoke 3 WP 3.3 Workshop (2025)

SIE (2024)

Educational interventions and inequalities (TEMPO) Workshop Montepulciano (2024)

Health Economics of Risky Behaviors - HERB (2024)

EALE (2023)

AIEL (2023)

Joint Political Economy and Applied Microeconomics Workshop (2022)

20th “Brucchi Luchino” Labor Economics Workshop (2022)

37th meeting of the European Economic Association (2022)

REFEREEING

ILR Review, Experimental Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, Review of Economics of the Household, Behavioral Sciences

CAREER BREAKS

January to June 2025 : birth of child (compulsory maternity leave)

SKILLS

Stata

Python (supervised machine learning)

O-Tree

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SAS

LateX