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PERSONAL INFORMATION

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CURRENT POSITIONS

Sep 2025 - present *Assistant Professor* (RTDA) in ECONOMIC POLICY
(13/ECON-02 Politica Economica)
Department of Economics - University of Bergamo
Bergamo, Italy

Sep 2025 - present *Affiliate Researcher* at the CHAIR OF MICROECONOMICS
Friedrich Schiller University Jena
Jena, Germany

PAST POSITIONS

Sep 2024 - Mar 2025 *Visiting Researcher* at SCANCOR
Stanford University
Palo Alto, USA

Jan 2022 - Aug 2025 *Post-doc* at the CHAIR OF MICROECONOMICS
Friedrich Schiller University Jena
Jena, Germany

Sep 2017 - Jul 2022 *PhD Candidate* in MANAGEMENT
LUISS Guido Carli University
Rome, Italy

Nov 2012 - Aug 2017 *Economist and Statistical Analyst*
MET - Monitoraggio Economia e Territorio
<https://www.met-economia.it/en/>
Via Sabotino 2/a, 00195 Rome (Italy)

EDUCATION

- Sep 2017 - Jul 2022 PhD in MANAGEMENT awarded *summa cum laude*
LUISS Guido Carli University (Italy)
Dissertation: “Essays on the Co-Evolution Between Strategies and Technologies”
Supervisors: Luigi Marengo, Valentina Meliciani
- Jun 2021 THEORETICAL ORGANIZATIONAL MODELS SOCIETY
SUMMER SCHOOL (*Online*)
- Jan 2021 - Jul 2021 ONLINE VISITING at the **Utrecht University** (Netherlands)
Department of Human Geography and Spatial Planning
Visiting Supervisors: Carolina Castaldi, Koen Frenken
- Sep 2011 - Sep 2012 Master of Science in ECONOMIC POLICY
University College London (United Kingdom)
Thesis: “Financial development and economic growth: can proxies reveal the link?”
- Sep 2008 - Jul 2011 Master of Science in ECONOMICS (in English)
University of Bologna (Italy)
Thesis: “Taxation and Redistributive Policies in a Political Economy perspective.”
- Sep 2009 - Feb 2010 ERASMUS PROGRAM
Université Paris Ouest Nanterre La Défense (France)
- Sep 2005 - Nov 2008 Bachelor of Science in LAW AND ECONOMICS
University of Bologna (Italy)
Thesis: “Firms’ competition under switching costs.”

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2025-present **Innovazione: Economia e Politiche** (*graduate*, in Italian)
LECTURER - Università di Bergamo
Geoeconomia e Trasformazione Digitale (*graduate*, in Italian)
CO-LECTURER with *Elena Cefis* - Università di Bergamo
- 2022-2025 **Economics of Innovation II - Industry Dynamics** (*graduate*)
LECTURER - Friedrich Schiller University Jena
- 2023-2024 **Economics of Innovation I - Innovation Decision** (*graduate*)
LECTURER - Friedrich Schiller University Jena
- 2022-2023 **Economics of Innovation I - Innovation Decision** (*graduate*)
TA to professor Uwe Cantner - Friedrich Schiller University
- 2023 **Economics of Innovation III - Economic Dynamics and Structural Change** (*graduate*)

	CO-LECTURER with <i>Holger Graf</i> and <i>Nils Grasof</i> Friedrich Schiller University Jena
2022-2025	Master Theses SUPERVISOR - Friedrich Schiller University
2022-2025	Seminar: Economics of Innovation SUPERVISOR - Friedrich Schiller University
2020-2021	Managerial Decision Making - Game Theory (<i>graduate</i>) TA to professor Luigi Marengo - LUISS University

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2026 **Seedcorn Grant** (*principal investigator*) awarded by the University of Bergamo to finance interdepartmental research, €6.000
- 2022 **Italian Economic Association Prize for the Best Doctoral Thesis in Economic Science**, XXII Edition (*ex aequo with Francesco Maura*)
- 2017 **“Amici della LUISS” PhD scholarship**, 4 years scholarship granted by the “*Amici della LUISS*” association
- 2009 **Erasmus Exchange Program Scholarship**, University of Bologna

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Industry Dynamics, Innovation, Complex System Perspective, Behavioral Theories, NK Models, Regional Dynamics.

ARTICLES IN REFEREED JOURNALS

- “The co-evolution of market structure and product architecture” (with K. Frenken), *Industrial and Corporate Change*, 2026, online version: [Link](#)
- “Absolute, average-based, and rank-based aspirations”(with J. Denrell, A. Zeijen, and L. Marengo), *Strategic Management Journal*, 2025, 46(8), 1930-1946. [Link](#)
- “Signposts for Problemistic Search: Reference Points and Adaptation in Rugged Landscapes” (with A. Zeijen, and L. Marengo), *Strategy Science*, 2025, 10(3), 263-279. [Link](#)
- “From a distinctive sign to an exchangeable asset: exploring the U.S. market for trademark licensing” (with E. Ferrucci, M.I. Leone, and A. Toros), *Industry and Innovation*, 2020, 27(1-2), 25-51. [Link](#)
- “Innovation activities and learning processes in the crisis. Evidence from Italian export in manufacturing and services” (with R. Brancati, E. Marrocu, and S. Usai), *Industrial and Corporate Change*, 2018, 27(1), 107-130. [Link](#)

“The innovation in the evolution of the ‘Italian industrial model’: lights and shadows” (with A. Romagnoli), *Economic Change and Restructuring*, 2016, 49(2), 309-337. [Link](#)

WORKING PAPERS

“Technological Exaptation: A Multilevel Model Based on Generalized NK Landscapes” (with M. Mastrogiorio and L. Marengo), *in preparation for submission*

WORK IN PROGRESS

“Functions, Modular Architectures, and Technological Evolvability” (with L. Marengo)

“Local Technological Evolution and University-Industry Collaboration” (with V. Melicani)

“Tasks’ Interdependence, Bottlenecks, and Technical Change” (with L. Marengo and E. Cefis)

“A backward-forward taxonomy of inventions for the study of radical change” (with U. Cantner)

BOOK CHAPTERS

“L’internazionalizzazione come centro gravitazionale del dinamismo imprenditoriale” [title in English: “*Internationalization as the gravitational center of entrepreneurial dynamism.*”] (with R. Brancati) in Various Authors, *Integrazione internazionale e innovazione. Rapporto CER 3/2014*, Centro Europa Ricerche: Roma, pp. 53-64, 2015.

“Le differenti dimensioni dell’internazionalizzazione” [title in English: “*The different dimensions of internationalization strategies*”] in R. Brancati (eds.), *Le strategie per la crescita. Imprese, mercati, Stato. Rapporto MET 2015*, Meridiana Libri: Roma, pp.59-90, 2015.

“La struttura industriale italiana nella crisi: l’evoluzione 2008-2011” [title in English: “*The Italian industrial structure during the crisis: 2008-2011*”] (with R. Brancati and A. Maresca) in Brancati R. (eds.) *Crisi industriale e crisi fiscale. Rapporto MET 2012*, Meridiana Libri: Roma, pp. 65- 100, 2012.

REPORTS

“I settori strategici – Il quadro teorico e una sintetica rassegna della letteratura.” [title in English: “*Strategic sectors - a theoretical framework and a short review of the literature*”] (with L. Marengo), 2020, Report for Cassa Depositi e Prestiti.

“Firm-Level Drivers of Export Performance and External Competitiveness in Italy” (with E. Brancati, R. Brancati, D. Guarascio, A. Maresca, and A. Zanfei), 2018, *European Economy* European Commission Discussion Paper 087 (ISSN 2443-8022, ISBN 978-92-79-77424-9). [Link](#)

I have contributed to several reports on the topic of innovation and industrial development written by MET for Italian central and regional governments (Emilia-Romagna, Toscana, Lazio, Umbria, Marche, Sardegna, Italian Ministry of Economic Development among others) as well as for private companies (Eni, Fiera di Milano, Cassa Depositi e Prestiti).

PARTICIPATIONS TO RESEARCH PROJECTS

- 2026 **Researcher** in the project: **“STRATI - STRuttura produttiva, diseguaglianze territoriAli e conseguenze eleTtorali dell’Impoverimento”**
Seedcorn grant for interdepartmental research.
Project **founded**, €6.000.
Role: Principal Investigator.
- 2025 **Researcher** in the project: **“INTEGRATE - Innovation, Green and Digital Transitions and the Effects on Territorial Inequality and Democratic Resilience in Europe”**
Horizon Europe Call HORIZON-CL2-2025-01-DEMOCRACY-08: Economic inequalities and their impact on democracy.
Project evaluated above the excellence threshold; not funded.
Role: scientific support in the writing and submission of the Work Packages.
PI: Elena Cefis
- 2020 **Researcher** in the project: **“I settori strategici - Il quadro teorico e una sintetica rassegna della letteratura”** for Cassa Depositi e Prestiti
- 2019 **Researcher** in the project: **“Open Innovation, un nuovo indicatore per la misurazione del fenomeno”** for Fondazione ENEL
- 2017 **Researcher** in the project: **“Firm-level Drivers of Export Performance and External Competitiveness in Italy”** for the Commission, Directorate General for Economic and Financial Affairs (DG ECFIN), under contract ECFIN/117/2016/733754.

REFEREE ACTIVITY

Structural Change and Economic Dynamics, Journal of Evolutionary Economics, Strategic Management Journal, Industry and Innovation, Industrial and Corporate Change Strategy Science, Journal of Industrial and Business Economics

PRESENTATIONS AT CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

- 2026 **XXIV SIEPI Annual Workshop**, Bari (Italy)
Annual Conference of the Theoretical Organizational Models Society,
Barcelona (Spain)
21st International Schumpeter Society Conference, Strasbourg (France)
- 2025 **Seminar at SCANCOR**, Stanford (USA)
Annual Meeting of the Italian Economic Association, Napoli (Italy)
- 2024 **Workshop on “Automation, Trade, and Global Value Chain”**,
Parma (Italy) - *presented online*
Seminar at SCANCOR, Stanford (USA)
Annual Conference of the Theoretical Organizational Models Society,
Paris (France)
20th International Schumpeter Society Conference, Gothenburg (Sweden)
Invited Seminar at the **Centre for Integrative Innovation Management**,
Department of Business and Management, SDU, Odense (Denmark)
- 2023 **Annual Meeting of the Italian Economic Association**, L’Aquila (Italy)
AOM - Academy of Management Annual Meeting, Boston (USA)
Strategy Science Conference, Munich (Germany)
- 2022 **Annual Conference of the European Association for Evolutionary
Political Economy**, Naples (Italy)
DRUID 22, Copenhagen (Denmark)
Annual Conference of the Theoretical Organizational Models Society,
Rome (Italy)
- 2021 **DRUID 21**, Copenhagen (Denmark)
18th International Schumpeter Society Conference, Rome (Italy) - *online*
- 2020 **10th Strategy, Entrepreneurship, & Innovation (SEI)**
Doctoral Consortium, Bologna (Italy) - *online*
5th Geography of Innovation Conference, Stavanger (Norway)
- 2017 **AISRe Annual Scientific Conference**, Cagliari (Italy)

ATTENDED SEMINARS, CONFERENCES, AND WORKSHOPS

Annual Conference of the Theoretical Organizational Models Society (SDU, Odense, 23-24/07/2025); *Annual Conference of the Theoretical Organizational Models Society* (Harvard Business School, Boston, 2-3/08/2023); *‘Innovation Growth and International Production. Models and Data Analysis’ Webinar Workshop* (Rome, La Sapienza, 12-14/05/2020); *Presentation of the first results of MET wave 2015* (Rome, Confindustria, 24/06/2016); *Presentation of MET. 2015 Report* (Rome, 17/03/2015); *‘Explaining Economic Change’ Workshop* (La Sapienza University, Rome, 12/11/2014); *cMET05 Conference* (Marche

University, Ancona, 25/06/2014); *Advanced Course in ‘Innovation, Growth and International Production’* (La Sapienza University, Rome, 06/05/2014); *‘L’innovazione in Italia’ - ‘Innovation in Italy’* (Bank of Italy, Rome, 16/01/2014); *‘Innovation and Economic Crisis’ Seminar* (Bank of Italy, Rome, 25/11/2013); *Presentation of MET 2012 Report* (Rome, 10/12/2012).

CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

2023 Jena Summer Academy on “Economics of Radical Change” (*co-organizer*)

RESEARCH AFFILIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

SCANCOR - Scandinavian Consortium for Organizational Research

TOM - Theoretical Organizational Models Society

ISS - International Schumpeter Society

DRUID - Danish Research Unit for Industrial Dynamics

AoM - Academy of Management

SIE - Società Italiana di Economia

SIEPI - Società Italiana di Economia e Politica Industriale

LANGUAGES

Italian (mother), English (fluent), French(fluent), German (beginner)

COMPUTER SKILLS

Econometric/Statistical Software: STATA, SPSS, Eviews

Programming Software: MATLAB, L^AT_EX

Other Softwares: Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Power Point)

ACADEMIC REFERENCES

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