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## Academic Positions

Assistant Professor (RTT), University of Bergamo, Department of Economics, Italy	since 9/2025
Assistant Professor (RTD-A), University of Bergamo, Department of Economics, Italy	9/2023 – 9/2025
Postdoctoral Researcher, IMT School for Advanced Studies, AXES Unit, Italy	9/2021 – 8/2023
Marie Skłodowska Curie Fellow, University of Trento, Department of Economics, Italy	9/2019 – 8/2021
Postdoctoral Associate, University of Rochester, Wallis Institute, USA	8/2018 – 8/2019

## Qualifications

Italian Scientific Qualification as Associate Professor, Sector ECON-01/A	3/7/2024 – 3/7/2035
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## Education

Ph.D. in Economics, University of Essex, UK	2014 – 2018
M.Sc. in Economics, University of Essex (with Distinction), UK	2013 – 2014
M.Sc. in Economics, University of Modena (2-years program, Cum Laude), Italy	2010 – 2012
B.A. in Business Economics, University of Modena, Italy	2006 – 2010

## Publications

- “Welfare and competition in expert advice markets,” (joint with Andrea Albertazzi and Matteo Ploner) **Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization**, 2024, 219, 74-103. DOI: [10.1016/j.jebo.2024.01.011](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jebo.2024.01.011)
- “Competition in costly talk,” **Journal of Economic Theory**, 2023, 213, 105740. DOI: [10.1016/j.jet.2023.105740](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jet.2023.105740)
- “Influential news and policy-making,” **Economic Theory**, 2023, 76(4), 1363–1418. DOI: [10.1007/s00199-023-01499-9](https://doi.org/10.1007/s00199-023-01499-9)

## Working Papers

- “Efficient communication in organizations.” Repository: arXiv. ISSN: 2331-8422. DOI: [10.48550/arxiv.2211.13605](https://doi.org/10.48550/arxiv.2211.13605)
- “The unelected hand? Bureaucratic influence and electoral accountability,” (joint with Christos Mavridis and Simon Lodato). Repository: arXiv. ISSN: 2331-8422. DOI: [10.48550/arXiv.2402.17526](https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2402.17526)
- “Belief patterns with information processing.” Repository: arXiv. ISSN: 2331-8422. DOI: [10.48550/arXiv.2411.17597](https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2411.17597)

## Work in Progress

- Pricing synergistic standards (joint with Salvatore Piccolo, Patrick Rey, and Pekka Sääskilähti)
- Direct competition in the news market (joint with Bianca Sanesi)

## Doctoral Dissertation

“The Political Economy of Strategic Communication.” Essex Repository. DOI: 10.5526/krdq-s273

## Research Visits

University of Bristol, School of Economics (~1 week)	Feb 2023
Bocconi University, IGIER (~2 weeks)	Sept 2019
European University Institute, Department of Economics (~2 months)	Feb-Apr 2017
University of Bonn, Bonn Graduate School of Economics (~1 month)	Jan 2017

## Grants

- Nokia Technologies grant, as the **principal investigator** (10,000€) 2024 – 2026
- PRIN 2022, as a member of the local unit. Local coordinator: Prof. Salvatore Piccolo 2023 – 2025
  - Project: “Market Design Architecture and Industrial Policy in the Digital Era”
- PRIN 2017, as a postdoctoral researcher. Local coordinator: Prof. Ennio Bilancini 2019 – 2022
  - Project: “Cognitive Modes, Social Motives and Prosocial Behavior”
- Marie Skłodowska Curie Individual Fellowship, as the **principal investigator** 2019 – 2021
  - Grant ID: H2020-MSCA-IF-2018, Grant 843315-PEMB (171,473€)
  - Grant webpage: <https://www.fvaccari.com/pemb>
- ESRC “Overseas Institutional Visit” for visiting the European University Institute 2017

## Scholarships and Awards

Manlio Resta Prize 2014, Honorable Mention for “ <i>The Size of the Supply Side</i> ”	2015
Department of Economics Prize for Best M.Sc. Performance, University of Essex	2014
UniMoRe 2011/2012, Thesis Merit Prize, University of Modena	2014
ESRC Studentship, 1+3 DTC Essex	2013
UniMoRe 2010/2011, Student Merit Prize, University of Modena	2013

## Teaching

University of Bergamo, Department of Economics

- *(scheduled)* Game Theory / Teoria dei Giochi (Grad., in Italian), [24 hours] 2026
- *(scheduled)* Microeconomics / Microeconomia (Ugrad., in Italian), [36 hours] 2026
- Game Theory (Ph.D. level, in english) [15 hours] *(scheduled for 2026)* 2025
- Principles of Economics / Istituzioni di Economia Politica (Undergrad., in Italian), [72 hours] 2024, 2025
  - 9 CFU in 2024 [72 hours]; 9 + 4.5 CFU in 2025 [72 + 36 hours]
  - Overall evaluation: 6.8/10 (2025), 5.88/10 (2024) [[link](#)]

IMT School for Advanced Studies, AXES Unit

- Information Economics (Ph.D. course), [10 hours + 10 hours]. Evaluation: [[link](#)] 2022, 2023

University of Rochester, Department of Economics

- ECO251 – Industrial Organization (Undergrad.), [40 hours]. Evaluation: 4.4/5 [[link](#)] 2019

Assistant Lecturer, University of Essex, Department of Economics. Pooled evaluation: 4.24/5 [[link](#)]

- EC114 – Introduction to Quantitative Economics (Undergraduate, Fall–Spring) [40 hours] 2017/8
- EC202 – Intermediate Microeconomics (Undergraduate, Fall–Spring) [40+40 hours] 2015/6, 2017/8
- EC251 – Mathematical Methods in Economics (Undergraduate, Fall) [20+20 hours] 2016, 2017

## Seminar, Conference, and Workshop Presentations

- University of Pavia, Department of Economics and Management 2024
- Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Unicatt Political Economy series
- GRASS XVIII, Social Choice Research Group
- XIII Workshop on Institution, Individual Behavior and Economic Outcomes (IBEO)
- SIEPI XXII annual workshop
- Bocconi University – Junior Theory Workshop
- 6th Bergamo Workshop in Industrial Organization 2023
- GRASS XVII, Social Choice Research Group
- IMT School for Advanced Studies – Aperitalk seminar series
- OLIGO Workshop, University of Padova
- University of Chieti-Pescara
- LUISS – Spring Workshop on Economic Theory
- Young Economists of Tuscan Institutions (YETI) Meeting 2022
- Formal Theory Virtual Workshop, American Political Science Association
- 17th European Meeting on Game Theory
- 12th Conference on Economic Design, University of Padova
- Royal Economic Society, Annual Meeting

IMT School for Advanced Studies	
European Winter Meetings of the Econometric Society	2021
Centre for Studies in Economics and Finance (CSEF)	
University of Florence, Department of Economic and Business Sciences (DISEI)	
Italian Economic Association, 62nd Annual Conference	
Young Economists of Tuscan Institutions (YETI) Meeting	
GRASS XV, Social Choice Research Group	
GAMES2020, the 6th World Congress of the Game Theory Society	
Collegio Carlo Alberto	
Bonn Graduate School of Economics, Brown Bag Seminar Series	
Cognitive and Experimental Economics Laboratory, University of Trento	
Royal Economic Society Annual Conference	
Formal Theory Virtual Workshop, American Political Science Association	
Italian Economic Association, 61st Annual Conference	2020
GRASS XIV, Social Choice Research Group	
ESWC2020, the 12th World Congress of the Econometric Society	
Formal Theory Virtual Workshop, American Political Science Association	
Conference on Mechanism and Institution Design	
University of Rochester, Department of Economics	2019
New York University, 10th Annual LSE-NYU Conference	
University of Rochester, W. Allen Wallis Institute of Political Economy	2018
IX Workshop on Institution, Individual Behavior and Economic Outcomes (IBEO)	
Royal Economic Society Junior Symposium, University of Sussex	
IV International PhD Conference, University of Leicester	
University of Essex, Department of Economics, Research Strategy Seminar (RSS)	

*As a discussant*

GRASS XIX, Social Choice Research Group	2025
GRASS XVIII, Social Choice Research Group	2024
OLIGO Workshop, Padova	2023
Italian Economic Association, 62nd Annual Conference	2021
GRASS XV, Social Choice Research Group	
Italian Economic Association, 61st Annual Conference	2020
Royal Economic Society Junior Symposium, University of Sussex	2018

## Organized Workshops

PRIN workshop, “Digital Markets: Design and Policy,” member of the organizing committee	2025
TWINE, the “Trento Workshop on Information Economics”	2021

## Refereeing

B.E. Journal of Theoretical Economics, Economics, Games and Economic Behavior, Italian Economic Journal, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Economic Theory, Journal of Industrial and Business Economics, Manchester School, Quarterly Journal of Political Science, Review of Economic Studies, Theory and Decision

## University Service

Brown bag seminar series, organizer	2025
TOLC commissioner, University of Bergamo	2023–2025
Member of the selection committee, IMT School for Advanced Studies	2022

## PhD Supervision

Co-advisor: [Bianca Sanesi](#) (IMT School for Advanced Studies)

## Additional Information

Teaching qualification: Associate Fellow of the Higher Education Academy (now, Advance HE), PR108557

Computational skills:  $\LaTeX$ , Python, Mathematica (beginner)

“Equipollenza dottorato estero” (equipollence) obtained on 22 April 2022

On the media: [Analysis and criticism of fake news laws \(Italian and English\)](#) – UniTrentoMag

[Media bias in a competitive news culture \(in six languages\)](#) – CORDIS

[The challenges of regulating disinformation \(in English\)](#) – ProMarket