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CONTACT

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PERSONAL

Citizenship: Italian.

Languages: Italian (native). English, Spanish, French (fluent).

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Economic History, Economic Growth and Development, Applied Microeconomics

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

Bocconi University

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics (Sept 2017 –)

OTHER AFFILIATIONS

CEPR, Centre for Economic Policy Research – Research Affiliate (2017 –)

IGIER, Innocenzo Gasparini Institute for Economic Research – Research Affiliate (2017)

Dondena, Centre for Research on Social Dynamics and Public Policy – Research Affiliate (2017 –)

LICOS, Center for Institutions and Economic Performance, Research Fellow (2017 –)

LEAP, Laboratory for Effective Anti-Poverty Policies, Research Affiliate (2017 –)

CESifo, Research Fellow (2019 –)

PAST POSITIONS

LICOS and FWO, University of Leuven

Post-Doctoral Researcher, Department of Economics (Jan 2015 – Aug 2017)

Northwestern University

Post-Doctoral Researcher, Department of Economics (Sept 2015 – March 2017)

EDUCATION

University of Leuven

PhD in Economics (Oct 2009 – Dec 2014)

Stanford University

Visiting Researcher, Department of Economics (Oct 2014 – May 2015)

University of California, Los Angeles

Visiting Researcher, Anderson School of Management (Jan 2012 – Jun 2012)

Bocconi University and Université Catholique de Louvain

Joint Degree Program: M.Sc. in Economics (Sept 2007 – Sept 2009). *Summa cum laude*

Bocconi University

Undergraduate studies in Economics (Sept 2004 – Sept 2007). *Summa cum laude*

University of Amsterdam

Exchange Program, Department of Economics (Sept 2006 – Jan 2007)

University of Leuven

Master in Philosophy (Feb 2013 – Present)

PUBLICATIONS

“Human Capital and Industrialization: Evidence from the Age of Enlightenment” (with N. Voigtlaender). *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 2015, 30(4): 1825-83.

⇒ Featured in [Science](#), [The Economist](#), [Financial Times](#), [Voxeu](#), [Harvard Business Review](#)

“Global hunger: Food crisis spurs aid for poverty” (with A. Guariso and J. Swinnen). *Nature*, 2013, 501 (7468): 492.

“Mixed Messages on Prices and Food Security” (with J. Swinnen). *Science*, 2012, 335(6067): 405-406.

“Supply Chains and Economic Development: Insights from the Indian Dairy Sector” (with J. Swinnen, E. Janssen and A. Vandeplass). *Food Policy*, 2017, 68: 128–142.

“Governance Quality and Net Migration Flows” (with A. Ariu and F. Docquier). *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, 2016, 60: 238–248.

“Food Price Shocks and the Political Economy of Global Agricultural and Development Policy” (with A. Guariso and J. Swinnen). *Applied Economic Perspectives and Policy*, 2014, 36(3): 387-415.

⇒ Winner of the *Outstanding Journal Article Award*.

“The Balance of Brains: Corruption and High Skilled Migration” (with A. Ariu). *EMBO Reports*, 2013, 14: 502-504.

“The Food Crisis, Mass Media and the Political Economy of Policy Analysis and Communication” (with J. Swinnen and T. Vandemoortele). *European Review of Agricultural Economics*, 2011, 38(3): 409-426.

EDITED BOOK

The Economics of Chocolate (with J. Swinnen). Oxford University Press, 2016.

WORKING PAPERS

“Devotion and Development: Religiosity, Education, and Economic Progress in 19th-Century France” CEPR DP13877. (*submitted*)

⇒ Winner of the *Young Italian Economist Award*

⇒ Featured in [Voxeu](#)

“Knowledge Elites and Modernization: Evidence from Revolutionary France” (with N. Voigtlaender). NBER WP 22779.

“The Long-Run Productivity Effects of Technology Adoption: Evidence from France (with R. Juhász and N. Voigtlaender).

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Labor Unrest and Political Polarization: Evidence from 19th-Century France” (with A. Ariu).

OTHER PUBLICATIONS AND BOOK CHAPTERS

“Information, Communication, and Agricultural and Food Policies in an Age of Commercial Mass and Social Media” (with J. Swinnen and J. McCluskey), in *Global Challenges For Future Food and Agricultural Policies*, 2019, edited by D. Blandford and K. Hassapoyannes, World Scientific.

“The Economics and Politics of Food and Economic Development” (with J. Swinnen and G. Meloni). *Reflète et Perspectives de la Vie Economique*, 2016, (55)1: 47-56.

“Food Safety Standards for Domestic and International Markets: The Case of Dairy” (with Anneleen Vandeplass) in *International trade and food security: the future of Indian agriculture*, 2016, edited by F. Brouwer, CAB International.

“High-value protection and poverty: the case of dairy in India” (with J. Swinnen and Anneleen Vandeplass) in *International trade and food security: the future of Indian agriculture*, 2016, edited by F. Brouwer, CAB International.

“Culture, Intellectual Elites, and Economic Growth: Evidence from 19th Century” Belgium, 2015, *Actes du 21ème Congrès des Economistes*.

REFEREE

American Economic Review, Cliometrica, Economic History Review, Economic Journal, Economica, Explorations in Economic History, European Economic Review, Food Policy, Journal of Comparative Economics, Journal of Economic History, Journal of European Economic Association, Journal of Economic Growth, Journal of Public Economics, NSF (National Science Foundation), Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economic Studies

TEACHING

Economics of Institutions and Culture (undergraduate), Bocconi University, 2017-18, 2018-19
Economics and Politics (graduate), Bocconi University 2018-19
Microeconomia (undergraduate), Bocconi University, 2017-18

GRANTS

Italian Ministry of University and Research, Projects of National Interest, PRIN (with Paolo Masella), 2019-2022
National Science Foundation (NSF) (with R. Juhász and N. Voigtlaender), 2016-19
FWO Grant for a long stay abroad at Northwestern University, 2015
FWO Research Fellowship, 2012-16
FWO Grant for a long stay abroad at Stanford University, 2014-15
FWO Grant for the GSE Microeconometrics Summer School at the GSE, Barcelona, 2011

University of Leuven, PhD Fellowship, 2009-12
Student Fellowship to attend the “Festival dell’Economia,” Trento, Italy, 2008
Fellowship to participate to the *Certamen* of Latin Language, Castrovillari, Italy, 2004

AWARDS

Young Italian Economist Award (YIEA), 2018
Outstanding Journal Article Award, Applied Economic Perspectives and Policy, 2014
Bocconi Merit Award “Studenti Eccellenti,” 2007-09
Member of the Jury in “Exhibition of Classical Greek Theater,” Altamura, Italy, 2004

SEMINAR AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2019 (including planned): New York University; Polytechnic University Marche; Econ. History Conference, Universidad de San Andrés, Buenos Aires; Uniandes-LSE-Stanford Conference, Bogotá; Econ. History Workshop, Bologna University; University of Cologne; University of Lund; University of Namur

2018: Workshop on Political Economy, Bocconi University (Italy); Toulouse School of Economics (France); Festival dell’Economia, Trento (Italy); CEPR Economic History Symposium, Bank of Italy (Italy); CSEF-IGIER Symposium, Capri (Italy); World Economic History Congress, Boston (USA); Northwestern University (USA); CESifo Seminar, University of Munich (Germany); King’s College, London (UK); INSEAD, Paris (France)

2017: Solvay Brussels School (Belgium); Toulouse School of Economics (France); University of Leuven (Belgium); Oslo University (Norway); Warwick University (UK); Bocconi University (Italy); Collegio Carlo Alberto (Italy); University of Cambridge (UK); University of British Columbia (Canada); Northwestern University (USA); Sciences Po (France); Hiroshima University (Japan); Political Economy Workshop, Galatina (Italy); ASREC Conference, Bologna (Italy); London School of Economics (UK); 2nd HEDG Mini-Workshop, University of Southern Denmark (Denmark); Universitat Pompeu Fabra (Spain)

2016: Berkeley (USA); Louvain la Neuve (Belgium); Aix-Marseille (France); St. Andrews (UK); Stanford (USA); CAGE Conference, Venice (Italy); LICOS Seminar, University of Leuven (Belgium); IRES Workshop, Louvain la Neuve (Belgium); Lake Forest College (USA)

2015: ICAE, Milan (Italy); Roosevelt University (USA)

2014: International labor mobility and inequality across nations, Clermont-Ferrand (France); 10th BETA Workshop, Strasbourg University (France); Bari University (Italy); NWO-ClioInfra Workshop, University of Barcelona (Spain); All-UC Workshop in Economic History UC Davis (USA)

2013: 5th ECINEQ Conference, Bari University (Italy); 138 EAAE Seminar, Ghent University (Belgium); LICOS Seminar, University of Leuven (Belgium)

2012: UCLA student workshop, UCLA (USA); 3rd International workshop on “Economics of Global Interactions”, Bari University (Italy)

2011: Norface Migration Network Conference, UCL, London (UK); Workshop on the Economics of Non-Profits, NGOs, and Aid Effectiveness, Namur (Belgium); 2nd International workshop on “Economics of Global Interactions” Bari University (Italy); 2nd TEMPO Conference, Vienna (Austria); LICOS Seminar, University of Leuven (Belgium)

2010: 4th Annual Conference of the AAWE, UC Davis (USA); CRED-LICOS Workshop, University of Leuven (Belgium)

SEMINAR AND CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

Organizing Committee of the “Galatina Summer Meetings,” Galatina (Italy), 2018, 2019

Organizing Committee, DLPE Seminar Series, Bocconi University, 2018-19, 2019-20.

Organizer of the “Economic History Lunch,” Northwestern University, 2015-16, 2016-17.

Organizing Committee of the “First Conference on Economics and Politics of Chocolate,” University of Leuven, (Belgium), 2012

OTHER ACTIVITIES, QUALIFICATIONS AND INTERESTS

Music Diploma, Conservatorio “Egidio Edoardo Duni”, Matera, Italy (2003)

Summer Schools: Graduate School of Economics (GSE), Barcelona, Spain (July 2011).

Quantitative Methods for Public Policy Evaluation and Dynamic
Non-linear Panel Data Models

Interests in philosophy, literature, and theatre (Meisner technique)

Sport: Running, biking, swimming, and skiing

Volunteering:

Teaching in a primary school and assistance in hospitals. Wau, South-Sudan (Aug 2008)

Teaching and recreational activities in a primary school. Andamane Islands, India (Aug 2007)

Recreational activities for children with brain cancer. Policlinico Gemelli, Rome, Italy (Aug 2004)