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Research Interests

Labor Economics, Education, Intergenerational Mobility.

Current Position

Rockwool Foundation Berlin, Postdoctoral Fellow.

Sept 2025 – Ongoing

Education

University of Geneva (CH), Ph.D. in Economics.

Sept 2020 – Sept 2025

Advisors: Giacomo De Giorgi, Frederic Robert-Nicoud.

University of California, Berkeley (US), Visiting Scholar.

Jan 2024 – Jun 2024

Host: Enrico Moretti.

Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (ES), Visiting Scholar.

Jan 2023 – Mar 2023

Host: Joan Llull.

University of Milan (IT), M.Sc. in Economics and Political Science.

Sept 2017 – Jun 2019

Final grade: *Summa Cum Laude*.

University of Turin (IT), B.Sc. in International Affairs.

Sept 2014 – Nov 2017

Final grade: *110/110*.

Job Market Paper

“No Kid Is an Island: Intergenerational Mobility and Peer Effects”

Economic inequalities persist from one generation to the next. To what extent is this due to children’s social interactions replicating parental disparities? While existing research documents parental investments and local economic conditions as crucial, this paper studies the role of peer exposure for social mobility. Exploiting within school across cohort exogenous variation in schoolmates’ parental background among Danish high school students, I show that a \$1 increase in average schoolmates’ parental earnings results in a \$0.08 increase in adult earnings. This effect is as large as 42% of the parent-child correlation in earnings. I find that former schoolmates are connected on labor market networks: as their career advances, they open doors to higher paying firms and provide more attractive outside options to their peers.

Publications

“Born to Be (sub)Prime: an Exploratory Analysis”,

AEA P&P, 2023

with H. Bach, G. De Giorgi, J. Nosal and D. Pietrobon.

Work in Progress

“Value for Grandchildren: The Role of Grandparents in Intergenerational Transmission of Earnings”,

with G. De Giorgi, M. Prado, and B. Severgnini.

“All You Need Is a Card: Long-Term Impact of Early-Life Credit Access”,

with H. Bach, G. De Giorgi, J. Nosal, and D. Pietrobon.

“Pay Transparency and Firm Wage Premia”,

with F. Meluzzi.

Policy Reports

“Fourth LdA Migration Observatory Report”, with T. Frattini.

Conferences and Seminars

2026 NHH (Bergen), Annual Meeting of SOLE (Denver), BSE Summer Forum (Barcelona).

2025 WISE (USI, Lugano), IFO-CESIFO Junior Workshop in Economics of Education (IFO, Munich), CEP Workshop on Education (LSE, London), CEPR Policy Forum (PSE, Paris), Annual Meeting Associazione Italiana Economia del Lavoro (Milan), Rockwool Foundation Copenhagen, Copenhagen Business School.

2024 13th AlpPop Conference (La Thuile), IRLE Seminar (UCBerkeley), Annual Meeting of SOLE (Portland), Annual Meeting of WEAI (Seattle), Annual Meeting of the Canadian Economic Association (Toronto), Annual Meeting of EEA (Rotterdam), Annual Conference of EALE (Bergen), Annual Meeting Associazione Italiana Economia del Lavoro (Naples), Dondena Workshop on Public Policy (Bocconi, Milan).

2023 Barcelona School of Economics PhD Jamboree (UPF, Barcelona), 16th UniTo-CCA PhD Workshop in Economics (Turin), 23rd Brucchi-Luchino Labor Economics Workshop (Cagliari), Winter Meeting of the Econometric Society (Manchester).

Teaching

“The Economics of Social Interactions” (Universidad de Los Andes) 2026
Graduate-level Summer School.

“Microeconomics” (University of Geneva, M.Sc. in Economics) 2021, 2022, 2023
Teaching Assistant for Prof. J. Daubanes.

“Applied Econometrics” (University of Geneva, B.Sc. in Economics) 2021, 2022
Teaching Assistant for Prof. C. Calsamiglia and A. Tetenov.

“Macroeconomics” (University of Milan, B.Sc. in Economics) 2020
Teaching Assistant for T. Frattini.

Grants and Awards

“Fonds Général de l’Université de Genève”, January 2021, 5000 CHF.

“Best Teaching Assistant Award, IEE - Geneva”, November 2024.

Academic Service

Referee Service

Journal of Labor Economics, Labour Economics.

Reading Group Organizer 2022, 2023
“*Research in Applied Microeconomics*”, for Rare Voices in Economics at the University of Geneva.

Conference Organizer 2022
“*Second Rare Voices in Economics Conference*”, University of Geneva. Budget: 25,000 CHF.

Others

Languages: Italian (native), English (advanced), French (basic).

Programming: Stata, Python, R, LaTeX.

Academic References

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