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ACADEMIC POSITION

Assistant Professor, **SOFI, Stockholm University** *2023 - Present*

EDUCATION

PhD in Economics, **University College London (UCL)** *2017 - 2023*

Exchange Scholar in Economics, **Yale University** *2021 - 2022*

MSc in Economics (*with distinction*), **University College London** *2015 - 2016*

BSc in Economics and Social Sciences (*110/110*), **Bocconi University** *2012 - 2015*

Exchange Student in Economics (*Dean's list*), **Northwestern University** *Fall 2014*

RESEARCH FIELDS

Labor Economics, Development Economics, Economics of Education

AFFILIATION

Research Affiliate, Institute of Labor Economics (**IZA@LISER**) *2026 - Present*

Invited Researcher, Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (**J-PAL**) *2025 - Present*

Research Affiliate, Rockwool Foundation Berlin (**RFBerlin**) *2025 - Present*

Research Affiliate, **CESifo** Research Network *2025 - Present*

Research Associate, Centre for Microdata Methods and Practice (**CeMMAP**) *2023 - Present*

Research Affiliate, **Stone Centre** on Inequality at UCL *2023 - Present*

Research Affiliate, Global Labor Organization (**GLO**) *2022 - Present*

PUBLICATIONS

Interest-Based Negotiation over Natural Resources: Experimental Evidence from Liberia, with Darin Christensen, Alexandra Hartman and Cyrus Samii. **Journal of the European Economic Association**, Forthcoming.

Intergenerational Mobility in Socio-emotional Skills, with Orazio Attanasio and Áureo de Paula. **Journal of Public Economics**, Volume 248, 105423 (2025).

Voting from Abroad: Assessing the Impact of Local Turnout on Migrants' Voting behavior, with Divya Dev and Rubén Poblete-Cazenave. **Journal of Comparative Economics**, Volume 52, Issue 3 (2024).

WORKING PAPERS

Skill Formation with Siblings.

Effective Families or Effective Teachers? Experimental Evidence on Fostering Children's Numeracy, with Samuel Berlinski and Michele Giannola - CESifo WP 12563.

Parental Investments and Socio-Economic Gradients in Learning across European Countries, with Pedro Carneiro and Hugo Reis - IZA DP 16785.

Parental Beliefs, Perceived Health Risks, and Time Investment in Children, with Gabriella Conti and Michele Giannola. **Journal of Applied Econometrics**, *Revise & Resubmit*.

RESEARCH GRANTS

VISITINPS FELLOWSHIP (PI) – 4,000 EUR *2026*

WALLANDER AND HEDELIUS AND BROWALDH FOUNDATION GRANT (PI) – 559,000 SEK *2025*

AWARDS

FELLOWSHIP IN ECONOMICS OF EDUCATION FTC-CUBE *2022 - 2023*

YALE-UCL BURSARY AWARD *2021*

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RESEARCH COUNCIL (ESRC) STUDENTSHIP
with Advanced Quantitative Methods Award *2019 - 2021*

LINO VENINI DOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIP
Fondazione Banca Popolare di Novara *2018 - 2019 & 2021 - 2022*

BEST TEACHING ASSISTANT AWARD
Teaching on a 3rd year UG course, UCL *2020*

EUROPEAN ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION (EEA) conference grant *2020*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Advisor for BACHELOR'S THESIS IN ECONOMICS (EC6902), **Stockholm University** *2025, 2026*

Teaching Assistant for HOUSEHOLD ECONOMICS (ECON0115), **UCL** *Fall 2022*

Teaching Assistant for ECONOMETRICS (ECON0019), **UCL** *Spring 2022*

Teaching Assistant for INTRODUCTORY MICROECONOMICS (ECON115 01), **Yale** *Fall 2021*

Teaching Assistant for ECONOMIC POLICY ANALYSIS (ECON0024), **UCL** *Fall 2020, Spring 2021*

Teaching Assistant for ECONOMICS OF EDUCATION (ECON0056), **UCL** *Spring 2019, 2020, 2021*

Teaching Assistant for ISSUES IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (ECON0030), **UCL** *Spring 2020*

Teaching Assistant for ECONOMICS OF LABOUR (ECON0047), **UCL** *Fall 2018 and 2019*

Teaching Assistant for PARTIAL IDENTIFICATION IN PRACTICE, **UCL/CEMMAP** *Spring 2019*

Instructor for INTRO TO MATLAB (MSC RESEARCH METHODS), **UCL** *Spring 2019*

SHORT ACADEMIC VISITS

Yale University - Department of Economics *May 2024, Mar 2026*

Inter-American Development Bank - Research Department *Aug 2023, Feb 2025, Mar 2026*

Bank of Portugal - Research Department *July 2022, 2023*

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND PRIOR AFFILIATIONS

Short-term Consultant, The World Bank	<i>2025 - Present</i>
PhD Scholar, Centre for Microdata Methods and Practice (CeMMAP)	<i>2022 - 2023</i>
Scholar, Stone Centre on Inequality at UCL	<i>2022 - 2023</i>
Research Consultant, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)	<i>2018 - 2019</i>
Research Assistant for Professor Pedro Carneiro, University College London	<i>2017 - 2019</i>
Research Fellow, Politecnico di Milano University	<i>2016 - 2017</i>

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Organizer of Workshop on the Intergenerational Transmission of Inequalities, Lisbon	December 2024
Co-organizer of AME SEMINAR IN LABOR ECONOMICS, Stockholm University	<i>2024 - Present</i>
ENTER STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE, University College London	<i>2019 - 2021</i>
Co-organizer of the UCL APPLIED MICROECONOMICS READING GROUP	<i>2018 - 2020</i>

REFEREEING ACTIVITY

Economic Analysis and Policy, Economic Journal, Economics of Education Review, International Journal of Manpower, Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of the European Economic Association, Labour Economics, Review of Economics of the Household, World Development.

POLICY REPORTS

Policy Brief: Socioeconomic Status Gaps in Student Achievement in Balkan Countries: The Role of Parents and School Inputs. **World Bank**, 2025

Technical Report: Impact Evaluation of the Fund for Innovation and Technology Development (FITD) Grant, with Pedro Carneiro. **Republic of North Macedonia**, 2020.

Technical Report: UNHCR India, Iran and Tunisia - Targeting and Allocation of Humanitarian Aid, with Alexandra Hartman and Nils Metternich. Geneva, Switzerland: **UNHCR**, 2019.

SEMINAR / CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2026: UNECE Workshop on Poverty and Inequality; Vienna University of Economics and Business; Virtual Economics of Poverty and Policy Seminar (VEPPS); University of Gothenburg.

2025: NBER Spring Meeting (Children); Inter-American Development Bank (IDB); Research Institute of Industrial Economics (IFN); Stockholm School of Economics (SSE); HEC Lausanne; Umeå University; UNU-WIDER; 7th Stockholm/Uppsala Education Economics Workshop; Bristol Applied Economics Meeting; 8th Workshop on Subjective Expectations; Diversity & Human Capital workshop, University of Exeter; 2nd Economics of Education Workshop, TSE; Norwegian Institute for Social Research (ISF); CESifo Area Conference on Economics of Education; NU-DE Workshop on Applied Microeconomics, FAU; 3rd Workshop on Education Economics and Policy (WEEP); University of Stavanger; University of Oslo.

2024: 6th Stockholm/Uppsala Education Economics Workshop; SOLE Portland; World Bank Land; 2nd DEM workshop, University of Luxembourg; Equality of Opportunity and Intergenerational Mobility Conference, UniBa/LSE; UCL PhD Alumni; CESifo Venice Summer Institute on Funding Education; UChicago/Stone workshop on Socioeconomic Opportunity and Inequality; Workshop on Early Investments, Family Well-Being, and Child Development (UCopenhagen/VIVE); Advances in Field Experiments

(AFE); TUM Workshop on Field Experiments; KIEL-CEPR African Economic Development; RNIM seminar; IZA/ECONtribute Workshop on the Economics of Education; SITE/SSE; Aarhus University; Swedish Economics conference, Lund; LSE-WU-ZEW Workshop on Inequality; Universidade Católica Portuguesa; Helsinki GSE; LIS²ER, Luxembourg.

2023: Bank of Spain; Singapore Management University; Australian National University; Monash University; NU Astana; Koc University; City University of London; SOFI Stockholm University; Peking University HSBC; Inter-American Development Bank; IFAU (Uppsala); Opportunity and Mobility Workshop, LSE; Essen Health Conference; Workshop on Fertility, Health, and Human Capital, Queen's University Belfast; 7th Workshop on Subjective Expectations, Bocconi; Workshop on Migration and Family Economics, IESEG Paris; UChicago & SNU workshop on Inequality and Mobility; MEUDC NYUAD; ARC European Commission.

2022: Yale Labor Lunch; Bank of Portugal; Institute for Fiscal Studies; Labor/Family workshop, KU Leuven; Novafrika conference Lisbon; CESifo Venice Summer Institute on Personality and Attitudes in Economics; EcHo workshop, RHUL; Brucchi Luchino labor workshop, Naples; GLO conference.

2021: LSE PSPE; Oxford Development Economics; Yale Development Economics; IFS-UCL-LSE/ STICERD Development Economics; Workshop on Social Mobility, ZEW Mannheim; CESifo Workshop on Opportunities, Mobility, and Well-Being; IAAE Rotterdam; Econometric Society Summer School in Structural Econometrics, Bonn University; 6th IZA Economics of Education workshop.

2020: Bank of Italy Human Capital workshop; Barcelona GSE Summer Forum Workshop on Human Capital Formation; EEA Congress Rotterdam; EALE/SOLE/AASLE World Labour Conference.