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Personal Information

Born in Chiavari (GE), Italy, on the 3rd July 1979 Italian and French citizenship 2 children (born in 2014 and 2016)

Current Positions

2021 - present	Junior member, Institut Universitaire de France (2021-2026)
2017 - present	Professor, University Paris-Saclay
•	Affiliate professor, Paris School of Economics
2014 - present	Research fellow, IZA (Bonn)
•	Full member, European Development Research Network

Past Positions

2011 - 2017	Associate professor, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne
	Associate member, Paris School of Economics
2015 - 2017	Délégation CNRS (part-time secondement)
2008 - 2011	Assistant professor, Paris School of Economics

Education

2014	Habilitation à diriger les recherches (HDR), Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne
2004 - 2008	Ph.D. in Economics, Universitat Pompeu Fabra (Spain), Summa cum Laude
2003 - 2004	MSc in Economics, Universitat Pompeu Fabra (Spain), Pass with Honours
1998 - 2002	Laurea in Economic and Social Sciences (Quantitative Methods), Università Bocconi
	(Italy). 110 cum Laude/110

Research Fields

Networks, Econometrics, Experimental Economics, Digital Economics, Development Economics

Academic Service

2017 - present	Director of the Summer school in Microeconometrics of Policy Evaluation, Paris School of
	Economics
2017 - 2021	Director of the Economics Department, University Paris-Saclay

Published Papers

- "Learning about Farming: Innovation and social Networks in a Resettled Community in Brazil" (with C. Inguaggiato et M. Mendola), *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, 221: 17-34, 2024
- "Savings Accounts' Interplay with Network-based financial Arrangements: Evidence from a Field Experiment" (with S. Prina), *Economic Journal*, 133 (649): 516-535, 2023
- "Treatment Effect Accounting for Network Changes" (with S. Prina), Review of Economics and Statistics, 103(3): 597-604, 2021
- "An Experimental Study of Decentralized Networked Markets" (with M. Fafchamps), *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, 145: 567-591, 2018.
- "The Missing Transfers: Estimating Mis-reporting in Dyadic Data" (with M. Fafchamps), *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, 65 (3): 549-582, 2017.
- "The Formation of Migrant Networks" (with M. Mendola), *Scandinavian Journal of Economics*, 117(2): 592-618, 2015.
- "Testing Unilateral and Bilateral Link Formation" (with M. Fafchamps), *The Economic Journal*, 124: 954-976, 2014.
- "Can Governments Boost People's Sense of Well-Being? The Impact of Selected Labour Market and Health Policies on Life Satisfaction" (with R. Boarini, F. de Keulenaer, R. Manchin, C. Smith), *Social Indicators Research*, 114 (1): 105-120, 2013.
- "Salaried Employment and Earnings in Indonesia: New evidence on the selection bias" (with L. de Mello), *Applied Economics*, 45: 2808-2816, 2013.
- "Democracies, Politics and Arms Supply," Review of International Economics, 20(1): 150-163, 2012.
- "How does Decentralized Minimum Wage Setting affect Employment and Informality? The case of Indonesia" (with L. de Mello), *Review of Income and Wealth*, 57: S79-S99, 2011.
- "Fiscal Decentralization and Urbanization in Indonesia" (with L. de Mello), in *Urbanization and Development in Asia: Multidimensional Perspectives* edited by J. Beall, B. Guha-Khasnobis and R. Kanbur, Oxford University Press, 2012.
- "Enhancing the Effectiveness of Social Policies in Indonesia" (with L. de Mello), OECD Economics Department Working Papers n. 810, published as Chapter 4 in *OECD Economic Surveys: Indonesia 2010*, OECD Publishing.

Non-academic publications

- "La valeur des réseaux : Économie des interactions sociales", Opuscule du CEPREMAP, 2020
- "Missing Transfers: New Evidence from Dyadic Data" (with M. Fafchamps), Vox EU, 8th December 2015.
- "With a Little Help from my Friends? Social Links and Economic Outcomes" (with M. Fafchamps), *Vox EU*, 4th November 2014.

Grants, Scholarships and Fellowships (since 2011)

2023 - 2028	participation to ANR grant PRME Technofirms
2022 - 2026	Principal Investigator for ANR JCJC grant LinkLab (How do you choose your partners?
	Experimental evidence on link formation")
2018 - 2020	participation to TANED chair (university Paris-Saclay)
2014 - 2018	participation to ANR grant DynaMITE (Dynamic Matching and Interactions: Theory and
	Experiments): in charge of lab experiments for the <i>DynaNet</i> program
2011 - 2014	participation to ANR grant NET (Information and Communication in Large Networks)

Professional Experience

Dec. 2012 - June 2013	Statistics Directorate - Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), external consultant (project on inclusive growth determinants across OECD countries)
Dec. 2010 - April 2011	Statistics Directorate - Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), external consultant (in charge of an econometric analysis of subjective well-being indicators across OECD countries)
Oct. 2008 - April 2010	Dept. of Economics (Italy Desk, Indonesia Desk) - Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), external consultant (in charge of various public policy evaluation projects based on micro data)
Nov. 2007 - July 2008	Dept. of Economics (Indonesia Desk) - Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), full-time consultant (in charge of an econometric analysis of labour informality and minimum wage in Indonesia)
July 2007 - Sept. 2007	Africa Partnership Forum Support Unit - Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), full-time consultant (project on agriculture, infrastructure and trade in Africa)
June 2006 - July 2006	Regional Operations Dept. 3 - Inter American Development Bank (IADB), intern (working on labour markets in Colombia)
May 2003 - Sept. 2003	Asociación de Instituciones Financieras para el Desarrollo Rural (Bolivia), intern (working on microfinance - household data analysis, field work)

Field Work

Nepal, June 2011	Data collection supervision in twenty slum communities around Pokhara, in collaboration
	with a local NGO named GONESA. The project was aimed at gathering quantitative
	information on the poor's informal financial activities.

Bolivia, August 2003 Data collection on seasonal demand for micro-credit of small agricultural firms (field work of FINRURAL).

Referee Reports

Review of Economic Studies, Management Science, Econometrica, American Economic Review: Insights, Annals of Economics and Statistics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics, plos one, China Economic Review, Journal of Development Economics, Population, Journal of Economic Geography, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, Journal of Public Economics, The Economic Journal, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Journal of African Economies, Journal of Development Studies, Oxford Economics Papers, Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, World Development, Review of Economics of the Household, Revue Economique.

PhD and HDR supervision

PhD: Mattew Olckers (defense 2019, co-supervised with Francis Bloch); Jonathan Lehne (defense 2020, co-supervised with Oliver Vanden Eynde); Amit Dekel (defense 2023, co-supervised with Francis Bloch), Jovan Stojanovic (in thesis since September 2023, co-supervised with Gael Varoquaux)

HDR (French accreditation to direct research): Liam Wren-Lewis (2021), Oliver Vanden Eynde (2022)

Conferences and Invited Talks

- 2023 2024 EUDN annual meeting (Milan, Jan. 2024), Seminar RWI Berlin (March 2024), Ninth European Conference on Networks (Essex, March 24), 22nd International Workshop in Spatial Econometrics and Statistics *keynote talk* (Grenoble, May 2024), seminar university of São Paulo (June 2023)
- 2022 2023 ESRC Workshop on Recent Developments in Spatial Econometrics (London, Sept. 2022); seminar at GATE-St. Etienne (Sept. 2022); seminar at Lille 1 (Oct. 2022); seminar at university of Geneva (March 2023); conference of French Experimental Economics Association (May 2023); CSEF Workshop on Networks and Development (May 2023); Economic Science Association World meeting (June 2023)
- 2021 2022 Seminar at Cergy University (January 2022); ESRC Workshop on Network Data at Sussex University (June 2022); 6th Bargaining: Experiments, Empirics and Theory Workshop at the University of Heidelberg (June 2022)
- 2020 2021 University of Nanterre (January 2021), university of Antwerp (March 2021), MIT Lucca (March 2021)
- 2019 2020 Network Workshop at the University of Kent (sept. 2019), seminar at Aix-Marseille university (Nov. 2019) and GATE Lyon (Jan. 2020), workshop TANED (June 2020)
- 2018 2019 Conference of the French Econometric Society (Nov. 2018)
- 2017 2018 Paris Migration Seminar (Dec. 2017), CNRS meeting in Labor and Public Policy (March 2018)
- 2016 2017 Seminar at Stockholm University (Sept. 2016) and Stanford University (June 2017)
- 2015 2016 Workshop Paris 1 Cairo University (Sept. 2015), seminar at CERDI university of Auvergne (Sept. 2015), seminar at the University of Balearic Island (Oct. 2015)
- 2014-2015 6th conference of the French Experimental Economics Association (June 2015), seminar at Goethe University Frankfurt (June 2015)
- Invited seminars at Toulouse School of Economics (Toulouse, Sept 2013), University of Alicante (Oct 2013), University of Oxford (Oct 2013), GREQAM-Marseille (Nov 2013), Workshop on Advances in Family Economics and Applications to Developing Countries at University of Nanterre (Dec 13), ASSA meetings (Jan 14), Universidade Nova de Lisboa (Feb 14), workshop on Social Networks and Matching Processes (Oxford, March 2014).
- 2012 2013 Northeast Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC) Conference (Dartmouth, Nov 2012); Applied Micro Seminar at the DIW (Berlin, Nov 2012); SIUTE seminar (Univ. Lille 1, April 2013); 6th International Conference on Migration and Development (Ifrane, May 2013); DIAL Institution and Development Conference (Paris, June 2013); IZA workshop on social networks (Bonn, June 2013).

- 2011 2012 ASFEE Workshop on Field experiments (Montpellier, Nov. 2011)
- 2010 2011 DIAL conference on Shocks in Developing Countries (Paris, June 2011), Annual conference of the Centre for the Study of African Economies (Oxford, March 2011), European Science Foundation Workshop on Information and Behavior in Networks (Oxford, Dec 2010), seminar at the Institute for Social and Economic Research (Colchester, Dec 2010), European Development Research Network (EUDN) Scientific Conference (Paris, Nov 2010), Northeast Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC) Conference (Boston, Nov 2010).
- 2009 2010 Seminar at the university Bordeaux 4 (May 2010), International Association for Research in Income and Wealth (IARIW) Special Conference on Measuring the Informal Economy in Developing Countries (Kathmandu, Sept 2009).
- 2008 2009 Congress of the European Economic Association and Econometric Society European Meeting (Barcelona, Aug 2009), DIME International Conference on the Formation and the Evolution of Social and Economic Networks (Paris, June 2009), Development Research Network (EUDN) Scientific Conference (Paris, Nov 2008).
- 2007 2008 Seminar at the Centre for the Study of African Economies (Oxford, April 2008), seminar at the University of Oslo (Feb 2008), European Doctoral Program Jamboree (Paris, Nov 2007).

Languages

Italian (mother tongue), English (fluent), Spanish (fluent), French (fluent)