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Profile

Ph.D. candidate in Economics and Finance at Tor Vergata University of Rome and economist at the Italian Ministry of Economy and Finance (currently on unpaid leave). My research spans public economics, taxation, inequality, and healthcare, combining hands-on experience with administrative tax records with applied empirical work published in peer-reviewed journals. I am motivated by using rigorous quantitative methods to inform public policy.

Education

Tor Vergata University of Rome 2023 – 2027
Ph.D. in Economics and Finance (scholarship).

Roma Tre University of Rome 2020 – 2022
Two-year MSc in Economics. Final grade 110/110 cum laude. GPA: 29.00/30.
Thesis: “Wealth Taxation as a Tool to Reduce Inequality. The Case for Italy”.

La Sapienza University of Rome 2017 – 2020
Bachelor’s degree in Economics. Final grade 103/110.
Thesis: “International Trade and Neoprotectionism: Trump’s Administration’s Trade Policy”.

Pablo De Olavide University of Seville 2019 – 2020
Bachelor’s degree in Economics — Erasmus Program.

Work and Teaching Experience

Italian Ministry of Economy and Finance (MEF) 2025 – onward
Economist at the State General Accounting Department (RGS), working on main public finance national documents and coordinating with European institutions. [*on leave*]

Tor Vergata University of Rome 2024 – 2025
Teaching Assistant in Microeconomics (undergraduate): led tutorial sessions, supported course delivery, and assisted with exam preparation and grading.

Roma Tre University of Rome 2021 – 2022
Administrative Student Tutor: provided guidance and administrative support to students, assisting with enrollment procedures and course-related queries.

Publications

Income Inequality and Pro-Poor Opinions: Empirical Evidence at Regional Level (with L. Becchetti and N. Solferino), *Journal of Income Distribution*, forthcoming.
jid.journals.yorku.ca/index.php/jid/article/view/40642
[Role: data curation, visualization, literature review collecting, writing for the review]

Working Papers

Healthcare Expenditure Rationing: Evidence from Tax Records (with L. Becchetti and N. Solferino). *Revise and resubmit, Applied Economics*.
[Role: cleaning and managing of administrative tax data (personal income tax data at individual level), writing for the review]

E Pluribus Unum: AI-assisted Consensus Building (with L. Becchetti, E. Fagnoni and S. Quintarelli).

Available at SSRN: ssrn.com/abstract=5399249

[Role: data curation, experiment methodology, writing, visualization]

Work in Progress

COVID-19 and the Privatization of Healthcare Costs: Evidence from Italian Tax Records

(with L. Becchetti and N. Solferino).

[Role: data curation (including administrative tax data), writing, methodology, visualization]

Seminars and Conferences

XXXVIII SIEP Conference September 2026

University of Modena and Reggio Emilia.

Ludwig Erhard ifo Conference on Institutional Economics February 2026

ifo Ludwig Erhard Zentrum.

DEF Ph.D. Forum October 2025

Tor Vergata University of Rome.

Summer School in Experiments and Behavioral Economics July 2025

Workshop presentation — ‘La Sapienza’ University of Rome.

Renaissance in Economics: 2nd International Conference (parallel session) June 2025

University of Florence.

Certificates and Courses

Summer School in Experiments and Behavioral Economics July 2025

‘La Sapienza’ University of Rome.

Social Mobility and Inequalities June 2025

Aix-Marseille School of Economics.

Quantitative Methods for Public Policy Evaluation (Summer School) July 2024

Barcelona School of Economics.

EUROMOD simulation model October 2023

Course provided by the Joint Research Center of the European Commission (Seville, Spain).

IELTS: C2 proficiency (8/9 overall) Autumn 2020

Languages and IT Skills

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

Software: Stata (advanced), R (basic), Matlab (basic), Office (advanced), L^AT_EX (advanced).