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ACADEMIC POSITIONS:

Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA (2024-ongoing)
Lecturer and Associate Director of the Capstone Program,

Princeton University, Princeton, NJ (2023-2024)
Postdoctoral Research Affiliate at the Bobst Center for Peace and Justice

EDUCATION:

Columbia University, New York, NY (2017-2023)
Ph.D., in Political Science, concentration in Comparative Political Economy and Quantitative Methodology
M.A. and M.Phil. in Political Science

Yale University, New Haven, CT (2013-2017)
B.A. in Economics and Political Science, Summa cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa, Departmental Honors

NON-ACADEMIC POSITIONS:

Encore Group Consulting, (2023- ongoing)
Data Science Consultant for machine-learning modelling

PUBLICATIONS:

“Status-Seeking and Nation-Building: The Piedmont Principle Revised.” (with Nicholas Sambanis, Yale University, and William Wohlforth, Dartmouth College) (Journal of Interdisciplinary History, 2020)

SELECTED RESEARCH:

“(A)Voiding the Fiscal Contract: How Evasion by the Rich Constrains Redistribution” (RR at AJPS)

“Tax Thy Neighbor: How Italian Mayors Increase Taxes in their Hometowns” (RR at CPS)

“Applications of GPT in Political Science Research” (RR at PS: Political Science)
(with Kyuwon Lee, Jeongmin Park, Hye Young You, and Sylvan Zheng)

“Filling the Tax Gap: How Evasion Disclosures Increase Donations to Local NGOs” (Working paper)

“Transitional Justice and Taxation in Post-Conflict Bosnia and Herzegovina”
(with Monika Nalepa, University of Chicago)

“To Privatize or To Centralize: How Economic and Political Incentives Affect Local Tax Collection Strategies”
(with Silvia Vannutelli, Northwestern University)

“The Mayor’s Daughter: The Effect of Parent Socialization on Local Policymaking” (With Beatrice Montano and Chiara Superti, Columbia University)

SELECTED AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS:

- UNU WIDER – Taxation in Conflict-Affected Areas (2024)
- Research Fellowship, Digital Data for the Social Sciences Institute, Princeton University (2023)
- Philip E Mosely Fellowship in Political Science, Columbia University (2019, 2022, 2023)
- C. Lowell Harriss Dissertation Fellowship, Lincoln Institute for Land Policy (2022)
- HSF Research Fellowship, Institute of Humane Studies (2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)

SELECTED CONFERENCES & INVITED TALKS:

- APSA: American Political Science Association Conference (2021-24)
- MPSA: Mid-Western Political Science Association Conference (2021-24)
- EPSA: European Political Science Association Conference (2021-2024)
- CLEAN Research Seminar, Bocconi University (Invited Talk, 2023)
- NEWEPS: Northeast Workshop on Empirical Political Science (2022)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Stanford University

Capstone Project Seminar, Fall 2024

Columbia University, Instructor

Contemporary European Politics, Summer 2024

The Politics of the European Union, Spring 2023

Columbia University, Teaching Assistant

International Political Economy, Fall 2022

American Urban Politics, Spring 2021

European Political History, Fall 2020

Research Design: Scope and Methods, Spring 2020, Fall 2019

The Politics of Protests, Spring 2019

The Logic of Social Choice, Fall 2018

Pedagogical Training and Experience

Advanced-Track Teaching Development Program, Columbia CTL

Teaching Observation Fellow, Columbia CTL

ACADEMIC SERVICE:

Peer Review

- Comparative Political Studies (2024)

- Review of European and Transatlantic Affairs (2024)

Stanford University

Co-Organizer, American Politics Guest Speaker Series (2024)

Columbia University

MA Program Assistant, (2021–22)

Seminar Coordinator, Graduate Students Methodology Seminar, Columbia University (2018–19)

Student Assistant, Yale Council of European Studies (2015–17)

SKILLS:

Analytical

Causal Inference | Statistical Analysis | Mixed-Methods | Survey Design | Presentation | Scientific Writing

Coding

R (advanced) | Python (beginner) | SQL (intermediate) | QGIS (intermediate) | GitHub (intermediate)

Languages

Italian (native) | English (native) | French (proficient) | German (intermediate)