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## ACADEMIC POSITION

- “Rita Levi Montalcini” Researcher** 2022 - present  
 Department of Economics, Social Studies, Applied Mathematics and Statistics  
 Università di Torino, Italy
- Assistant Professor**, Faculté des hautes études commerciales (HEC) - UNIL 2016 - 2022  
 Lausanne (Switzerland)

## GRADUATE STUDIES

- Ph.D. in Economics**, University of Bologna (Italy) 2010 - 2014  
 Supervisor: Professor Matteo Cervellati
- Visiting Ph.D.**, Brown University, Providence, RI (USA) 2013 - 2013  
 Department of Economics
- M.A. Economics**, University of Bologna (Italy) 2005 - 2008  
*Summa Cum Laude*
- Visiting Graduate Student**, University of California, Santa Cruz, CA (USA) 2006 - 2007  
 Department of Economics

## UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

- B.A. Political Sciences**, University of Bologna (Italy) 2002 - 2005  
*Summa Cum Laude*
- Certificat d’Etudes Politiques**, IEP, Lyon, France 2004 - 2005  
 Institut d’Etudes Politiques

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Development Economics** (Graduate) 2016 - 2022  
 Faculté des hautes études commerciales (HEC) - UNIL
- Economie Politique - Microéconomie** (Undergraduate) 2016 - 2022  
 Faculté des hautes études commerciales (HEC) - UNIL
- Causal Inference with Spatial Data** (Graduate) Spring 2016  
 European University Institute
- Introduction to Bank Runs**, lecturer for LSE Teaching Certificate (Undergraduate) Feb 2016  
 London School of Economics
- Spatial Data with Python and ArcGIS** (Graduate) Oct 2014  
 University of Bologna
- Advanced Microeconomics** (Graduate), Teaching Assistant for Prof. Paolo Onofri Fall 2010, Fall 2011  
 University of Bologna

## GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Reconciliation Narratives: "The Birth of a Nation" after the US Civil War Fonds National Suisse (405,000 CHF)	July 2019 - June 2022
Programme Fondation de Famille Sandoz-Monique de Meuron (about 500,000 CHF)	Aug 2018 - July 2021
Max Weber Fellowship, European University Institute (Italy)	Sept 2014 - Aug 2016
S4 Graduate Student Paper Prize, Brown University (USA)	Apr 2013
Brown-Bologna Exchange Programme Grant, Brown University (USA)	Jan 2013 - July 2013

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

### *Refereeing Activity*

Journal of Economic Growth, Demography, Rivista Italiana degli Economisti, World Development, Journal of Institutional Economics, Journal of Comparative Economics, International Review of Economics, Journal of Business & Economic Statistics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of Economic History, Journal of Public Economics, American Journal of Political Science

### *Conferences and Workshops*

NBER's 2021 Summer Institute, July 2021  
 CEPR Conference, Geneva, Switzerland, February 2020  
 UZH Workshop "Political Economy and Development", Zurich, Switzerland, May 2019  
 NBER Summer Institute. Boston, USA, July 2018  
 Barcelona GSE Summer Forum, Political Institutions, Barcelona, June 2018  
 ASREC Europe Conference, Bologna, September 2017  
 Swiss Development Network, Fribourg, May 2017  
 Summer Workshop "Culture, Institutions and Development", Galatina, August 2016  
 Sustainable Development Research Conference & Symposium. Columbia University, New York, USA, April 2016  
 1st EDEM Workshop on Health and Economic Development. Institute of Social Studies of Erasmus University, The Hague, November 2015  
 NBER Summer Institute. Boston, USA, July 2015  
 Conference "Social Issues for the Social Sciences". European University Institute, July 2015  
 CAS Workshop "The Geography of Civil Conflict". Munich, Germany, November 2014  
 Income Inequality Thematic Group. European University Institute, Italy, October 2014  
 CESifo Summer Institute, "Demographic Change and Long-Run Development". Venice, Italy, July 2014  
 BOMOPAV Economics Meeting. Padova, Italy, April 2014  
 Congress of the European Economic Association Society. Goteborg, Sweden, August 2013  
 Econometric Society European Meeting. Goteborg, Sweden, August 2013  
 Summer School in Economic Growth. Warwick University, UK, July 2013  
 Bologna Lunch Seminar. University of Bologna, Italy, July 2013  
 Inaugural S4 Fellow Lecture and Reception. Brown University, USA, April 2013  
 Econometric Society European Meeting. Malaga, Spain, August 2012  
 Macro Lunch Seminar. Brown University, USA, March 2013  
 Phd Forum. University of Bologna, Italy, November 2012  
 "Intergenerational Transmission in the process of long-run economic growth". Naples, Italy, May 2012  
 Phd Forum. University of Bologna, Italy, January 2012  
 UNICEF India. Knowledge Community on Children in India Workshop. New Delhi, India, August 2008

*Invited Seminars*

University of Konstanz, June 2022  
 Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, February 2021  
 Esomas, University of Torino, February 2021  
 Queen's University Belfast, February 2021  
 University of Bayreuth, January 2020  
 University Aix-Marseille, May 2019  
 Einaudi Institute for Economics and Finance, March 2019  
 Macro-history Lab, University of Bonn, Bonn, May 2018  
 Department of Economics. University of Fribourg, Fribourg, March 2018  
 The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, September 2017  
 Department of Economics. King's College, London, May 2017  
 Department of Economics. University of Munich, Germany, November 2016  
 Stockholm University, Department of Economics. Stockholm, Sweden, February 2016  
 HEC Lausanne, UNIL. Lausanne, Switzerland, January 2016  
 Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Department of Economics. Madrid, Spain, January 2016  
 University of St.Gallen, Department of Economics. San Gallen, Switzerland, January 2016  
 New York University Abu Dhabi. Abu Dhabi, EAR, December 2015  
 IPEG, Universitat Pompeu Fabra. Barcelona, Spain, November 2015

*University Service*

Co-Organizer of the Seminar Series "Public Policies and Development", University of Lausanne, Switzerland	Fall 2018 - 2020
Co-Organizer of the Reading Group "Political Economy and Development", University of Lausanne, Switzerland	Spring 2015
Organizer of the Course "Web Data Scraping with Python", EUI, Italy	Spring 2015
Coordinator of the Income Inequality Thematic Group, EUI, Italy	Fall-Spring 2015
Co-organizer of the Macro-Development Reading Group, University of Bologna, Italy	Fall 2013, Fall 2014

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE AND OTHER EMPLOYMENT**

<b>Max Weber Fellow</b> , European University Institute, Fiesole (Italy) Post-doctoral researcher, Economics Department	Sept 2014 - Aug 2016
<b>University of Bologna</b> , Bologna (Italy) Research Assistant for Professors Margherita Fort, Andrea Ichino and Giulio Zanella	Summer 2013
<b>Economisti Associati</b> , Bologna (Italy) Policy evaluations (European Commission, World Bank)	Aug 2009 - Sept 2010
<b>European Commission</b> , Bruxelles (Belgium) Blue Book Trainee for DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities	Jan 2009 - Jul 2009
<b>CPB Bureau for Economic Policy Analysis</b> , The Hague (The Netherlands) Research Assistant for Egbert Jongen and David Vonka	Sept 2008 - Jan 2009
<b>UNICEF</b> , Allahabad (India) Junior Researcher	May 2008 - Aug 2008
<b>Applied Survey Research</b> , Watsonville, California (USA) Research Assistant for applied policy-evaluation	Mar 2007 - Aug 2007

## SKILLS

### SOFTWARE:

Statistical Package: **Stata, R**  
 Geographic Information System: **R, ArcGIS, Python**  
 Web Scraping: **Python, Scrapy**

### LANGUAGES:

**English** (fluent)  
**French** (fluent)  
**Italian** (native)

## WORKING PAPERS AND PUBLICATIONS

“Reconciliation Narratives: The Birth of a Nation after the US Civil War”  
 with Tiziano Rotesi, Alessandro Saia and Mathias Thoenig  
**The American Economic Review**. *Conditionally Accepted*

“Malaria and Chinese Economic Activities in Africa”  
 with Matteo Cervellati, Uwe Sunde and Song Yuan  
**Journal of Development Economics** **154 (2022): 102739**.

“The Side Effects of Immunity: Malaria and African Slavery in the United States”  
**American Economic Journal: Applied Economics** **14.3 (2022): 290-328**.

“Epidemic Shocks and Civil Violence: Evidence from Malaria Outbreaks in Africa”  
 with Matteo Cervellati and Uwe Sunde  
**The Review of Economics and Statistics**, **1-46**. 2021.

“The Resource Curse in the Long-Run”  
 with Scott F. Abramson  
**Journal of Economic Growth** **26 (1), 77-112**. 2021

“Long-term Exposure to Malaria and Violence in Africa”  
 with Matteo Cervellati, Uwe Sunde and Simona Valmori  
**Economic Policy** **33.95 (2018): 403-446**

“Social Adaptation to Diseases and Inequality”  
 with Paolo Buonanno and Giorgio Gulino  
**Barcelona Graduate School of Economics Working Papers** **1220**. 2020

“Bite and Divide: Malaria and Ethnolinguistic Diversity”  
 with Matteo Cervellati and Giorgio Chiovelli  
**CEPR Discussion Paper No. DP13437**. 2019

“Epidemics and Conflict: Evidence from the Ebola outbreak in Western Africa”  
 with Ada Gonzalez-Torres  
**Available at SSRN 3544606**. 2016

## ADDITIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND BOOK CHAPTERS

“Long Term Exposure to Malaria and Development: Disaggregate Evidence for Contemporaneous Africa”  
 with Matteo Cervellati, Uwe Sunde. *Journal of Demographic Economics* **83.1 (2017): 129-148**.

“Caste Systems and Technology in Pre-Modern Societies” in *Demographic Change and Long-Run Development*, 293.  
 Matteo Cervellati and Uwe Sunde (Editors). MIT Press (2017).