

# SARA GIUNTI

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Primary: Applied Microeconomics, Impact Evaluation.

Secondary: Migration, Development and Health Economics.

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## CURRENT POSITION

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**University of Pavia**

Assistant Professor (RTT)

Pavia (Italy)

December 2025

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## PREVIOUS RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS

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**University of Milan**

Assistant Professor (RTDa)

Milano (Italy)

April 2023 –

**University of Milano-Bicocca**

Postdoctoral Research Fellow

*Assegno di ricerca ai sensi dell'art. 22 della Legge n. 240/2010*

Milano (Italy)

April 2019 – March 2023

**Universitat Pompeu Fabra**

Visiting Research Scholar

Barcelona (Spain)

May – June 2022

**Institute for Fiscal Studies**

Research assistant for the project “Impact evaluation of a sanitation intervention in India”

London (UK)

March 2017 – December 2018

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## EDUCATION

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**School of Social Sciences – University of Trento**

Ph.D. in Local Development and Global Dynamics

Supervisor: Prof. Gabriella Berlofffa

*Thesis: The impact of migration on households left behind*

Trento (Italy)

November 2013 – October 2017

**Paris School of Economics**

Visiting Ph.D. student

Paris (France)

January – December 2016

**University of Florence**

M.Sc. in Development Economics

Florence (Italy)

September 2010 – April 2013

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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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**University of Milan – Teaching Instructor**

Development Policies (MA in International Relations)

A.Y. 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25

**Universitat Pompeu Fabra – Teaching Instructor** A.Y. 2021-22  
Economic Development (BA in Economics)

**University of Milano Bicocca – Teaching Instructor** A.Y. 2021-22  
Economics of Immigration - Ph.D. in Economics

**University of Milano Bicocca – Teaching Assistant** A.Y. 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22  
Development Economics  
Industrial Organization  
International Economics

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### SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

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AIEL Conference 2025	September 2025
BSE Summer Forum 2025 – Migration, Barcelona	June 2025
Advances with Field Experiments Conference 2024, LSE	September 2024
EEA-ESEM Congress	August 2023
Applied Lunch Seminar, Universitat Pompeu Fabra	June 2022
5th Understanding Voluntary and Forced Migration Conference, Lille University	September 2021
3rd International Conference on European Studies, Milano-Bicocca University	June 2021
Workshop on Migration and Integration, Uppsala Immigration Lab	May 2021
The Economics of Migration, Junior Seminar	March 2021
University of Parma – Department Seminar (invited)	March 2021

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### GRANTS & PROJECTS

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**Bicocca Starting Grant** (2021/2022) – Principal Investigator.  
Project Title: MIGRATE – Mapping the impact of refugee reception centers at the local level.  
Amount awarded: 47000 €

**Fondazione Cariplo Research Grant** (2022 ongoing) – Participant  
Project Title: ProCEDI - Demographic Changes and Enriched Society: Promoting Cultural Diversity and Social Inclusion in Higher Education in Italy

**The World Bank** (2019/2020) - Participant  
Project Title: International migration in Europe and Central Asia

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### OTHER

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*Referee service:*

Applied Economics, The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy, Review of Economics of the Household, IZA Journal of Development and Migration, Italian Economic Journal

*Seminar and Workshop organization:*

- Workshop “Discrimination, Social Inclusion and Development” April 2025
- Summer school “Starting a Grant Proposal: from Idea to Practice” July 2022  
July 2024  
November 2024
- Brown Bag internal seminar (DEMM) – University of Milan A.Y. 2023-24, 2024-25
- Workshop “Hosting Refugees: National Policies and Local Communities” March 2022
- Internal Seminar (Department of Economics) – University of Milano-Bicocca A.Y. 2021-22
- Young Development Economists Webinar Series (YoDEV) A.Y. 2020-21

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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Campo, F., Giunti, S., Mendola, M., Tura, G. (2025), “Political Backlash to Refugee Settlement: Cultural and Economic Drivers”, *Journal of Public Economics*, 250: 10546, [10.1016/j.jpubeco.2025.105467](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jpubeco.2025.105467)

Oncini, Filippo, Giunti, Sara (2025), Widening inequalities in sport participation among Italian children, 1997–2022: an observational study, *Journal of Public Health*, [10.1007/s10389-025-02452-x](https://doi.org/10.1007/s10389-025-02452-x)

Campo, F., Giunti, S., Mendola, M. (2024) “The Refugee Crisis and Right-Wing Populism: Evidence from the Italian Dispersal Policy”, *European Economic Review*, 168: 104826, [10.1016/j.eurocorev.2024.104826](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.eurocorev.2024.104826)

Augsburg, B., Caeyers, B., Giunti, S., Malde, B. and Smets, S. (2023), “Labeled Loans and Human Capital Investments”, *Journal of Development Economics*, 162, [10.1016/j.jdeveco.2023.103053](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jdeveco.2023.103053)

Aurino, E. and Giunti, S. (2022), “Social protection for child development in crisis: A review of evidence and knowledge gaps”, *World Bank Research Observer*, 37(2), 229-263.

Berloffa, G, Giunti, S. (2019), “Remittances and healthcare expenditure: Human capital investment or responses to shocks? Evidence from Peru”, *Review of Development Economics*, 23(4), 1540-1561.

Giunti, S. and Oncini, F. (2018), “Parental Acculturation and Children’s BMI Growth among Second-generation Immigrants in the UK joint”, *International Migration Review*, 53(4), 1107-1120.

## WORKING PAPERS

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Giunti, S., Guariso, A., Mendola, M., Solmone, I. (2025), “Hacking Anti-Immigration Attitudes and Stereotypes: A Field Experiment in Italian High Schools”, *IZA DP No. 17978 – Submitted*.

Augsburg, B., Ghatak, M., Giunti, S., Malde, B. (2026), “At scale implementation and the perils of fragmentation”, *IFS Working Paper 26/03*.

## BOOK CHAPTERS

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Giunti, S., Aurino, E., Masset, E., Daidone, S., & Prifti, E. (2021). *Assessing the Impacts of Home-Grown School Feeding Programmes*. In L. Swensson, D. Hunter, S. Schneider, & F. Tartanac (Eds.), “Public food procurement for sustainable food systems and healthy diets”. Vol. 2 (pp. 147-166). Roma: FAO, Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT and Editora da UFRGS [10.4060/cb7969en].

Bottini, L, Caiello, S, Daconto, L, Giunti, S (2022). The localization models of secondary reception structures for refugees and asylum seekers in Italy. First results from the MIGRATE project. In: Bergamaschi M, The multidimensional housing deprivation. Local dynamics of inequality, policies and challenges for the future. *SOCIOLOGIA DEL TERRITORIO*, p. 28-38, Milano: Franco Angeli, [ISBN: 9788835142782].

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