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Current Academic Position

April 2023 - Associate Professor of Economics, Department of Economics and Management, University of Pavia, Italy.

Past Academic and Visiting Positions

May 2019-March 2023: Assistant Professor of Economics, Department of Economics and Management, University of Pavia, Italy.

May 2014 - April 2019: Research Fellow, Institute of Development Studies, UK.

Oct 2010 - Mar 2011: Marie Curie Early Stage Researcher, AMID-CEPR Programme, Paris School of Economics, France.

Affiliations

LEAP - Laboratory for Effective Anti-Poverty Policies (Bocconi)

Centro Studi Luca D'Agliano (University of Milan).

Household in Conflict Network (HiCN).

Education

2013: PhD in Economics, University of Sussex, UK.

2006: M.A. in Development Economics (distinction), University of Sussex, UK.

2001: B.Sc. in Economics, Bocconi University, Italy.

Research Fields

Development Economics, Applied Microeconomics

Publications

1. Improving Parenting Practices for Early Child Development: Experimental Evidence from Rwanda (joint with P. Justino, P. Rolla, M. Abimpaye, C. Dusabe). *Journal of the European Economic Association*. Volume 21, Issue 4, August 2023, pp. 1510-1550, <https://doi.org/10.1093/jeea/jvac070>
2. First and Second Generation impacts of the Biafran War (joint with R. Akresh, S. Bhalotra and U. Osili). *Journal of Human Resources*. March 2023, 58 (2) 488-531.
3. Humanitarian Crises and Adolescent Well-being: Knowledge, Gaps, and Prospects (joint with Jose Cuesta). *Journal of Economic Surveys*, 2020, vol. 34(1), pp. 3-34.
4. Women as Decision Makers in Community Forest Management: Evidence from Nepal. *Journal of Development Economics*. May 2019, vol. 138, pp.180-191.

5. Short and Long-Term Impact of Violence on Education: The Case of Timor Leste (with Patricia Justino and Paola Salardi). *World Bank Economic Review*, 2014, vol. 28 (2), pp. 320-353.
6. War and Stature: Growing Up During the Nigerian Civil War (with Richard Akresh, Sonia Bhalotra and Una Osili). *American Economic Review (P&P)*, May 2012, vol. 102(3), pp. 273-77.
7. Persistence versus Change in the International Specialization Pattern of Italy: How much does the 'District Effect' Matters? (with A. Amighini and R. Rabellotti). *Regional Studies*, 2011, vol. 45(3), pp. 381-401.

Working Papers

What Drives Parental Investment in Early Childhood? Experimental Evidence from a Video Intervention in Rwanda (joint with P. Justino, P. Rolla, M. Abimpaye). Current version: June 2023.

Domestic Violence Laws and Social Norms: Evidence from Pakistan (joint with Selim Gulesci and Sameen Zafar). Current version: February 2024.

Violence Begets Violence? The Long Term Impact of the war in Timor Leste on Domestic Violence (joint with P. Justino and P. Salardi).

The Intergenerational Impacts of Education: Evidence from the Universal Primary Education Programme in Nigeria (joint with S. Bhalotra and U. Osili). *mimeo*. 2015

Shadow Wages and Child Labour Supply in Agricultural Households in Nepal. *mimeo*. 2014

Selected Work in Progress

Inclusive Teaching and Classroom Relational Climate: Spotting Social Isolation in the Classroom (with S. Alan and M. Carlana). Status: draft coming soon

Permanent Working Papers

Does War Empower Women? Evidence from Timor Leste (joint with P. Justino and P. Salardi). IDS Evidence Report, n. 121. 2015. Institute of Development Studies. Brighton. UK.

Education and Conflict Recovery: the case of East-Timor, July 2011, *World Bank Policy Research Working Paper*, No. 5774 (with Patricia Justino and Paola Salardi).

The Determinants of Child Labour in Brazil: Links with Poverty and Education, (September 2006), Dissertation submitted for the degree of MA in Development Economics, *mimeo*, University of Sussex, UK.

Policy reports

Domestic Violence in Ghana: Incidence, Attitudes, Determinants and Consequences (with A. Aghajanian, A. Amuzu, E. Asante, P. Justino, E. Mills, S. Minkah-Premo, R. Mitchell, C. Müller, P. Nyarko, P. Oosterhoff and JP. Tranchant).

Selected Research Experience

March 2018-Dec 2019: Member of research team, Strengthening Quality Learning Environments and Education Systems in DRC and Niger. (Europe Aid).

Jan 2018-Dec 2019: Member of research team, REALISE Girls Education Challenge project in Democratic Republic of Congo (DFID funded).

Dec 2017-Dec 2018: Consultant, Humanitarian Disasters and Adolescents well-being (UNICEF Innocenti Office of Research).

Sept 2017-Apr 2019: Member of research team, Early Childhood Development Programme (British Academy).

Apr 2017-Dec 2018: Member of evaluation team, Private Enterprise Programme Ethiopia (DFID funded project).

Apr 2017-Dec 2018: Member of research team, Gender and Energy Research Programme (DFID funded project).

May-June 2016: Consultant for ActionAid on the interlinkages between women's economic inequality and Violence against women and girls.

May 2014 - May 2015: Member of research team for *Domestic Violence in Ghana: Prevalence, Incidence and Causes*, Incidence Study for DFID Ghana and the Domestic Violence Secretariat of the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection (MoGCSP).

November 2013 - March 2014: Research consultant for the *Understanding Children's Work* project, an inter-agency research cooperation programme (International Labour Organization, UNICEF, and the World Bank), Rome, Italy.

2010 - 2011: Consultant for a MicroCon and World Bank project on Gender and Conflict. Coordinator: Patricia Justino.

Nov 2006 - Dec 2007: Research Fellow, Department of Economics and Quantitative Methods, Università del Piemonte Orientale "Amedeo Avogadro", Italy. Coordinator: Professor Roberta Rabellotti.

Oct 2004 - Sept 2005: Junior Researcher, FEEM - Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei. Coordinator: Professor Bernardo Bortolotti.

Teaching

Sept 2023 - Present: Lecturer in Empirical Methods for Policy Evaluation (Master level), University of Pavia

Sept 2022 - Present: Lecturer in Microeconomics, University of Pavia

Sept 2021 - Present: Lecturer in Development Economics (Master level), University of Pavia.

Sept 2021 - Sept 2022 Lecturer in Macroeconomics, University of Pavia.

Sept 2019 -Sept 2021 : Lecturer in Microeconomics, University of Pavia.

2018-Apr 2019: Lecturer, Poverty Violence and Conflict module, MA in Poverty and Development, Institute of Development Studies.

2014-2020: TA in Development Economics, Bocconi University.

2011-2014: TA in Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Bocconi University.

2009-2010: Lecturer in Macroeconomics, Bocconi University.

Jan 2009-Jul 2009: TA in Development Economics, University of Sussex.

2007-2009: TA in Macroeconomics and Public Economics, Bocconi University.

2006-2008: TA in Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Global Markets Economics, Public Economics, University of Milan Bicocca.

Other Work Experience

Sept 2002 - Sept 2004: Junior Portfolio Manager, Quantitative Investment Management Department, Euromobiliare Asset Management Sgr, Milan, Italy.

Feb - Aug 2002: Internship, Merrill Lynch Investment Managers, Milan, Italy.

Conferences and Invited Seminars Presentations

2024 (including *scheduled*): Workshop on the Economics of Human Capital (AIEL-dSEA University of Padova); Workshop on Networks and Development (CSEF University of Naples Federico II); The World at Crossroads Conference (UNU-Wider, Maputo - Mozambique); Workshop on Inequality and Education (LEAP-Bocconi); Conflicts and the Economy Workshop (Catholic University Milan); Workshop on Public Policies (IEB - Universitat de Barcelona); Workshop Children's Health, Well-Being, and Human Capital Formation (BSE Summer forum, Barcelona); NOVAFRICA conference on Economic Development (NOVA Lisbon).

2023: University College Dublin, UNU-WIDER Helsinki, University of Naples Federico II**, EEA Barcelona**, Conflicts and the Economy Workshop at Catholic University of Milan**.

2022: NOVAFRICA Economic Development Conference (NOVA); SEHO 2022 (UCL); CEPR Development Economics Conference (Stockholm); University of Copenhagen

2021: SEHO 2021 (Boston University - virtual), ESPE 2021 (GSE Barcelona - virtual);

2020: Early-Career Behavioral Economics Conference (Briq Institute), CSAE Conference (University of Oxford)*, Essen Health Conference (University of Duisburg-Essen), SEHO (Ca' Foscari University of Venice)*.

2019: Delivering Early Child Development (British Academy), NEUDC Conference (Northwestern University); UNICEF Office of Research; Food for Thought Seminar (Bocconi), International ECD (NECDP) conference (Kigali, Rwanda).

2017: NEUDC Conference (Tufts University); Famines and Adolescents' Workshop (UNICEF Office of Research); University of Alicante.

2016: Conference on the Socio-economic ramifications of Conflict (UN-ESCWA and AUB, Beirut); Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference (Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Milan); Lunch Seminar (Università degli Studi di Milano Bicocca), Royal Economic Society Conference (University of Sussex); Development Studies Group Seminar (University of Portsmouth).

2015: HiCN Workshop (University of Toronto); Food for Thought Seminar (Bocconi University).

2014: ESPE Conference (Braga, Portugal); RES Postgraduate meeting (UCL, London).

2013: Economics Seminar (Namur); Food for Thought Seminar (Bocconi University); EEA 2013 Meeting (Gothenburg); DIAL Development Conference (Paris-Dauphine, IRD, Paris); PhD Conference in Economics (University of Sussex).

2011: EUDN PhD Workshop (Tinbergen Institute, Amsterdam); DIAL Development Conference (Paris-Dauphine, IRD, Paris); AEL Conference on Development Economics (DIW, Berlin); CRED Workshop (FUNDP Namur); PhD Seminar (Paris School of Economics); CSAE Conference on Economic Development in Africa (Oxford); The Global Economic Costs of Conflict (DIW, Berlin).

2010: PhD Conference in Economics (University of Sussex), Gender and Conflict Research Workshop (World Bank, Washington DC); Gender and Conflict Research Workshop (PRIO, Oslo).

**Cancelled or postponed due to COVID-19. ** Unable to attend*

Refereeing

Economic Journal; Journal of Development Economics; Economic Development and Cultural Change; World Bank Economic Review; World Development; Labour Economics; European Journal of Political Economy; Economics and Human Biology; Economics of Education Review; Journal of African Economies; Journal of Development Studies; Journal of International Development; Journal of Demographic Economics, Review of Development Economics; B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy.

Other professional activities and department's roles

Member of department's international commission (May 2019- April 2023).

Organizer of department's seminar series (Sept 2020 - Present).

Organizer of Young Development Economics seminar series - YoDev (Sept 2020-July 2021).

Member of department's joint commission (Commissione Paritetica) (May 2020- April 2023). .

Research Grants

PRIN 2022. From Schools to Labour Markets: Fostering Social Inclusion and Economic Integration of Migrants and Refugees. With F.Fasani (€257,000) . PI Local Unit Pavia (Work Package with S.Alan and M Carlana, €134,000).

PRIN PNRR 2022. The Dynamics of Crime and Social Exclusion in Italy. With A. Guariso, G. Daniele, M. Sandi (€263,000). PI Local Unit Pavia (Work Package with A. Guariso, S. Gulesci, A. Ramos, €43,000).

J-PAL European Social Inclusion Initiative. With S. Alan and M. Carlana (€89,000).

British Academy Early Childhood Development Programme. Member of research team. With P. Justino (€350,000).

DFID Girls Education Challenge. Member of research team. With P.Justino and G.Marchais (€270,000).

EuropeAid DevCo. Title: Strengthening Quality Learning Environments and Education Systems in DRC and Niger. Member of research team. With P.Justino and G.Marchais (€1mln).

Fellowships and Awards

Abilitazione Scientifica Nazionale; Associate Professor: Econ. Policy (13/A1) (Feb 2022).

Early Stage Research Fellowship, Marie Curie Initial Training Network (ITN) (Oct 2010-Mar 2011).

Award for the MA Distinction, University of Sussex (2008-2011).

Research Fellowship, Università del Piemonte Orientale, Novara, Italy (Nov 2006-Dec 2007)

Language Skills

Italian: *Mother tongue*; English: *Fluent*; French: *Intermediate*; Spanish: *Basic*.

Computer skills

LaTeX, Scientific Workplace, Stata, SPSS.

Personal Information

Citizenship: Italian;