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AFFILIATIONS

Visiting Fellow

Department of Economics
 University of Essex, UK

Affiliated Fellow

Health Econometrics and Data Group (HEDG)
 University of York, UK

Research Fellow

Institute of Labor Economics (IZA)
 University of Bonn, Germany

RFBerlin Foundation Berlin

ROCKWOOL Foundation Berlin – Institute for the Economy and the Future of Work, Germany

Research Affiliate

Centre For North South Economic Research (CRENoS)
 University of Cagliari and University of Sassari, Italy

ACADEMIC POSITION

Associate Professor of Economics University of Cagliari

2025/10 - present

Assistant Professor of Economics (RTD-B)
 University of Cagliari

2022/10 - 2025/10

Assistant Professor of Economics (RTD-A)
 University of Cagliari

2018/12 - 2022/10

Research Economic Analyst
 Competence Centre on Microeconomic Evaluation
 European Commission, Joint Research Centre

2016/9 - 2018/11

Researcher
 CRENoS, University of Cagliari

2009/1 - 2011/9

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Risky Behaviour, Crime, Political Economy, Migration, Health

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Running the Risk: Immunity and Mobility in Response to a Pandemic
 (with A. Geraci, G. Mastrobuoni, S. Weidenholzer)
 European Economic Review, 117, 105057, 2025
 DOI: [10.1016/j.euroecorev.2025.105057](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.euroecorev.2025.105057)

Migrants at Sea: Unintended Consequences of Search and Rescue Operations
(with V. Maheshri and G. Mastrobuoni)
American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, 16, 2, 2024
[DOI: 10.1257/pol.20220014](#)

Sibling Correlations and Intergenerational Mobility across Immigrant Groups
(with M. Colagrossi, A. Geraci, L. Giua and G. Mazzarella)
Journal of Population Economics, 38, 38, 2025
[DOI: 10.1007/s00148-025-01086-3](#)

Legalization and Long-Term Outcomes of Immigrant Worker
(with L. Giua and R. Nisticò)
IZA Working paper 15189
Accepted at Demography

Opium Price Shocks and Prescription Opioids in the US
(with L. Giua and R. Nisticò)
Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, 12584, 2023
[DOI: 10.1111/obes.12584](#)

This Site Is Closed! The Effect of Decommissioning Mining Waste Facilities on Mortality in the Long Run
(with L. Giua)
Journal of Environmental Economics and Management, 119, 10279, 2023
[DOI: 10.1016/j.jeem.2023.102797](#)

Intimate Partner Violence and Help-Seeking: the Role of Femicide News
(with M. Colagrossi, D. Dragone, A. Geraci, L. Giua and E. Iori)
Journal of Health Economics, 87, 102722, 2023
[DOI: 10.1016/j.jhealeco.2022.102722](#)

Can Relief Measures Nudge Compliance in a Public Health Crisis? Evidence from a Kinked Fiscal Policy Rule
(with G. Mazzarella, A. Geraci and F. Sabatini)
Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, 202, 407-428, 2022
[DOI: 10.1016/j.jebo.2022.08.020](#)

Perceived Risk and Vaccine Hesitancy: Quasi-Experimental Evidence from Italy
(with G. Mazzarella, A. Geraci and F. Sabatini)
Health Economics, 1-10, 2022
[DOI: 10.1002/hec.4506](#)

Hang Up on Stereotypes: Domestic Violence and Anti-Abuse Helpline Campaign
(with Colagrossi, A. Geraci and L. Giua)
Contemporary Economic Policy, 1-27, 2022
[DOI: 10.1111/coep.12571](#)
Top 10 most-cited paper in 2022 by Western Economic Association International (WEAI)

The Unexpected Influencer: Pope Francis and European Perceptions of the Recent Refugee Crisis
(with G. Mazzarella, E. Meroni and L. Tiozzo Pezzoli)
Oxford Economic Papers, gpac003, 2022
[DOI: 10.1093/oep/gpac003](#)

Are Wind Turbines a Mafia Windfall? The Unintended Consequences of Green Incentives

(with A. Geraci)
Regional Science and Urban Economics, 103691, 2021
[DOI: 10.1016/j.regsciurbeco.2021.103691](#)

The Intended and Unintended Effects of Opioid Policies on Prescription Opioids and Crime

(with L. Giua)
The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis & Policy, 21(2), 751-792, 2021
[DOI: 10.1515/bejeap-2020-0253](#)

Geographical proximity to refugee reception centres and voting

(with M. Bratti, E. Havari, G. Mazzarella, and E. Meroni)
The Journal of Urban Economics, 120, 2020
[DOI: 10.1016/j.jue.2020.103290](#)
[Awarded the 2018 Ezio Tarantelli prize](#)

Global arms trade and oil dependence

(with V. Bove and R. Nisticò)
The Journal of Law, Economics, & Organization, 34 (2): 272-299, 2018
[DOI: 10.1093/jleo/ewy007](#)

No Free Lunch, Buddy: Past Housing Transfers and Informal Care Later in Life

(with E. Ciani)
Review of Economics of the Household, 16 (4): 971-1001, 2018
[DOI: 10.1007/s11150-018-9417-1](#)

BOOK CHAPTERS **Does the road to happiness depend on the retirement decision? Evidence from Italy**
(with G. Mazzarella)
Data-Driven Policy Impact - Springer
Editors: Nuno Crato, Paolo Paruolo
[DOI: 10.1007/978-3-319-78461-8_15](#)

WORKING PAPERS **The Unintended Consequences of Pandemic Lockdowns: Evidence on Domestic Violence in Italy**
(with A. Bochenkova, P. Buonanno, and S. Galletta)
Center for Law & Economics, ETH Zurich Working paper
Under Review

Addictive consumption, imperfect substitutes and self-control: A model and an application to slot machines

(with D. Dragone and L. Giua)
Università di Bologna, Working paper
Under Review

Heterogenous latent factor models using horizontal kinship

(with M. Colagrossi, A. Geraci, L. Giua and G. Mazzarella)
Under Review

OTHER PUBLICATIONS **La violenza domestica in Sardegna**
(with L. Giua)
Economia della Sardegna. 28 Rapporto 2021, pp. 103-107, Cagliari

Arkadia Editore srl, ISBN 9788868513498

Feasibility study for the overall impact evaluation of the European Social Fund

(with G. Mazzarella, E. Meroni, P. Morsberger, and P. Paruolo)

EC publication: KJ-NA-28672-EN-N - 2017

DOI: 10.2760/774879

Advanced counterfactual evaluation methods - Guidance document

(with A. Geraci, and E. Meroni)

EC publication: KE-04-19-627-EN-N - 2019

DOI: 10.2767/464242

Counterfactual impact evaluation of European Social Fund interventions in practice

(with G. Santangelo)

EC publication: KE-02-20-333-EN-N - 2020

DOI: 10.2767/55495

EU REPORTS

Data provisions for evaluation in the MFF legislative proposals: the state of play

JRC Technical report 114880 *EU restricted document*

Guidance on the common monitoring and evaluation framework of the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF) and the Internal Security Fund (ISF)

JRC Technical report 106351 *EU restricted document*

Revision of the guidance document on the common monitoring and evaluation framework of the AMIF and ISF funds

The guidance document builds on the indicators and evaluation questions included in the Delegated Regulation (EU) C(2016) 6265 adopted by the Commission on 03/10/2016

JRC Technical report 108160 *EU restricted document*

WORK IN
PROGRESS

Cultural Codes, Institutions, and Crime. Enclosures and Violence in 19th Century Sardinia
(with M. G. Nieddu)

Awarded the Einaudi Institute for Economics and Finance (EIEF) Grant

Wildfires and Investment Decisions: Evidence from Southern Europe
(with A. Geraci, L. Giua and M. G. Nieddu)

A Boatlift across the Mediterranean: Refugees in Italian Aging Communities
(with E. Ciani and R. Nisticò)

The Whole is Other than the Sum of the Parts. Municipal Mergers and Social Conflict in Fascist Italy
(with M. G. Nieddu and A. Geraci)

EDUCATION

University of Essex, UK, PhD in Economics

No corrections

2017

University of Cagliari, Italy, PhD in Economics

No corrections

2014

University of Essex, UK, MSc Economics

Distinction

2008/2009

University of Cagliari, Italy, Laurea Specialistica in Economics

summa cum laude

2005/2008

University of Cagliari, Italy, BSc in Economics and European Policies

summa cum laude

2002/2005

INTERNATIONAL
AND NATIONAL
QUALIFICATIONS

Italian National Scientific Qualification for Full professorship (*I fascia*):

- Politica Economica (13/A2), exp. 01/12/2034
- Scienza delle Finanze (13/A3), exp. 11/12/2034
- Eligible in Area 13 - Economics and statistics

Italian National Scientific Qualification for Associate professorship (*II fascia*):

- Economia Politica (13/A1), exp. 06/12/2034
- Econometria (13/A5), exp. 05/06/2034

UK Professional Standards Framework

- Level D1 Associate Fellow, since 2014

TEACHING

Lecturer, University of Cagliari

Taught modules:

Micro and Macroeconomics

BA Module, 54 hours per a.y.

2019/2020/2021/2022/2023/2024

Economics Laboratory

BA Module, 18 hours per a.y.

2024

Quantitative Methods

PhD Module, 12 hours per a.y.

2020/2021/2022/2023

Micro and Macroeconomics

Master Level II MAPE MA Module, 10 hours per a.y.

2021/2022

Microeconomics

BA Module, 36 hours per a.y.

2018/2019

Lecturer, University of Sassari

Estimating causal effects using observational data and counterfactual methods, difference in difference - *PhD Module, 5 hours per a.y.* 2022

Lecturer, University of Essex

[EC329] Economics of the European Union - *BSc Module, 20 hours per a.y.*

2015/2016

Econometrics and statistics - *pre-MSc Module, 20 hours per a.y.*

2013/2014/2015/2016

Teaching Assistant, University of Essex

Taught modules for BSc students:

[EC100] Economics for Business

2013/2014/2015

[EC114] Introduction to Quantitative Economics;

2014/2015/2016

[EC115] Methods of Economic Analysis

2014/2015/2016

[EC201] Intermediate Macroeconomics

2014/2015

[EC202] Intermediate Microeconomics

2014/2015

[EC252] Introduction to Econometric Methods

2014/2015

[EC352] Econometric Methods

2014/2015

Taught modules for MSc students:

[EC501] Econometric Methods

2014/2015/2016

Teaching Assistant, University of Cagliari

Taught modules for BSc students:

Macroeconomics, Microeconomics

2003/2008

SERVICE DUTIES	Course Quality Manager for Economics and Finance , University of Cagliari <i>average 20 hours per a.y.</i>	2024
	<i>Main duties:</i>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensuring all courses comply with university policies and external accreditation standards; - Monitoring and maintaining the academic integrity and quality of course content; - Analyzing key performance metrics, such as student grades, pass rates, and course evaluations; - Identify areas for improvement of key performance; - Preparing reports on course performance for internal and external review bodies. 	
	Erasmus Commission member , University of Cagliari <i>average 30 hours per a.y.</i>	2019/2020/2021/2022/2023/2024
	<i>Main duties:</i>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proposes criteria for the allocation of scholarships for curricular activities at foreign universities; - Proposes the set of activities that each scholarship applicant can carry out abroad; - Proposes the recognition of academic credits for curricular activities conducted abroad; - Selects the student winners of scholarships for carrying out curricular activities abroad; - Ensures that agreements with foreign universities are consistent with the study programs; - Provides tutoring activities for students and supervises their curricular activities abroad. 	
	PhD faculty board member , University of Cagliari <i>average 20 hours per a.y.</i>	2019/2020/2021/2022/2023/2024
	Responsible for the Economics Seminar Series , University of Cagliari <i>average 30 hours per a.y.</i>	2019/2020/2021/2022/2023/2024
	Thesis supervisions , University of Cagliari <i>One student, BSc in Political Science</i>	2022

OTHER RESEARCH ACTIVITIES	<u>University of Cagliari</u>	2023
	Research project on “Social Cohesion, Violence and Crime”, GRINS (Growing Resilient, Inclusive and Sustainable) WP8, Deliverable 8.3, 2023-present.	
	<u>University of Cagliari</u>	2021
	Research project on “Wildfires and land use changes”, EU Horizon 2021, Project n. 101061104 ESSPIN (Economic, Social and SPatial INequalities) WP4, Deliverable 4.2, 2023-2024.	
	<u>University of Cagliari</u>	2021
	Research project on “Decommissioning of mining waste facilities and mortality”, EU Horizon 2021, Project n. 101061104 ESSPIN (Economic, Social and SPatial INequalities) WP4, Deliverable 4.5, 2023-2024.	
	<u>University of Naples Federico II</u>	2020
	- Visiting professor at the Department of Economics and Statistics in February and March 2020; interrupted due to COVID-19 lockdown. Host: prof. Nisticó.	
	<u>European Commission</u>	2020
	- Assignment for research activities of a project on the counterfactual impact evaluation of European Social Fund interventions in practice (Counterfactual impact evaluation of European Social Fund interventions in practice - Guidance document for managing authorities) assigned by the European Commission. The purpose of this project is to present four case studies on European Social Fund (ESF) evaluation to showcase real problems and solutions when it comes to ESF evaluations or other programming of macro-economic aggregates, the labor market and educational training. Output: <i>DOI: 10.2767/55495</i>	
	<u>European Commission</u>	2019

- Assignment for research activities on the study of counterfactual methods (Advanced counterfactual evaluation methods - Guidance document) assigned by the European Commission. The purpose of this project is to provide guidance for an introduction to advanced counterfactual impact evaluation (CIE) methods. The project is primarily intended for the managing authorities of the European Social Fund (ESF) and the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+) but it also applies to fields of comparative, of monetary and fiscal policies.
Output: *DOI: 10.2767/464242*

European Commission 2017
- Assignment for research activities on the feasibility study for the impact evaluation of the European Social Fund (Feasibility study for the overall impact evaluation of the European Social Fund) assigned by the European Commission. The project answers three main questions: firstly, what are the most suitable spending data for evaluation; secondly, what are the most appropriate counterfactual evaluation methods, given the allocation of resources and data availability; finally, what are the most suitable variables for estimating the impact evaluations. This includes policies for the programming of macro-economic aggregates, international policies and their coordination to improve the functions of economic institutions.
Output: *DOI: 10.2760/774879*

AWARDS AND GRANT	<u>PRIN</u> on inequalities and labor markets – Call 2022 PNRR	
	Prot. P2022KHP8L - amount EUR 258,458	2023
	<u>Einaudi Institute for Economics and Finance prize</u>	
	Principal investigator - amount EUR 6,000	2023
	<u>Fondazione di Sardegna</u> call for research project	
	Principal investigator - amount EUR 55,000	2022
	<u>Ezio Tarantelli Prize</u> - Italian Association of Labour Economists (AIEL)	2018
	PhD Scholarship - University of Essex	2015-2017
	<u>Full Scholarship ‘Master and Back’ - Regione Autonoma della Sardegna</u>	2009
CONFERENCES ORGANIZER	<u>SIEP Conference, XXXVI edition</u>	
	<u>Società Italiana di Economia Pubblica</u>	
	Organizer and Scientific Committee	2024
	<u>A. Pigliaru Workshop, II edition</u>	
	<u>From Sardinia to the World: The impact of Malaria and Other Infectious Diseases on Health and Economic Development</u>	
	Organizer and Scientific Committee	2024
	<u>ICEEE Conference, X edition</u>	
	<u>Società Italiana di Econometria</u>	
	Organizer and Local Committee	2023
	<u>Brucchi Luchino Conference, XXI edition</u>	
	<u>Economia del Lavoro</u>	
	Organizer and Local Committee	2023
CONFERENCES PRESENTATIONS	2025	
	UniCa-BECSS, Uni Cagliari; Applied Economics Workshop, Uni Padova	
	2024	
	HERB, Uni Bologna; BLOW workshop Uni Federico II; Uni Bergamo	

2023

HERB, Uni Bologna: Uni Turin

2022

IAERE, 4th Conference on European Studies; Immigration, Health and Well Being Oxford workshop, Social Norms and Cultural Code

2021

ASHEcon, The American Society of Health Economists; ESPE, European Society for Population Economics; Essen Health Conference

2020

VERB, Virtual Seminar on the Economics of Risky Health Behaviors, Cornell University; SIE, AIEL, University of Cosenza

2019

RES, Royal Economic Society, University of Warwick; Petralia Sottana, Applied Economics Workshop; 15th Csef-Igier Symposium on Economics and Institutions, University Federico II; Workshop CRENoS, University of Cagliari; TWEC, Transatlantic Workshop on the Economics of Crime, Tinbergen Institute

2018

EALE, The European Association of Labour Economists, University of Lyon; Petralia Sottana, Applied Economics Workshop; Workshop on Immigration, INPS (Rome); Invited seminar, Marche Polytechnic University; ESPE, European Society for Population Economics, University of Antwerp; Invited seminar, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart; RES, Royal Economic Society, University of Brighton

2017

Essex Crime workshop, University of Essex; EALE, The European Association of Labour Economists, University of St.Gallen; RES, Royal Economic Society, University of Brighton; 13th Csef-Igier Symposium on Economics and Institutions, University Federico II;

2016

COMPIE, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart; 12th Csef-Igier Symposium on Economics and Institutions, University Federico II

2015

AIEL, Annual Conference of the Italian Association of Labour Economists, University of Cagliari; Family Economics, ISER University of Essex; IZA European Summer School, Munich; RES, University of Manchester

2014

IDWEE, Collegio Carlo Alberto, Turin; PhD Workshop on Statistical Techniques in Social Sciences, University of Essex; Centro Interuniversitario di Econometria, Perugia; SOLE, Washington; RES, University of Manchester

2013

RSS, University of Essex; TEPP, Le Mans; 7th ISRICH, Pitesti

**PROFESSIONAL
COURSES**

2016, JRC-EC, **Policy Evaluation Tools**, L. Cappellari and C. Lucifora (Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Milan)

2014, CEMMAP, University of UCL, **Econometrics of Cross Section and Panel Data**, J. Wooldridge (Michigan State University) and G. Imbens (Stanford Graduate School of Business)

2013, PEPA, University of Bristol, **Policy Evaluation Methods**, B. Sianesi (IFS)

2013, University of Essex, **Introduction to Duration Models**, M. Golder (Florida State University)

2012, GSE, Pompeu Fabra University, **Dynamic and Non-Linear Panel Data Models**, Sergi Jiménez-Martín (Pompeu Fabra University)

REFEREING

Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Economic Geography, Economic Policy, European Economic Review, Labour Economics, Journal of Law and Economics, PLOS One, Health Economics, Regional Studies, The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis & Policy, Empirical

Economics, European Economic Review, Fiscal Studies, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, Regional Science and Urban Economics, Innovation and Industry, Research on Aging.

LANGUAGE	Italian (Native); English (Fluent), IELTS 7.0 ; Spanish (Intermediate)
COMPUTING SKILLS	STATA, Python, Eviews, R, MatLab, Matematica, L ^A T _E X, GeoDa, GIS, SPSS, Microsoft Office and Open Office
PROFESSIONAL SKILLS	Excellent in engaging in teamwork and collaborations. Excellent in summarizing academic work and technical reports for an audience of non-technical policy officers, both in written and oral form.