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Research interests

- Political Economy • Public Finance
- Applied Microeconomics • Machine Learning

Experiences

- 2022- Senior researcher, ETH Zurich
2019-2022 Assistant professor (Senior, RTD-B), University of Bergamo
2018-2019 Post-doctoral Fellow, ETH Zurich
2015-2017 Swiss National Science Foundation post-doctoral fellow, Institut d’Economia de Barcelona (UB) and Institut d’Anàlisi Econòmica (CSIC), Barcelona

Education

- 2010-2014 PhD in Economics, Università della Svizzera italiana, Lugano
2014 Visiting research student, McMaster University, Hamilton
2013 Visiting research student, University of Toronto, Toronto
2011-2012 Swiss Program for Beginning Doctoral Students in Economics, Study Center Gerzensee
2007-2009 MSc in Economics, Catholic University of Milan
2004-2007 BSc in Economics, Catholic University of Milan

Research

CURRENT WORKING PAPERS

“Media Slant is Contagious” with P. Widmer and E. Ash, *Revise & Resubmit Economic Journal*

“The Effect of Fox News Channel on U.S. Elections: 2000-2020” with E. Ash, M. Pinna and C. Warshaw *Revise & Resubmit Journal of Public Economics*

“Media Bias and Climate Change Skepticism” with E. Ash, A. Boltachka and M. Pinna *Revise & Resubmit Journal of Environmental Economics and Management Economics*

“War Violence Exposure and Tax Compliance” with T. Giommoni

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- 202- E. Ash, S. Galletta and T. Giommoni “A Machine Learning Approach to Analyzing Corruption in Local Public Finances”, *conditionally accepted American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*
- 2023 E. Ash and S. Galletta “How Cable News Reshaped Local Government”, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*

- 2023 E. Ash, S. Galletta, D. Hangartner, Y. Margalit, and M. Pinna “The Effect of Fox News on Health Behavior During Covid-19”, *Political Analysis*
- 2023 A. Bochenkova, P. Buonanno and S. Galletta “Fighting Violence Against Women: The Role of Female Political Representation”, *Journal of Development Economics*
- 2023 P. Buonanno, S. Galletta and M. Puca “The Role of Civic Capital on Vaccination”, *Health Economics*
- 2022 S. Galletta and T. Giommoni, “The effect of the 1918 Influenza Pandemic on Income Inequality: Evidence from Italy”, *Review of Economics and Statistics*
- 2022 E. Ash, S. Galletta and D. Chen “Measuring Judicial Sentiment: Methods and Application to U.S. Circuit Courts”, *Economica*
- 2021 S. Galletta, “Decision-making Institutions and Voters’ Preferences for Public Policies”, *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*
- 2020 G. Daniele, S. Galletta and B. Geys “Abandon Ship? Party Brands and Politicians’ Responses to a Political Scandal”, *Journal of Public Economics*
- 2020 S. Galletta, “Direct Democracy, Partial Decentralization and Voter Information: Evidence from Swiss Municipalities”, *International Tax and Public Finance*
- 2020 P. Buonanno, S. Galletta and M. Puca “Estimating the Severity of COVID-19: Evidence From the Italian Epicenter”, (*in press*) *PLOS One*
- 2018 F. Cavalcanti, G. Daniele and S. Galletta “Popularity shocks and political selection”, *Journal of Public Economics*
- 2017 S. Galletta, “Law enforcement, municipal budgets and spillover effects: Evidence from a quasi-experiment in Italy”, *Journal of Urban Economics*
- 2017 S. Galletta and A. Redonda, “Corporate Flat Tax Reforms and Businesses’ Investment Decisions. Evidence from Switzerland”, *International Tax and Public Finance*
- 2016 S. Galletta, “On the determinants of happiness: a Classification And Regression Tree (CART) approach”, *Applied Economics Letters*
- 2015 S. Galletta and M. Jametti, “How to Tame Two Leviathans? Revisiting the effect of direct democracy on local public expenditure in a federation”, *European Journal of Political Economy*
- 2015 S. Galletta, M. Jametti and A. Redonda, “Highway to Economic growth? Competition in public works tenders in the Democratic Republic of Congo”, *South African Journal of Economics*

PROJECTS - GRANTS

- 2024-2028 “Predictive Algorithms for Public Policy and Economic Research” - PI (SwissNSF)
- 2023-2025 “FACTS (Factual Transparent Statement)” - Co-PI (EMIF)

- 2021 “Machine Learning Approach for Social Sciences” - PI (GO FOR IT - Fondazione CRUI)
- 2019-2020 “The effect of media on voting behavior” - PI (Spark grant - SwissNSF No. 190262)
- 2018-2019 “Citizens’ preferences and direct democracy” - PI (Returning grant - SwissNSF No. 177718)
- 2016-2017 “Political scandals and spillover effects” - PI (Advanced Mobility - SwissNSF No. 167635)
- 2015-2016 “The Incentive Effects of Formula-based Equalization Schemes” - PI (Early Mobility - SwissNSF No. 158603)
- 2010-2016 “The Swiss Confederation: A Natural Laboratory for Research on Fiscal and Political Decentralization” - Collaborator (Sinergia - SwissNSF No. 130648/147668)
- 2010-2013 “Partial Fiscal Decentralization” - Collaborator (ProDoc - SwissNSF No. 130443)

Teaching

- 2023-2024 Microeconomics (UG), Data Science for Public Policy: From Econometrics to AI (PG), Supervised Research (PG)
- 2022-2023 Microeconomics (UG), Big Data for Public Policy (PG)
- 2021-2022 Labour Economics (UG), Behavioral Economics (UG), Empirical Methods (PhD)
- 2020-2021 Labour Economics (UG), Behavioral Economics (UG), Political Economy (PhD)
- 2019-2020 Microeconomics (UG), Principles of Economics (UG)
- 2018-2019 Fiscal Policy and Inequality (PG - Guest lecturer)
- 2010-2014 Industrial Organization - TA (PG), Public Economics and Policy - TA (PG), Microeconomics - TA (PG)

Conferences and seminars

- 2012-2024 Seminar at University of Pavia, Seminar at Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research, 8th Conference on Public Finance in Developing Countries Zurich, Seminar at University of Bergamo, Siep Verona, Petralia Workshop, AI + Economics Mini Workshop Zurich, 9th Conference on Public Finance in Developing Countries Zurich, Seminar at Norwegian School of Economics, TWEC Bocconi-Milano, Workshop on Gender Discrimination Bergamo, Siep L’Aquila, Petralia Workshop, Advances in Economics Winter Symposium Bergamo, Political Economy Workshop Brunico, Swiss Workshop on Local Public Finance and Regional Economics USI-Lugano, Seminar at Cifrel - Università Cattolica Milano, SIEP Bari, Workshop on Elections, Institutional Reforms, and Public Policy Ruhr University Bochum, Seminar at Collegio Carlo Alberto, Workshop on Political Economy IEB-Barcelona, ASSA San Diego, Political Economy Workshop Bologna, Advances in Economics Winter Symposium Bergamo, Media and Digitization Meeting UZH Zürich, Workshop on the Causes and Consequences of Populism Bocconi-Milan, Swiss Workshop on Local Public Finance and Regional Economics USI-Lugano, Workshop on Political Economy IEB-Barcelona, Workshop on Political Economy ETH-Zürich, Workshop on the Economics of Organized Crime Bocconi-Milano, Petralia Workshop, Seminar at IAE-CSIC Barcelona, SIEP Padova, Seminar at Università di Ferrara, ASSA Chicago, SSES Lausanne, Workshop on Political Economy & Fiscal Federalism Barcelona, Petralia Workshop Siracusa, SEA Lugano, Seminar at JRC Ispira, ZEW PFC Mannheim, Economics of Organized Crime Bergamo, SSES Lugano, IIPF Lake Tahoe, SIEP Lecce, Seminar at IAE/UAB Barcelona, Seminar at KOF-ETH Zürich, YSEM Zürich, EPCS Groningen, SIEP Ferrara, CESifo Dresden, Seminar at IEB Barcelona, IIPF Lugano, CPEG Ottawa, CIRANO Fiscal Rules Montreal, CAE Montreal, PCS New Orleans, Seminar at McMaster University Hamilton, SIEP Piava

Refereeing services

American Economic Review, Reviews of Economics and Statistics, Journal of Public Economics, European Economic Review, Journal of Law and Economics , Journal of Law Economics and Organization, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, European Journal of Political Economy, Regional Science and Urban Economics, Journal of Economic Geography, Health Economics, Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics, PLOS one, European Political Science Review, Journal of Happiness Studies, Economics of Governance, Swiss Journal of Economics and Statistics, Italian Economic Journal

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