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ACADEMIC POSITION:

Associate Professor of Public Economics
Università di Cagliari

OTHER AFFILIATIONS:

2021- Research Affiliate
Health Econometrics & Data Group (HEDG)
2017- Research Affiliate
Centre for North South Economic Research (CRENoS)

PREVIOUS POSITIONS:

2024–25 Visiting Professor
Johns Hopkins Carey Business School
2022–25 Senior Assistant Professor (RTD/B)
Università di Cagliari
2019–22 Junior Assistant Professor (RTD/A)
Università di Cagliari
2018–19 Postdoctoral Research Fellow
Università di Cagliari
2015–16 Visiting Scholar
Paris School of Economics

EDUCATION:

2018 PhD in Economics, Finance and Management, *cum laude*
Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Spain
2013 Master of Research in Economics, Finance and Management
Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Spain
2011 Master of Science in Economics, *with distinction*
University of Essex, UK
2010 Laurea Specialistica in Economic Sciences, *cum laude*
Università di Cagliari, Italy

RESEARCH FIELDS:

Applied Microeconomics, Labor Economics, Public Economics, Development Economics, Experimental Finance

PUBLICATIONS:

Teacher Compensation and Structural Inequality: Evidence from Centralized Teacher School Choice in Peru

(with Matteo Bobba, Tim Ederer, Gianmarco León-Ciliotta, and Christopher Neilson)

NBER Working Paper No. 29068, 2022, revised July 2026

Accepted, Journal of Political Economy

The Magic of the Game! Experimental Evidence on Sports Betting Behavior

(with Martin Chegere, Paolo Falco, Lorenzo Pandolfi, and Mattea Stein)

Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, 2025, 240: 107301

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jebo.2025.107301>

The Effect of Tenure-track Systems on Selection and Productivity in Economics

(with Roberto Nisticò and Lorenzo Pandolfi)

Labour Economics, 2025, 97, 102779

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.labeco.2025.102779>

Depowering Risk: Vehicle Power Restriction and Teen Driver Accidents in Italy

(with Silvia Balia and Rinaldo Brau)

Journal of Law and Economics, 2023 66:4, 765-795

DOI: <https://www.journals.uchicago.edu/doi/10.1086/725936>

Choosing Not to Lead: Monetary Incentives and Political Selection in Local Parliamentary Systems

(with Andrea Caria and Fabio Cerina)

European Journal of Political Economy, May 2023

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ejpoleco.2023.102406>

The Effectiveness of Promotion Incentives for Public Employees: Evidence from Italian Academia (with Lorenzo Pandolfi)

Economic Policy, Volume 37, Issue 112, October 2022, Pages 697-748

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1093/epolic/eiac017>

Cutting Through the Fog: Financial Literacy and Financial Investment Choices

Journal of the European Economic Association, Volume 19, Issue 1, February 2021, Pages 237-274

(with Lorenzo Pandolfi)

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1093/jeea/jvz081>

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

2026	AIEL 2026 (Rome, Italy)
	SIEP 2026 (Modena, Italy)
	Petralia Workshop (Petralia Sottana, Italy)
	Workshop on “Inequalities and Labor Markets” (Cagliari)
	GRINS Spoke 3: Households’ Sustainability Final Workshop (Naples)
2025	New York University, Department of Politics (New York)
	UNICA C-BECCS Workshop (Cagliari)
	Petralia Workshop (Petralia Sottana, Italy)
2024	Career Structures in Economics Workshop - European Economic Association (London)
	LESE 2024 - Lisbon Economics and Statistics of Education (Lisbon)
2023	ICEEE 2023 - 10th Italian Congress of Econometrics and Empirical Economics (Cagliari)
	IMEBESS 2023 - 7th International Meeting on Experimental and Behavioral Social Sciences (Lisbon)
	Workshop on “Human Capital, Labor Markets and Public Policies” (Naples)
2022	Economics Seminar (Università di Cagliari)
	“Antonio Pigliaru” Workshop on Social Norms and Cultural Codes (Cagliari)

	Empirical Health Economics Workshop 2022 (JRC)
2021	ICEEE 2021 - 9th Italian Congress of Econometrics and Empirical Economics Economics Seminar (Università Ca' Foscari) 74 th Economic Policy Panel Meeting
2020	XXXII SIEP WEB Conference
2019	CRENoS Workshop (Orani, Italy)
2018	European Winter Meeting of the Econometric Society (Naples) Economics Seminar (JRC-ISPRA) Petrulia Applied Economics Workshop (Petrulia Sottana, Italy) Economics Seminar (Università di Cagliari)
2017	Wages and the Labor Market Workshop (Labor Institute for Economic Research, Helsinki); 2 nd IZA Workshop: The Economics of Education (IZA, Bonn); EDP Jamboree (University of Bonn); LPD Seminar (UPF, Barcelona); CSEF Seminar (CSEF, Naples)
2016	Applied Economics Seminar (Paris School of Economics)
2014	Management and Behavioural Research Seminar (UPF, Barcelona)

GRANTS, AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS:

2023	PRIN 2022, Vice-PI for the project "Public Policies and Firms" (PI: Lorenzo Pandolfi) PRIN 2022 PNRR, Vice-PI for the project "Inequalities and Labor Markets" (PI: Monica Langella) EIEF Grant 2023, Co-investigator for the project "Property Rights, Honor Codes, and Conflict. A Tale from Sardinia" with Claudio Deiana
2022	EEA/HER Research Grant, Co-investigator for the project "The effects of tenure-track systems on selection, productivity and fertility in Economics" with Roberto Nisticò & Lorenzo Pandolfi
2014	Severo Ochoa PhD Grant Spanish Ministry of Economics and Competition
2011	Economic Undergraduate Theses Award "Angelo Costa" Rivista di Politica Economica & Confindustria
2010	Scholarship for Master and Doctoral Studies <i>Master and Back</i> Regione Autonoma della Sardegna

TEACHING:

2025 -	Economics 101 (BA level) Università di Cagliari
2024 -	Data Analysis for Economics (Master level) Università di Cagliari
2021-	Econometric Analysis (PhD level) Università di Cagliari
2019-	Public Finance (Master level) Università di Cagliari
2020-21	Microeconomics (BA level) Università di Cagliari
2018-19	Labor Economics - Laboratory of Economic Analysis (BA level) Università di Cagliari

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

University Service

2026	Co-Organizer of the “Workshop on the Economics of Risky Behavior” (Cagliari)
2026	Organizer of the Workshop “Inequalities and Labor Markets” (Cagliari)
2024-	Scientific Coordinator for the <i>Rapporto CRENoS sull’Economia della Sardegna</i>
2021-	Member of the Academic Board of the PhD in Economics and Business, Università di Cagliari
2024	Co-Organizer of the SIEP2024 (Cagliari)
2024	Co-Organizer of the 2nd “Antonio Pigliaru” Workshop (Cagliari)
2023	Co-Organizer of the 21st Brucchi-Luchino Labor Economics Workshop (Cagliari)
2023	Co-Organizer of the ICEEE2023 (Cagliari)
2022	Co-Organizer of the “Antonio Pigliaru” Workshop on Social Norms and Cultural Codes (Cagliari)
2020-	Co-Organizer of Economics Seminar Series (Università di Cagliari)

LANGUAGES

Italian (Native); English, French, and Spanish (Fluent);