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## Personal Information

Citizenship: Italian

Date of birth: 10 December 1979

## Current Positions

Since 2015 Senior researcher, CREI – Centre de Recerca en Economia Internacional  
Since 2009 Adjunct professor, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Department of Economics  
Since 2009 Affiliated professor, Barcelona Graduate School of Economics  
Since 2016 Associate researcher, IPEG – Institute of Political Economy and Governance  
Since 2018 Research fellow, CEPR – Centre for Economic Policy Research  
Since 2017 Member of the editorial board, *Review of Economic Studies*  
Since 2015 Associate editor, *Journal of the European Economic Association*

## Previous and Visiting Positions

2016 Visiting researcher, IGIER, Bocconi University  
2014 Visiting professor, Harvard University, Department of Economics  
2011 – 2018 Research affiliate, CEPR – Centre for Economic Policy Research  
2009 – 2015 Researcher, CREI – Centre de Recerca en Economia Internacional  
2002–03 Junior researcher, CeRP – Center for Research on Pensions and Welfare Policies

## Education

2009 Ph.D. in Economics, Harvard University  
Thesis committee: Edward Glaeser, Elhanan Helpman and Andrei Shleifer  
2006 A.M. in Economics, Harvard University  
2002 B.A. in Economics (summa cum laude), University of Turin

## Grants and Fellowships

2017 – 2021 ERC Starting Grant CITIZINGLOBAL: Citizens, Institutions and Globalization  
2015 – 2019 Spanish Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness Ramón y Cajal grant RYC-2013-13838  
2015 – 2017 Spanish Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness grant ECO-2014-59805-P  
2014 – 2016 Government of Catalonia grant 2014 SGR 830  
2014–15 BBVA Foundation grant for Researchers, Innovators and Cultural Creators  
2014–15 Barcelona GSE Seed Grant  
2014 – 2015 Scholarship of the Institut d'Estudis Autònoms, Generalitat de Catalunya  
2012 – 2014 Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation grant ECO-2011-25624  
2011 – 2013 Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation Juan de la Cierva grant JCI-2010-08414  
2009 – 2013 Government of Catalonia grant 2009 SGR 1157  
2009 – 2011 Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation grants ECO-2008-01666 and CONSOLIDER-Ingenio 2010 CSD-2006-00016  
2008–09 Hartley R. Rogers dissertation completion fellowship  
2008 Institute for Humane Studies summer graduate research fellowship  
2006 – 2009 Humane Studies fellowship  
2005–06 Mario Gasbarri fellowship  
2004 – 2005 Harvard University summer research grant  
2003 – 2005 Marco Fanno fellowship

## Other Qualifications and Awards

2014	<i>Journal of the European Economic Association</i> Excellence in Refereeing Award
2013-14	Italian National Scientific Qualification for the positions of full professor of Economics (13/A1), Economic Policy (13/A2), Public Economics (13/A3) and Applied Economics (13/A4)
2011	<i>Economic Journal</i> Annual Referee Prize
2008	Harvard University Certificate of Distinction in Teaching
2008	Harvard University Graduate Instruction Committee Award for Excellence in Teaching Economics to Graduate Students
2002	Mario Gasbarri Prize
2002	Unione Industriale di Torino “Menzione Optime” Prize
2002	Università di Torino Medal
1998	Alfiere del Lavoro

## Teaching

	Spatial Equilibrium and the Economic of Cities, CREI Macroeconomics Summer School Summer 2019, 2020
	Trade Policy and International Policy Coordination (graduate), Barcelona GSE Winter 2019, 2020
	Cities and the Geography of Growth (graduate), Universitat Pompeu Fabra Spring 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020
	Government Inefficiency and Reform, CREI Macroeconomics Summer School Summer 2016, 2017, 2018
	Explaining Economic Policy (graduate), Universitat Pompeu Fabra Winter 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018
	Agglomeration and Economic Geography (graduate), Universitat Pompeu Fabra Winter 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020
	Firms, Technology, and Trade Policy (graduate), Barcelona GSE Winter 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018
	Microeconomic Theory (undergraduate), Harvard University Fall 2014
	Economic Analysis of Electoral Politics, Barcelona GSE Political Economy Summer School Summer 2014, 2016
	Political Agency and Accountability, Barcelona GSE Political Economy Summer School Summer 2014, 2016
	International Trade (graduate), Barcelona GSE Winter 2014
	Advanced International Trade (graduate), Barcelona GSE Winter 2012, 2013
	Urban Economics (graduate), Universitat Pompeu Fabra and Barcelona GSE Spring 2011; Winter 2012, 2013
	Political Economics (graduate), Universitat Pompeu Fabra and Barcelona GSE Winter 2010, 2011; Spring 2012, 2013
	Topics in Macroeconomics (undergraduate), Universitat Pompeu Fabra Spring 2010, 2011, 2012; Winter 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018
Ph.D. Thesis	Uğur Yesilbayraktar: Ph.D. UPF in progress
Supervision:	Federica Daniele: Ph.D. UPF 2018, now OECD Oriol Anguera Torrell: Ph.D. UPF 2016, now CETT – University of Barcelona Andrei V. Potlogea: Ph.D. UPF 2016, now University of Edinburgh

Ph.D. Thesis Committee: Marta Santamaria: Ph.D. UPF 2019, now University of Warwick  
Guohao Yang: Ph.D. UPF 2019, now University of Namur  
Yining Geng: Ph.D. UPF 2019, now University of Liverpool  
Yimei Zou: Ph.D. UPF 2018, now IIES – University of Stockholm  
Felipe Valencia Caicedo: Ph.D. UPF 2015, now University of British Columbia

### Professional Activities

Refereeing: American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, American Economic Review, American Political Science Review, Democratization, Econometrica, Economic Inquiry, Economic Journal, Economics of Transition, European Journal of Development Research, European Journal of Political Economy, Explorations in Economic History, International Economic Review, International Review of Law and Economics, Journal of Comparative Economics, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Economic Geography, Journal of Economic Growth, Journal of Economic Policy Reform, Journal of Economics and Management Strategy, Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics, Journal of International Economics, Journal of Law and Economics, Journal of Law, Economics and Organization, Journal of Legal Studies, Journal of Monetary Economics, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Politics, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of the Japanese and International Economies, Journal of Urban Economics, Oxford Economic Papers, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, Public Choice, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of Economic Dynamics, Review of Economic Studies, Southern Economic Journal, Urban Studies

Evaluation: Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada; Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research (Italian Evaluation of Research Quality; Research Projects of National Interest); Spanish National Evaluation and Foresight Agency (State Plan for R&D)  
European Economic Association Young Economist Award. Geneva, August 2016; Lisbon, August 2017; Cologne, August 2018; Manchester, August 2019

Scientific committee: European Meeting of the Urban Economic Association. Amsterdam, May-June 2019: Vice Chair. London, April 2020: Chair  
European Meeting of the Econometric Society. Cologne, August 2018  
Barcelona GSE Summer Forum, CREI 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Workshop. Barcelona, June 2020  
Barcelona GSE Summer Forum, Workshop on Political Economy. Barcelona, June 2020  
Barcelona GSE Summer Forum, Workshop on the Political Economy of International Integration. Barcelona, June 2020  
Barcelona GSE Summer Forum, Workshop on Geography, Economic Policy, and Political Structure. Barcelona, June 2018  
Barcelona GSE Summer Forum, Workshop on Geography, Trade, and Growth. Barcelona, June 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020  
Barcelona GSE Summer Forum, Workshop on the Political Economy of Globalization. Barcelona, June 2017  
Barcelona GSE Summer Forum, Workshop on Political Institutions. Barcelona, June 2017, 2018, 2019  
Free University of Bozen-Bolzano Workshop on Political Economy. Bruneck, September 2016; October 2017, 2018, 2019

Barcelona GSE Summer Forum, Workshop on Housing and Spatial Economics. Barcelona, June 2016

Barcelona GSE Summer Forum, Workshop on the Economic Analysis of Electoral Politics. Barcelona, June 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019

IEB Workshop on Urban Economics. Barcelona, June 2014, 2016, 2018

Symposium of the Spanish Economic Association. Santander, December 2013; Palma de Mallorca, December 2014; Girona, December 2015; Bilbao, December 2016; Barcelona, December 2017

Barcelona GSE Summer Forum, Workshop on Trade, Growth, and Income Distribution. Barcelona, June 2013; June 2014; June 2015

CEPR-CREI Workshop on Politics, Information and the Macroeconomy. Barcelona, May 2011

### Conference Presentations and Invited Seminars

- 2019 Free University of Bozen-Bolzano Workshop on Political Economy. Bruneck, October  
 CEPR Conference in Urban and Regional Economics. London, September (discussant)  
 NBER Summer Institute, Urban Economics Workshop. Cambridge, MA, July (discussant)  
 Barcelona GSE Summer Forum, Workshop on Organizational Economics. Barcelona, June (discussant)  
 UPF-Barcelona GSE-IPEG 7<sup>th</sup> Workshop on the Political Economy of Development and Conflict. Barcelona, May (discussant)  
 Carnegie-Rochester-NYU Conference on Public Policy: “On the Border of International Cooperation.” New York, NY, April  
 Geneva Trade and Development Workshop; University of Munich; University of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne; University of Southern Denmark
- 2018 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Urban Economics Association. New York, NY, October  
 Free University of Bozen-Bolzano Workshop on Political Economy. Bruneck, October  
 NBER Summer Institute, Urban Economics Workshop. Cambridge, MA, July (discussant)  
 NBER Summer Institute, Political Economy Workshop. Cambridge, MA, July  
 Barcelona GSE Summer Forum, Workshop on Organizational Economics. Barcelona, June (discussant)  
 Barcelona GSE Summer Forum, Workshop on Geography, Economic Policy and Political Structure. Barcelona, June  
 CEPR European Summer Symposium in International Macroeconomics. Oslo, May  
 UPF-Barcelona GSE-IPEG 6<sup>th</sup> Workshop on the Political Economy of Development and Conflict. Barcelona, May (discussant)  
 Royal Economic Society Annual Conference. Brighton, March.  
 Dutch Social Choice Colloquium. Rotterdam, March.  
 Annual Meeting of the American Economic Association. Philadelphia, January (discussant)  
 University of Bern; University of Chicago, Harris School of Public Policy; University of Edinburgh; University of Padua; University of Warwick
- 2017 Center for Market Studies and Spatial Economics Winter Workshop in Urban Economics and International Trade. Moscow, December.  
 CEPR Annual Macroeconomics and Growth Programme Meeting. Frankfurt, November (discussant)  
 Free University of Bozen-Bolzano Workshop on Political Economy. Bruneck, October  
 CEPR Conference in Urban and Regional Economics. Paris, September

- University of Konstanz Workshop on Political Economy: Theory Meets Empirics.  
Konstanz, August-September
- Annual Congress of the European Economic Association. Lisbon, August
- Econometric Society European Meeting. Lisbon, August
- NBER Summer Institute, Urban Economics Workshop. Cambridge, MA, July  
(discussant)
- NBER Summer Institute, Real Estate Workshop. Cambridge, MA, July
- NBER Summer Institute, Political Economy Workshop. Cambridge, MA, July
- Annual Meeting of the Society for Economics Dynamics. Edinburgh, June
- IEB Workshop on Political Economy and Fiscal Federalism. Barcelona, June
- Barcelona GSE Summer Forum, Workshop on the Political Economy of Globalization.  
Barcelona, June
- 1<sup>st</sup> Catalan Economic Society Conference. Barcelona, May
- UPF-Barcelona GSE-IPEG 5<sup>th</sup> Workshop on the Political Economy of Development  
and Conflict. Barcelona, May (discussant)
- Royal Economic Society Annual Conference. Bristol, April
- NYU/Penn Conference on Law and Finance. New York, February
- London School of Economics; University of Namur; New York University School of  
Law; University of St Andrews
- 2016 European University Institute Workshop on Economic Policy Challenges. Florence,  
November
- Free University of Bozen-Bolzano Workshop on the Political Economy of Federalism  
and Local Development. Bruneck, September
- XXXI Jornadas de Economía Industrial. Palma, September
- NBER Summer Institute, Urban Economics Workshop. Cambridge, MA, July  
(discussant)
- EIEF Workshop on Political Economy. Rome, July
- Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, X DEMO Workshop, Bellaterra, June
- CEPR European Research Workshop in International Trade. Copenhagen, June
- UPF-Barcelona GSE 4<sup>th</sup> Workshop on the Political Economy of Development and  
Conflict. Barcelona, May (discussant)
- World Bank Conference “Can the South Keep Rising? A Response from East Asia and  
Latin America.” Kuala Lumpur, May
- Royal Economic Society Annual Conference. Brighton, March
- CERGE-EI Conference on the Economics of Livable Cities. Prague, March
- Bocconi University; Catholic University of Milan; University of Chicago, Harris  
School of Public Policy; New York University; Norwegian Business School; Queens  
College, CUNY; Stanford University, Graduate School of Business; Vanderbilt  
University
- 2015 CEPR Conference in Urban and Regional Economics. Basel, September.
- NBER Summer Institute, Urban Economics Workshop. Cambridge, MA, July  
(discussant)
- NBER Summer Institute, Political Economy Public Finance Workshop. Cambridge,  
MA, July
- Annual Meeting of the Society for Economics Dynamics. Warsaw, June
- IEB Workshop on Political Economy and Public Finance. Barcelona, June (discussant)
- UPF-Barcelona GSE 3<sup>rd</sup> Workshop on the Political Economy of Development and  
Conflict. Barcelona, May (discussant)
- CREI-TSE Transpyrenean Macro Workshop. Andorra, March
- Bocconi University; University of Bristol; IESE; University of Nottingham
- 2014 NBER Summer Institute, Urban Economics Workshop. Cambridge, MA, July

- NBER Summer Institute, joint session of the Income Distribution and Macroeconomics and Political Economy Workshops. Cambridge, MA, July
- NBER Summer Institute, Political Economy Workshop. Cambridge, MA, July (discussant)
- SIRE-University of Edinburgh Workshop on Country Size and Border Effects in a Globalised World. Edinburgh, June
- Barcelona GSE Summer Forum, Workshop on Trade, Growth and Income Distribution. Barcelona, June
- Barcelona GSE Summer Forum, Workshop on Economic Analysis of Electoral Politics. Barcelona, June (discussant)
- UPF-Barcelona GSE 2<sup>nd</sup> Workshop on the Political Economy of Development and Conflict. Barcelona, May (discussant)
- Political Economy Workshop, Catholic University of Milan. Milan, May
- Royal Economic Society Annual Conference. Manchester, April
- University of Chicago, Harris School of Public Policy; Harvard University; Yale University
- 2013 VATT Empirical Political Economics and Political Science Workshop. Helsinki, December
- 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Urban Economics Association. Atlanta, GA, November
- CEPR-LSE Conference in Urban and Regional Economics. London, October (discussant)
- 13<sup>th</sup> SAET Conference on Current Trends in Economics. Paris, July
- NBER Summer Institute, Political Economy Public Finance Workshop. Cambridge, MA, July (discussant)
- 5<sup>th</sup> IEB Workshop on Fiscal Federalism: The Political Economy of Decentralization. Barcelona, June (discussant)
- UPF-CREI 1<sup>st</sup> Workshop on the Political Economy of Development and Conflict. Barcelona, May (discussant)
- Royal Economic Society Annual Conference. Egham, April
- CEMFI; IMT Institute for Advanced Studies Lucca; Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona; Vanderbilt University
- 2012 NBER Political Economy Program Meeting. Cambridge, MA, November (discussant)
- CRENoS Workshop on Institutions, Individual Behavior and Economic Outcomes. Argentiera, September
- Annual Meeting of the Society for Economics Dynamics. Limassol, June
- 11<sup>th</sup> Journées Louis-André Gérard-Varet. Marseille, June
- CEPR European Summer Symposium in International Macroeconomics. Tarragona, May
- CEPR-La Sapienza-EIEF Conference on the Economics of Interactions and Culture. Rome, April
- 2011 NBER Summer Institute, International Trade and Investment. Cambridge, MA, August
- NBER Summer Institute, Political Economy. Cambridge, MA, July (discussant)
- Annual Meeting of the Society for Economics Dynamics. Ghent, July
- Annual Meeting of the Spanish Law and Economics Association. Barcelona, June (discussant)
- CEPR European Research Workshop in International Trade. Nottingham, June
- CEPR European Summer Symposium in International Macroeconomics. Gerzensee, May-June (discussant)
- CEPR-CREI Workshop on Politics, Information and the Macroeconomy. Barcelona, May
- CREI and Universitat Pompeu Fabra; Erasmus University Rotterdam and Tinbergen

- Institute; Georgetown University; Pennsylvania State University; Universitat Pompeu Fabra
- 2010 Collegio Carlo Alberto; Universitat de Barcelona and Institut d’Economia de Barcelona
- 2009 IAE-CSIC Workshop on Institutions, Contracts and Growth: Links and Dynamics. Barcelona, June (discussant)  
Universiteit van Amsterdam; Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona and Institut d’Anàlisi Econòmica; Bank of Italy; Bocconi University; University of Cambridge; CREI and Universitat Pompeu Fabra; EIEF; Paris School of Economics; University of Zurich
- 2008 Cornell University
- 2007 NBER Conference on the Economics of Agglomeration. Cambridge, MA, November–December  
NBER Summer Institute, Real Estate Markets, Local Public Finance, and Public Policy. Cambridge, MA, July

## Publications

- “A Theory of Economic Unions,” with Gino Gancia and Jaume Ventura. *Journal of Monetary Economics*, forthcoming.
- “The Political Economy of Transportation Investment,” with Edward L. Glaeser. *Economics of Transportation*, Vol. 13 (March 2018): 4–26.
- “Infrastructure, Incentives, and Institutions,” with Nava Ashraf and Edward L. Glaeser. *American Economic Review: Papers & Proceedings 2016*, Vol. 106, No. 5 (May 2016): 77–82.
- “Urban Networks: Connecting Markets, People and Ideas,” with Edward L. Glaeser and Yimei Zou. *Papers in Regional Science*, Vol. 95, No. 1 (March 2016): 17–59.
- “Political Centralization and Government Accountability” with Federico Boffa and Amedeo Piolatto. *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, Vol. 131, No. 1 (February 2016): 381–422.
- “Shrouded Costs of Government: The Political Economy of State and Local Public Pensions,” with Edward L. Glaeser. *Journal of Public Economics*, Vol. 116 (August 2014): 89–105.
- “Cities, Skills, and Regional Change,” with Edward L. Glaeser and Kristina Tobio. *Regional Studies*, Vol. 48, No. 1 (January 2014): 7–43.
- “Stare Decisis: Rhetoric and Substance,” with Patricio A. Fernandez. *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization*, Vol. 28, No. 2 (June 2012): 313–336.
- “Clusters of Entrepreneurship,” with Edward L. Glaeser and William R. Kerr. *Journal of Urban Economics*, Vol. 67, No. 1 (January 2010): 150–168.
- “Did the Death of Distance Hurt Detroit and Help New York?” with Edward L. Glaeser. In E. Glaeser (ed.), *Agglomeration Economics* (Chicago, IL: University of Chicago Press, 2010): 303–337.
- “Case Law versus Statute Law: An Evolutionary Comparison,” with Patricio A. Fernandez. *Journal of Legal Studies*, Vol. 37, No. 2 (June 2008): 379–430.
- “Why Does Democracy Need Education?” with Edward L. Glaeser and Andrei Shleifer. *Journal of Economic Growth*, Vol. 12, No. 2 (June 2007): 77–99.
- “Strategic Extremism: Why Republicans and Democrats Divide on Religious Values,” with Edward L. Glaeser and Jesse M. Shapiro. *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, Vol. 120, No. 4 (November 2005): 1283–1330.
- “Analisi comparativa dell’onerosità dei prodotti previdenziali individuali,” [A comparative analysis of the costs of individual pension products] with Elsa Fornero and Carolina Fugazza. *Mercato, Concorrenza, Regole*, Vol. 5, No. 2 (August 2004): 297–328.

“The Market for Annuities in Italy: Reality or Chimera?” with Margherita Borella and Elsa Fornero. In E. Fornero and E. Luciano (eds.), *Developing an Annuity Market in Europe* (Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, 2004): 262–290.

### **Research Papers**

“Securing Property Rights,” with A. Patrick Behrer, Edward L. Glaeser and Andrei Shleifer. CEPR Discussion Paper No. 11545 (revised, August 2019).

“Globalization and Political Structure,” with Gino Gancia and Jaume Ventura. CEPR Discussion Paper No. 11159 (revised, July 2018).

“Social Capital, Government Expenditures, and Growth,” with Ugo Troiano. CEPR Discussion Paper No. 9891 (revised, April 2018). R&R, *Journal of the European Economic Association*.

“Fundamental Errors in the Voting Booth,” with Edward L. Glaeser. CEPR Discussion Paper No. 12206 (August 2017).

“Optimally Vague Contracts and the Law,” with Nicola Gennaioli. CEPR Discussion Paper No. 10700 (revised, January 2017).

“Infrastructure, Incentives and Institutions,” with Nava Ashraf and Edward L. Glaeser. CEPR Discussion Paper No. 11072 (January 2016).

“Intellectual Property Rights and Efficient Firm Organization.” CEPR Discussion Paper No. 9212 (revised, June 2014).

“Heterogeneous Information and Trade Policy.” CEPR Discussion Paper No. 8726 (December 2011). R&R, *Review of Economic Studies*.

### **Work in Progress**

“Do Incompetent Politicians Breed Populist Voters? Evidence from Italian Mayors,” with Federico Boffa and Vincenzo Mollisi

“Legal Evolution, Contract Evolution, and Standardization,” with Nicola Gennaioli and Enrico Perotti

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