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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Matching, Market Design, Economics of Education, Human Capital, Computational Methods

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

Feb. 2026 **University of Lausanne, Faculty of Business and Economics (HEC)**
Senior FNS Researcher

Affiliations

Feb 2026 *Research Fellow, Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research (LISER)*

2024 *Honorary Research Associate, University of Bristol, School of Economics*

PAST POSITIONS

2025 – 2026 **Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research (LISER)**
Postdoctoral Research Associate

2022 – 2024 **University of Bristol, School of Economics**
Research Associate

EDUCATION

2019 – 2024 **Ph.D. in Economics**
University of Bristol, UK
Thesis: *“Essays on Education Market Design”*
Advisors: *Simon Burgess* and *Hans Henrik Sievertsen*
Committee: *Gregory Jolivet* (University of Bristol); *Camille Terrier* (Queen Mary University of London)

2018 – 2019 **Master in Analysis and Policy in Economics**
École des hautes études en sciences sociales (EHESS), Paris, France

2016 – 2017 **Post Graduate Master in Economics and Finance**
University of Naples, Federico II, Italy

2014 – 2016 **M.Sc. in Economics and Finance**
University of Salerno, Italy

2011 – 2014 **B.A. in Economics and Business Administration**
University of Salerno, Italy

WORKING PAPERS

- “When Geography Shapes Preferences: Redesigning Teacher Assignment in Italy”, with [Battal Dogan](#)
 - “Best Paper Award” and “Exemplary Track Paper Award in Applied Modeling” at the 25th ACM Conference on Economics and Computation (2024)
- “The Economics of Age-at-School Entry: Insights from Evidence and Methods”, with [Elizabeth Dhuey](#), [Luca Fumarco](#), [Levi Halewyck](#), [Simon ter Meulen](#) (*Revise & Resubmit Journal of Economic Literature*)

WORK IN PROGRESS

- “Modifying school choice for more equitable outcomes in England”, with [Simon Burgess](#), [Estelle Cantillon](#), [Ellen Greaves](#)
- “Retention Policies in Teacher Reassignment”
- “Choosing in the Dark. Information Revelation and Teacher Distribution”
- “The Italian North-South Divide. Market Design for Balanced Teacher Reassignment.”
- “Solving High-Dimensional Portfolio Choice Models in School Choice”

POLICY WRITING

- “Modifying school choice for more equitable outcomes in England” (2025), with [Simon Burgess](#), [Estelle Cantillon](#), [Ellen Greaves](#). Report
- “School admissions in England: The rules schools choose on which pupils to admit” (2023), with [Simon Burgess](#), [Estelle Cantillon](#), [Ellen Greaves](#), [Min Zhang](#). Report

PUBLICATIONS

“Lost in Translation. Reading Performance and Math Performance of Second-Generation Immigrant Children in Italy”, with [Giuseppe Russo](#), *Journal of Human Capital*, 2025, Vol. 19, No. 1

REFEREEING

Journal of Economic Inequality, Social Choice and Welfare, Social Indicators Research

AWARDS

- *ACM EC (2024) “Best Paper Award”*
- *ACM EC (2024) “Exemplary Track Paper Award in Applied Modeling”*
- School Bursary, School of Economics, University of Bristol (2019-2023), full scholarship (Ph.D.)
- *Antoine Faure-Grimaud Prize (2017)* for outstanding student performance, University of Naples, Federico II

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- **University of Lausanne, Switzerland (Lecturer)**

- Experimental Methods (Spring 2026)
- **University of Bristol, UK** (Graduate Teaching Assistant)
 - Probability, Statistics and Econometrics (2019-20; 2020-21; 2021-22)
 - Mathematics for Economics (2020-21; 2021-22)
- **University of Salerno, Italy** (Teaching Assistant)
 - Macroeconomics (2018-19)

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

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| 2025 | LISER; INTEDU-AISSEC Workshop on “Inequality and Education: Measurement, Evidence, and Policy” (University of Modena and Reggio Emilia) |
| 2024 | 25th ACM Conference on Economics and Computation (Yale) |
| ≤ 2023 | Masaryk University; University of Bristol; University of Trieste; WEAI 96th Annual Conference; AIEL 35th National Conference of Labour Economics |