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Education

University of Turin & Collegio Carlo Alberto, Turin

PhD in Economics

Nov. 2023 - Present

- Supervisors: Marina Della Giusta and Juan F. Vargas

- Research interests: Economics of Crime and Conflict, Cultural Economics, Development Economics, and AI & ML

Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Milan

MSc in Economics, Markets, and Financial Institutions - Finance

2019 - 2022

- Final grade: 110/110 cum laude

University of Florence, Florence

BSc in Economics and Business

2016 - 2019

Work Experience

University of Turin, Turin

Research Assistant for Michele Belloni, Marina Della Giusta, and Giovanna Segre Jun. 2023 - Oct. 2023

Research Assistant for Michele Belloni, Marina Della Giusta, and Giovanna Segre Nov. 2022 - May 2023

Lavoce.info, Milan

Research Assistant

Nov. 2022 - Sep. 2023

- Writing economic and policy articles

- Data collection and verification for editorial content

- Fact-checking and data visualization

Accenture, Milan

Internship - Strategy & Consulting (Banking Sector)

Oct. 2021 - Apr. 2022

Work In Progress

Hiding Antiquities: Conflict, Looting, and the Market for Cultural Heritage

Art of Deterrence: The Unintended Effects of Public Art

Publications

Journal Articles

- *Illicit Shadows: The Cultural Goods Trade Gap for Italy* (with M. Belloni, M. Della Giusta, and G. Segre), **Journal of Cultural Economics**, 2025. DOI: [10.1007/s10824-025-09555-z](https://doi.org/10.1007/s10824-025-09555-z)

Conference and Seminar Presentations

2026: Armenian Economic Association Annual Meeting, Yerevan, Armenia June 29 - July 1, 2026
VPDE Internal PhD Forum, Turin, Italy March 23 - 24, 2026

2025: VPDE Internal PhD Forum, Turin, Italy April 10 - 11, 2025

Other Relevant Training

Twenty-Fourth Summer School in International and Development Economics: “Geo-economics, Natural Resources, and Development”, Centro Studi Luca d’Agliano (2025)

Regression Discontinuity Designs in Development Economics: Theory and Practice, Barcelona School of Economics (2024)

Bloomberg Market Concepts, Bloomberg LP (2020)

Workshops and Conferences Organized

18th UniTO-Collegio Carlo Alberto PhD Workshop in Economics November 19-21, 2025

Service

PhD Student Representative, Dept. of Economics and Statistics “Cognetti de Martiis”,
University of Turin December 2024 - Present

Programming and IT Knowledge

Advanced: Deep Learning, LaTeX, Microsoft Office, Python, QGIS, Web Scraping, Stata
Intermediate: MATLAB, R

Languages

English (Fluent)
French (Basic)
Italian (Native)

Interests and Hobbies

I have a strong interest in politics. I enjoy art, visiting museums, galleries, and artist residencies. I am a passionate traveler with a strong focus on Asia. I regularly read and run.

April 28, 2026