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## PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Male. Citizenship: Italian.

Languages: Italian (mother tongue), English (advanced), French (advanced), Spanish (advanced).

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## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

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2014-.. Assistant Professor, UNIVERSITY OF NAVARRA  
2014-.. Faculty Fellow (tenured), NAVARRA CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
2017-18 Visiting Assistant Professor, NOVA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS  
2011-15 Visiting Scholar, INSTITUTE FOR FISCAL STUDIES

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## OTHER AFFILIATIONS

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2016-.. International Research Fellow, INSTITUTE FOR FISCAL STUDIES  
2016-.. Expert Fellow, 3IE INTERNATIONAL INITIATIVE FOR IMPACT EVALUATION

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## OTHER VISITING POSITIONS

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Fall 2016 Visiting Research Associate, LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS  
July 2016 Visiting Professor, STRATHMORE BUSINESS SCHOOL

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## EDUCATION

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2014 PhD in Economics, UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON  
2006 MSc in Economics with honors, UNIVERSITAT POMPEU FABRA  
2005 BSc in Economics, UNIVERSITY OF TURIN  
2003 Erasmus Visiting Student, COPENHAGEN BUSINESS SCHOOL

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## FIELDS OF STUDY

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Development Economics, Applied Microeconomics, Policy Evaluation.

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## PUBLICATIONS

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Measuring and Changing Control: Women Empowerment and Targeted Transfers (with I. Almås, O. Attanasio and P. Carneiro), *Economic Journal*, vol. 128 (2018) 609-639.

Demand Drops and Innovation Investments: Evidence from the Great Recession in Spain (with P. Mendi), *Research Policy*, vol. 47 (2018) 1321-1333.

Do Public Health Interventions Crowd Out Private Health Investments? Malaria Control Policies in Eritrea (with P. Carneiro, A. Locatelli, T. Ghebremeskel and J. Keating), *Labour Economics*, vol. 45 (2017) 107-115.

## WORKING PAPERS

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The Effect of Gender-Targeted Cash Transfers on Household Expenditures: Evidence from a Randomized Experiment (with O. Attanasio, P. Carneiro and V. Lechene), [Latest draft - IZA WP10133](#) - Revision requested at *Economic Journal*

The Reach of Radio: Ending Civil Conflict through Rebel Demobilization (with P. Atwell and J. Gomes), [Latest draft - HiCN WP249](#) - Revision requested at *American Economic Review*

Does Information Break the Political Resource Curse? Experimental Evidence from Mozambique (with P. Vicente, A. Coutts and I. Vilela), [Latest draft - NOVAFRICA WP1902](#) - Submitted

Intra-household resource control, subjective expectations and human capital investment, [NCID WP 03/2015](#)

Are Parental Perceived Returns to Schooling predicting Future Schooling Decisions? Evidence from Macedonia, [NCID WP 02/2015](#)

### *Work in Progress*

Local labour market shocks and subjective returns to schooling: Evidence from panel data (with P. Carneiro and A. Toppeta)

Community toilet use in slums: the role of informational and supply side constraints in urban India (with B. Augsburg and A. Bancalari)

Ocean Chemistry and Children's Health (with I. Kim Taveras)

Identifying the Effect of Targeted Money Transfers on Women's Empowerment (with I. Almås, O. Attanasio and P. Carneiro)

Can Subsidized Employment Tackle Long-Term Unemployment? Experimental Evidence from Macedonia (with P. Carneiro, F. Tagliati and Y. Xia)

Learning from a publicly subsidized agricultural insurance (with J. Gomes)

Productivity and rent-seeking in the lab (with D. Aycinena and A. Coutts)

The chance to be first: identification of individual children resource shares and children inequality in Rural India

## MEDIA COVERAGE

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### **Articles in press or online media:**

*Safe toilets are important—so why don't people use them?*, [IFS Observation](#), 2018.

*Are women's empowerment programs failing—or are we measuring wrong?*, [Apolitical](#), 2018.

*Targeted transfers and the assessment of women's empowerment*, [VoxEu](#), 2016.

**Press articles about my work:** [El Pais](#) [1](#) [2](#), [El Diario Exterior](#), [The Times of India](#), [The Hindustan Times](#), [2is - Ideas and Innovation](#).

## POLICY REPORTS

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*On the mechanics of the political resource curse - Final Report* (with A. Coutts, I. Vilela and P. Vicente), [Final Report S-89330-MOZ-1](#), International Growth Center, 2018.

*Impact Evaluation of the Conditional Cash Transfer Program for Secondary School Attendance in Macedonia* (with P. Carneiro), [Impact Evaluation Report 69](#), 3ie International Initiative for Impact Evaluation, 2018.

*Understanding Low Take-Up of Employment Subsidies in Macedonia Lessons from a Survey of Potential Beneficiaries and Firms* (with P. Carneiro and F. Tagliati), Ministry of Labour and Social Policy, Republic of Macedonia, 2014.

*Impact Evaluation of the Conditional Cash Transfer Program for Secondary School Attendance in Macedonia: Results from the First Follow-Up* (with P. Carneiro), Ministry of Labour and Social Policy, Republic of Macedonia, 2013.

*Evaluation of Conditional Cash Transfers for Secondary School Attendance in Macedonia: Baseline Report 2010-11* (with P. Carneiro), Ministry of Labour and Social Policy, Republic of Macedonia, 2011.

## GRANTS, PRIZES AND FELLOWSHIPS

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2018-19 **IGC** - Agricultural Risk in Mozambique - £7,151 (PI).

2017-19 **R. Areces Foundation** - Radio Messaging and Armed Group Behaviour - €36,000 (PI).

2017 **ESRC Impact Acceleration Accounts** - Sanitation financing & revenue models in reuse waste - £10,000 (Co-PI).

2016-17 **3ie Thematic Window** - [Learning from a publicly subsidized agricultural insurance](#) - US\$63,000 (Lead PI).

2016-20 **3ie Development Priorities Window** - [Community toilet use in slums](#) - US\$530,000 (Lead PI).

2015-17 **IGC** - [Behavioural measurements of information and local elite behaviour in Mozambique](#) - £61,000 (Co-PI).

2015-17 **R. Areces Foundation** - Understanding Parental Expectations of Returns to Schooling in Developing Countries - €36,000 (PI).

2015-18 **3ie T&A Initiative (TW8)** - [On the mechanics of the political resource curse](#) - US\$499,000 (Co-PI).

2015-17 **Spanish Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness** - Grant number "ECO2014-55236-R" - €25,000 (Co-I).

2014-15 **3ie T&A Initiative (TW8)** - Designing T&A interventions in Kenya and Mozambique - US\$30,000 (PI).

2014 **EALE Young Labour Economist Prize**.

2013-15 **3ie Open Window** - [Evaluating the Impact of Alternative CCT Modalities in Macedonia](#) - US\$670,000 (Co-I).

2009-11 **European Social Fund / Italian Ministry of Labour** - Scholarship for Doctoral Studies.

2007-08 **W.M. Gorman Scholarship**, University College London.

2005 **Banca di Credito Cooperativo Valdostana Scholarship**, Italy.

## **INVITED SEMINARS**

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**2019:** University of Southampton, Nova School of Business and Economics

**2018:** World Bank, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, University of Bergen, Chr. Michelsen Institute

**2017:** University of Bergen, Institute for Fiscal Studies **2016:** Paris School of Economics, Institute of Development Studies (Sussex), University of Alicante, RAND Europe **2015:** Nova School of Business and Economics, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Universidad Publica de Navarra, University of the Balearic Islands **2014:** Uppsala University, CERGE-EI, RAND Europe, University of Navarra, CEP-LSE, UCL, Collegio Carlo Alberto, Tinbergen Institute.

## **CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS**

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**2019:** CSAE Annual Conference (Oxford) (planned)

**2018:** RES Annual Meeting, CSAE Annual Conference (Oxford), NEUDC (Cornell University), Lisbon Meeting on Economics and Political Science **2017:** SEHO Annual Meeting (San Diego), NEUDC (Tufts University), SAEe (Pompeu Fabra University) **2016:** EARIE Annual Conference (Lisbon), 4<sup>th</sup> Antigua Experimental Economics Workshop (Guatemala), IFAD Workshop on Impact Evaluation (Rome) **2015:** AEA/ASSA (Boston), NEUDC (Brown University), EEA Annual Conference (Mannheim), Applied Microeconometrics Workshop (Alicante), IESE (Madrid, Spain), 8<sup>th</sup> COSME Gender Economics Workshop (Madrid), MiSoC Family Economics Workshop (University of Essex), Strathmore Business School (Kenya), IDEAS - UNDP 4<sup>th</sup> Conference on National Evaluation Capacities (Bangkok), SEEDEC (Prague), Brucchi Luchino Workshop (Bergamo) **2011-14:** EALE Annual Meeting (Ljubljana), ADB-3ie Conference on Impact Evaluation (Manila), PacDev 2014 (UCLA), RES Postgraduate Meeting (London), The World Bank Africa Region - Impact Evaluation Workshop (Dakar), UCL ENTER Jamboree.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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2015-.. Microeconometrics (Graduate), UNIVERSITY OF NAVARRA

08/2018 Policy Evaluation (for practitioners), INSTITUTO DESARROLLO PARAGUAY

2017-18 Development Economics (Graduate), NOVA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS

2016-17 Development Economics (Graduate), STRATHMORE BUSINESS SCHOOL

2015-16 Development Economics (Graduate), UNIVERSITY OF NAVARRA

2009-14 Econometrics for Macroeconomics (Undergraduate), UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON

2009-10 International Trade (Undergraduate), UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON

2007-09 Economic Policy Analysis (Undergraduate), UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON

01/2012 Policy Evaluation (for practitioners), UNIVERSITY AMERICAN COLLEGE SKOPJE

## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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2016-.. Evaluation Consultant, MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, MACEDONIA

2016-18 Evaluation Consultant, YOUTH READY PROGRAM, EL SALVADOR AND HONDURAS

2012-15 Survey Specialist for the *STEP Skills Measurement* program, THE WORLD BANK

2009-14 Evaluation Consultant, MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND SOCIAL POLICY, MACEDONIA

2006-07 Analyst, PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS ADVISORY, ITALY

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

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**Journal referee:** *Journal of Development Economics, World Development, European Economic Review, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, The Scandinavian Journal of Economics, Journal of Health Economics, Review of Economics of the Household, International Economic Review, Tropical Medicine and International Health, Science of Total Environment, Econometrics.*

**Report referee:** *RAND Europe, 3ie Evaluation Report Series.*

**Grant application evaluator:** FCT - Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia (Portugal).

**Seminar/conference organizer:** NCID Research Workshop, editions of 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2019 (Madrid, Spain), 2017 Workshop on Agricultural Risk and Insurance in Bolivia (La Paz, Bolivia), 2017 WASTE-IFS Workshop on Sanitation finance and re-use (The Hague, Netherlands), Weekly Seminar on Development Economics at NCID (2014/2015).

**Other service:** member of the hiring Committee for NCID (2014-2018), member of the interviewing Committee for the School of Economics, Universidad de Navarra (2015, 2016-2018), member of the Internal Evaluation Committee at the Institute for Culture and Society – University of Navarra (2018).

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