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## PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Male - Born in Aosta, Italy. Citizenship: Italian

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

## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

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Fall 2017 Visiting Assistant Professor, NOVA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS, PORTUGAL

2014-.. Assistant Professor, UNIVERSITY OF NAVARRA, SPAIN

2014-.. Faculty Fellow, NAVARRA CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, SPAIN

Fall 2016 Visiting Research Associate, LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS, UK

July 2016 Visiting Professor, STRATHMORE BUSINESS SCHOOL, KENYA

2011-15 Visiting scholar, INSTITUTE FOR FISCAL STUDIES, UK

## OTHER AFFILIATIONS

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2016-.. International Research Fellow, INSTITUTE FOR FISCAL STUDIES, UK

2016-.. Expert Fellow, 3IE INTERNATIONAL INITIATIVE FOR IMPACT EVALUATION, US

## EDUCATION

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2014 PhD in Economics, UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON, UK

2006 MSc in Economics with honors, UNIVERSITAT POMPEU FABRA, SPAIN

2005 BSc in Economics, UNIVERSITY OF TURIN, ITALY

2003 Erasmus Visiting Student, COPENHAGEN BUSINESS SCHOOL, DENMARK

## FIELDS OF STUDY

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Development Economics, Applied Microeconomics, Policy Evaluation.

## ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

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Measuring and Changing Control: Women Empowerment and Targeted Transfers (with I. Almás, O. Attanasio and P. Carneiro), *Economic Journal*, forthcoming.

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), [IZA DP No. 10133](#)

The Reach of Radio: Defection Messaging and Armed Group Behavior (with P. Atwell and J. Gomes), [HiCN WP 249](#)

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

Demand Drops and Innovation Investments: Evidence from the Great Recession in Spain (with P. Mendi), [MPRA WP 7684](#)

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

## **WORKS IN PROGRESS**

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On the mechanics of the political resource curse: information and local elite behaviour in Mozambique (with P. Vicente, A. Coutts and I. Vilela)

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

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

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

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 AND ARTICLES**

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Targeted transfers and the assessment of women's empowerment (with I. Almås, O. Attanasio and P. Carneiro), [VoxEu](#)

## **POLICY REPORTS**

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*Impact Evaluation of the Conditional Cash Transfer Program for Secondary School Attendance in Macedonia - Final Report* (with P. Carneiro), 3ie International Initiative for Impact Evaluation, 2016.

*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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- 2017-19 **Ramon Areces Foundation** - Radio Messaging and Armed Group Behaviour - 42k USD (PI, with J. Gomes and P. Atwell).
- 2016-17 **3ie Agricultural Insurance Thematic Window** - [Learning from a publicly subsidized agricultural insurance: evidence from Bolivia](#) - 63k USD (Lead PI, with J. Gomes).
- 2016-20 **3ie Development Priorities Window** - [Community toilet use in slums: the role of informational and supply side constraints](#) - 530k USD (Lead PI, with B. Augsburg).
- 2015-17 **International Growth Center** - [Behavioural measurements of information and local elite behaviour in Mozambique](#) - 61k GBP (PI, with P. Vicente).
- 2015-17 **Ramon Areces Foundation** - Understanding Parental Expectations of Returns to Schooling in Developing Countries - 41k USD (PI).
- 2015-18 **3ie Transparency and Accountability Initiative (TW8)** - [On the mechanics of the political resource curse: information and local elite behavior in Mozambique](#) - 499k USD (PI, with P. Vicente).
- 2015-17 **Spanish Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness** - Grant number "ECO2014-55236-R" - 25k EUR (with L.A. Gil-Alana).
- 2014-15 **3ie Transparency and Accountability Initiative (TW8)** - Designing T&A interventions in Kenya and Mozambique - 30k USD (PI).
- 2014 **EALE Young Labour Economist Prize.**
- 2013-15 **3ie Open Window** - [Evaluating the Impact of Alternative CCT Modalities in Macedonia](#) - 670k USD (co-investigator, PIs O. Attanasio and P. Carneiro)
- 2009-11 **European Social Fund and the Italian Ministry of Labour** - Scholarship for Doctoral Studies.
- 2007-08 **W.M. Gorman Scholarship**, University College London.
- 2005 **Banca di Credito Cooperativo Valdostana Prize** for excellent graduates, Italy.

## INVITED SEMINARS

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- 2017 EDePo (IFS).
- 2016 Paris School of Economics, Institute of Development Studies (University of Sussex), University of Alicante, RAND Europe.
- 2015 Nova School of Business and Economics, Universidad Carlos III Madrid, Universidad Publica de Navarra, University of the Balearic Islands.
- 2014 Uppsala University, CERGE-EI (Prague), RAND Europe, University of Navarra, Center for Economic Performance (LSE), UCL.

## CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

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- 2017 SEHO Annual Meeting (San Diego).
- 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), Symposium on Economic Experiments in Developing Countries (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), Collegio Carlo Alberto (Turin), The World Bank Africa Region, Dime and HDM - Regional Impact Evaluation Workshop "Quality, Skills and Productivity among youth in Africa (Dakar), Tinbergen Institute (Amsterdam), UCL ENTER Jamboree.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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- 2015-.. Microeconometrics (Graduate), UNIVERSIDAD DE NAVARRA, SPAIN
- 2016-17 Development Economics (Graduate), STRATHMORE BUSINESS SCHOOL, KENYA
- 2015-16 Development Economics (Graduate), UNIVERSIDAD DE NAVARRA, SPAIN
- 2009-14 Econometrics for Macroeconomics (Undergraduate), UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON, UK
- 2009-10 International Trade (Undergraduate), UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON, UK
- 2007-09 Economic Policy Analysis (Undergraduate), UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON, UK
- Jan 2012 Policy Evaluation, UNIVERSITY AMERICAN COLLEGE SKOPJE, MACEDONIA

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND POLICY ADVISORY WORK

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- 2016-.. MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA. Evaluation Consultant.
- 2016-.. YOUTH READY PROGRAM, EL SALVADOR AND HONDURAS. Evaluation Consultant.
- 2012-15 THE WORLD BANK. Survey Specialist for the *STEP Skills Measurement* program.
- 2009-14 MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND SOCIAL POLICY, REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA. Evaluation Consultant for the *CCT for Secondary School Education* program.
- 2009-14 MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND SOCIAL POLICY, REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA. Evaluation Consultant for the *Subsidized Employment for Financial Assistance recipients* program.
- 2006-07 PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS ADVISORY, ITALY. Analyst for Industrial Organization.

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

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**Referee for:** *Journal of Development Economics*, *World Development*, *European Economic Review*, *The Scandinavian Journal of Economics*, *Review of Economics of the Household*, *RAND Europe*, *3ie Evaluation Report*.

**Conference and Workshop organization:** 2015 Development Week (Madrid, Spain), 2016 V NCID Research Workshop (Madrid, Spain), 2017 VI NCID Research Workshop (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).

**Seminar series organization:** Weekly Seminar on Development Economics at NCID (2014/2015).

**Hiring:** Member of the interviewing Committee for NCID and for the School of Economics and Business, Universidad de Navarra (2014/2015), Member of the hiring Committee for NCID (2015/2016, 2016/2017).

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