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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Male. Citizenship: Italian.

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

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

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
Fall 2016 Visiting Research Associate, LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS
July 2016 Visiting Professor, STRATHMORE BUSINESS SCHOOL
2011-15 Visiting Scholar, INSTITUTE FOR FISCAL STUDIES

OTHER AFFILIATIONS

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

EDUCATION

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

FIELDS OF STUDY

Development Economics, Applied Microeconomics, Policy Evaluation.

PUBLICATIONS

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

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 DP No. 10133](#) - submitted

The Reach of Radio: Ending Civil Conflict through Rebel Demobilization (with P. Atwell and J. Gomes), [Latest draft - HiCN WP 249](#) - 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

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

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

Targeted transfers and the assessment of women's empowerment (with I. Almås, O. Attanasio and P. Carneiro), [VoxEu](#), 2016.

POLICY REPORTS

On the mechanics of the political resource curse - Final Report (with A. Coutts, I. Vilela and P. Vicente), 3ie International Initiative for Impact Evaluation, 2018.

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

- 2017-19 **Ramon Areces Foundation** - Radio Messaging and Armed Group Behaviour - 42k USD (PI, with J. Gomes).
- 2017 **IFS - ESRC Impact Acceleration Accounts** - Sanitation financing & revenue models in reuse waste - 10k GBP (PI, with B. Augsburg).
- 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 (PI, 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

- 2018 World Bank, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, University of Bergen, CMI - Chr. Michelsen Institute.
- 2017 University of Bergen, 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 de 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

- 2018 RES Annual Meeting, CSAE Annual Conference (Oxford), NEUDC (Cornell University).
- 2017 SEHO Annual Meeting (San Diego), NEUDC (Tuft University), SAEe (Pompeu Fabra University).
- 2016 EARIE Annual Conference (Lisbon), 4th 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), 8th COSME Gender Economics Workshop (Madrid), MiSoC Family Economics Workshop (University of Essex), Strathmore Business School (Kenya), IDEAS - UNDP 4th 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

- 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

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND POLICY ADVISORY WORK

- 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

Referee for: *Journal of Development Economics, World Development, European Economic Review, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, The Scandinavian Journal of Economics, Review of Economics of the Household, International Economic Review, Tropical Medicine and Health, Econometrics, RAND Europe Reports, 3ie Evaluation Reports.*

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 hiring Committee for NCID (2014-2018), Member of the interviewing Committee for the School of Economics, Universidad de Navarra (2015, 2016-2018)

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