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Education

Ph.D. in Economics	European University Institute , Florence, Italy	Sept 2019 – Dec 2024
M.A. in Economics	Ecole Polytechnique & ENSAE , Paris, France	Sept 2016 – July 2018
B.A. in Economics	University of Milan , Milan, Italy	Sept 2013 – June 2016

References

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Research Activity

I was born on 26 March 1994 in Bergamo, Italy. Following my propensity for an unbounded exchange of ideas, I have developed an international career, studying or working in five different countries. In the Fall of 2025, I am on the job market. In my doctoral thesis, I analyse the relations between state institutions and market actors, focusing on the crucial role of public accountability. Using a quasi-experimental empirical approach, I observe how accountability and a balance of power lead to better economic outcomes through an improved credibility of the public sector. In contrast, the deterioration of these institutions is associated with patronage or self-interest in public administration. Broadly, my main fields of interest are political economy, development economics, and economic history.

Publications and Working Papers

Colleoni M. “Jobs for votes? Quasi-experimental evidence from short-term public contracts in Italy”, SSRN working paper	Jan 2025
Colleoni M. “The Long-term Welfare Effects of Colonial Institutions: Evidence from Central India”, Journal of Development Economics, 166 (2024) 103170	Oct 2023

Conferences and Refereeing Activity

The papers mentioned above have been presented in conferences and seminars across different departments and research units, of which I mention: Sciences Po Paris (April 2023), University of Milan (May 2023), Queen Mary University of London (May 2023), Free University of Bolzano (March 2024), ETH Zurich (June 2024), University of Bologna (April 2025). I have been contributing to the academic profession by refereeing papers in peer-reviewed journals, including the European Economic Review and the Journal of the European Economic Association.

Experience

University of Bologna , Research Fellow	Bologna, Italy July 2024 – Sept 2025
I have studied an Indian state ruled by four consecutive queens throughout a century at the time of British colonisation. This is a unique characteristic, which came with the promotion of proto-feminist ideas by those female rulers. Thus, I wonder whether there could be an institutional origin of female empowerment. I proxy the latter by some measures of within-couple bargaining power surveyed at cur-	

rent times. By means of a spatial RD along the border with other native states that were traditionally ruled by men, it seems that – among others – women from the treated group have a higher age at first union, and a better match between the actual and desired number of children.

School of Transnational Governance, EUI, Research Assistant (part-time)

I have assisted prof. Nannicini by providing descriptive analysis at the regional level (Eurostat NUTS1 and NUTS2 units) of the relation of trust in political and non-political actors across the EU. These variables appear to be strongly correlated in trends and in levels. I have also used cluster analysis to define five groups of regions with similar characteristics of trust in institutions.

Florence, Italy
Sept 2024 – Jan 2025

University of Bolzano, Research Fellow

I have analysed the effects of the emergence of political dynasties on public spending and public good provision in a developing country. The issue has been addressed with unique district-level data from Indonesia, with a particular interest to the following trade-off. Are dynastic politicians in quest for personal enrichment and power accumulation through public policy? Or are they more expert in the field, hence capable of delivering more efficient administration? Although the first component does not seem dominant in the short term, the deterioration of public policy outcomes becomes clearer as more time elapses from the election of a dynastic ruler.

Bolzano, Italy
June 2023 – May 2024

SAIS Europe, Johns Hopkins University, Senior Teaching Assistant

I assisted Prof. Cristino Arroyo in the master's course "International Finance" (macroeconomics in open economies). My tasks included teaching weekly exercise classes, holding office hours, as well as grading biweekly assignments.

Bologna, Italy
Sept 2021 – June 2022

Charles River Associates, Consulting Associate Intern

As part of the competition division, I have been involved in the analysis of data for the study of the pro- or anti-competitive effects stemming from then undergoing mergers, including one in Phase Two. I have also worked on a case of cartel sanctions.

Brussels, Belgium
Sept 2018 – Aug 2019

Crest, Research Assistant

In my very first research idea, I estimated the effect of new university openings on local firm creation by exploiting a quasi-experimental setting across two regions of France, which has become the object of my master's thesis.

Paris, France
May 2018 – July 2018

Natixis, Research Intern in Economics

I have analysed economic policies on behalf of the clients and helped producing forecasts of the French and German economies in view of the elections of 2017. I realised a working paper on the convergence in core inflation and labour cost growth across the Eurozone, which was awarded the Prix de Stage de Recherche of Ecole Polytechnique.

Frankfurt, Germany
May 2017 – Aug 2017

Csil, Research Intern

I worked on a public-policy evaluation scheme assessing fifty regional development plans financed by the EU, and highlighting the most consistent with the final aim of sustaining innovation in SMEs.

Milan, Italy
Sept 2015 – Dec 2015

Other competencies

Spoken languages: Italian (native), English (C1), French (B2), German (B1)

Certifications: TOEFL (105), IELTS (7.5)

Known software: Stata, Microsoft Office, QGIS, R, SAS

Grants and Awards

PhD Scholarship , EUI, Florence	Sept 2019
Prix de Stage de Recherche , Ecole Polytechnique, Paris	Sept 2017
Global Korean Scholarship , Ministry of Education, Seoul	Feb 2015

Visiting Periods and Academic Exchanges

Sciences Po , Paris, France	Feb 2023 - June 2023
Hankuk University of Foreign Studies , Seoul, South Korea	Feb 2015 - June 2015

Hobbies

At the EUI, I have been the students' representative at the Executive Committee in the year 2020. At Ecole Polytechnique, I have been a member of the students' choir. During high-school, I attended drama and music clubs. I practice skiing, cycling, and running. I am passionate about open-air activities such as hiking. I have a strong interest in political philosophy as well as literature, and I appreciate the discussions around these topics. I am fond of travelling as a way to gain enriching human interactions and be in contact with different cultures. I like music, and I have sung in many university choirs.