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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2025 – *London School of Economics*
Assistant Professor in Innovation Policy, Department of Geography and Environment
- 2022 – 2025 *Stanford University*
Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Economics (Advisor: Ran Abramitzky)

EDUCATION

- 2021 *Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne (EPFL)*
Ph.D., Economics and Management of Innovation
Advisors: Dominique Foray, Francesco Lissoni
Committee: Jennifer Hunt, Benjamin F. Jones, Gaétan de Rassenfosse
- 2016 *University of Milan-Bicocca*
M.Sc., Economics
- 2014 *Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University*
Erasmus Exchange Program
- 2013 *University of Milan*
B.Sc., Political Science, minor in Economics

RESEARCH

WORKING PAPERS

- “Funding the Ivory Tower: The Effects of NSF Institutional Grants on Universities and Local Innovation”
- “Free Movement of Inventors: Open-Border Policy and Innovation in Switzerland”
with Francesco Lissoni
Conditionally Accepted, *Journal of the European Economic Association*
- “Cross-border Commuters and Knowledge Diffusion”
with Rainer Widmann
Reject & Resubmit, *Management Science*
- “Boosting the Signal: Contextualization, Extraction, and Exploration of In-text Patent Citations”
with Cyril Verluise, Kyle Higham, and Gaétan de Rassenfosse
Revise & Resubmit, *Strategic Management Journal*

WORK IN PROGRESS

- “The Effects of Higher Education Subsidies on Innovation: Evidence from the GI Bill”
with Ran Abramitzky

OTHER WRITINGS

- “COVID-19: Insights from innovation economists”
with George Abi Younes, Charles Ayoubi, Omar Ballester, Gaétan de Rassenfosse, Dominique Foray, Patrick Gaulé, Gabriele Pellegrino, Matthias van den Heuvel, Beth Webster, and Ling Zhou
Science and Public Policy, 47(5), pp.733-745 (2020)

SHORT-TERM VISITING POSITIONS

Spring 2022 Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition
2015 – 2016 University of Bordeaux, Bordeaux School of Economics

SEMINAR AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2025

NBER Summer Institute (Innovation); University of Bordeaux, Bordeaux School of Economics

2024

Stanford University, Department of Economics

PRIOR TO 2024

Ca' Foscari University of Venice, Department of Economics*; LMU Munich, Department of Economics*; Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition (×2); NBER Innovation Information Initiative (I³); NBER Productivity Seminar*; Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University, Department of Economics; Swiss State Secretariat for Migration; Wharton Conference on Migration, Organizations, and Management, University of Pennsylvania; WICK PhD Workshop, Collegio Carlo Alberto; Workshop on Innovation, Technological Change, and International Trade, TUM Heilbronn; Workshop on the Sustainable Economy, EPFL and The Graduate Institute Geneva; Young Swiss Economists Meeting, ETH Zurich

* co-author presentation

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Postdoc.Mobility Fellowship, Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF), 2022
Research Grant, Enterprise for Society Center (E4S), 2021
“ExTRA” Research Scholarship, Assolombarda and University of Milan-Bicocca, 2015
Erasmus Exchange Scholarship, 2014

REFEREING SERVICE

Journal of Labor Economics, Regional Studies, Research Policy, Swiss Journal of Economics and Statistics

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

London School of Economics

Foundations of Innovation Policy, 2025 –

Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne (EPFL)

Corporate Strategy, Teaching Assistant, 2016 – 2020

Principles of Microeconomics, Teaching Assistant, 2016 – 2017

Guest lecture: Topics in Economic History (Professor Ran Abramitzky), March 2025

LANGUAGES

English (fluent), French (fluent), Spanish (basic), Italian (native)

Last updated: September 5, 2025