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CURRENT POSITION

2022 – 2026 PhD Candidate in Political Economy, London School of Economics (supervisor: Stephane Wolton; advisors: Valentino Larcinese, Nelson Ruiz)

EDUCATION

2021 – 2022 MRes in Political Science (Distinction), London School of Economics
2017 – 2020 MSc in Government and International Organisations (First Class), Bocconi University
2014 – 2017 BSc in Economics, Markets, and Institutions (Upper Second), University of Bologna

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

03/2025 – 06/2025 Visiting PhD Student, New York University (sponsor: Arturas Rozenas)
08/2020 – 09/2021 Pre-doctoral Research Assistant, Bocconi University (leads: Vincenzo Galasso, Piero Stanig)

RESEARCH FIELDS

Primary Field: Political Economy
Secondary Fields: Political Science, Economic History, Development Economics

WORKING PAPERS AND WORK IN PROGRESS

[Feather-Handed Fascists: Surveillance as a Signal of Bureaucratic Loyalty](#) (with [Pau Grau-Vilalta](#) and [Andrea Xamo](#))

The Leviathan in the Boardroom: Evidence on Industrial Policy by State Acquisition

Sirens: Evidence on Propaganda and Repression Under Autocracy

[Seeds: Economic Development and the Persistence of Authoritarianism](#)

Pitchforks: Strategic Allocation of Policy Benefits Under Autocracy

Scoops: A Theory of Access Journalism and Media Crookedness (with [Kun Heo](#))

PRESENTATIONS

2025: 2nd PhD Conference in Economics, Tor Vergata University; PSPE Work in Progress Seminar, LSE; Comparative Politics Seminar, NYU; MPSA Conference; 3rd Authoritarian Political System Group Workshop, KCL; Political Connections Pre-conference; EPSA Conference; **2024:** LSE Government WiP Seminar; EPSA Conference; SISP Conference; LSE SPEECH Seminar; LSE PSPE WiP Seminar; Naples School of Economics Workshop; **2023:** LSE Government WiP Seminar.

TEACHING

Associate Lecturer, UCL

PUBL0098 The Politics of Public Policy

Graduate Teaching Assistant, LSE

GV101 Introduction to Political Science (Prof Wolton)

EC260 Political Economy of Public Policy (Prof Dewan, Prof Larcinese)

GV225 Public Choice and Politics (Prof Dewan)

GV4J7 Introductory Mathematics for Political Science (Dr Kudinova)

ORGANIZING

PSPE WiP Seminar Series (lead organiser, 2 years, weekly); Behavioural Political Economy Workshop (assistance, 2 editions); London Seminar for Graduate Political Science (cofounder, one edition).