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## RESEARCH FIELDS

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**PRIMARY** Education, Labor Economics and Applied Microeconometrics  
**SECONDARY** Behavioral Economics, Gender and Development Economics

## CURRENT POSITION

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**Institute for Social and Economic Research, University of Essex** July 2026 -  
*Senior Research Officer (Post-doctoral researcher)*

## OTHER AFFILIATIONS

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**Doctoral Fellow, Collegio Carlo Alberto**

## EDUCATION

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**PhD in Economics, University of Turin and Collegio Carlo Alberto** 2026

Thesis title: *Essays in the Economics of Education: Returns to Ability Signals*

Supervisors: Prof. Chiara Pronzato and Prof. Maria Laura Di Tommaso

Viva Committee: Prof. Paul Devereux, Prof. Patricia Funk and Prof. Giovanni Mastrobuoni

Research stay at Amsterdam School of Economics Mar.2023 - Aug.2024 (Host: Giuseppe Sorrenti)

**Master in Economic Development and Growth, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid** 2017

**Bachelor's Degree in Economics, Universidad de Oviedo** 2016

**Extra-curricular education:** Text Analysis (SAEe 2025 PhD School in Economics), Economics of Gender Summer School (2023, Paris School of Economics); Labor Economics Summer School (2022, Barcelona Graduate School of Economics); Data Science Summer School (2021, Hertie School, Berlin); Survey Methodology Summer School (2021, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona); Summer School in Household and Gender Economics (2019, ISEG, Lisbon)

## RESEARCH

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Working papers

**Class rank, job preferences and career prospects.** [link]

**Judging the paper by its cover: Affiliation bias in conference admissions.** [link]

*Joint with Giacomo Gallegati  Luca Favero* (submitted)

**Work harder or work smarter? The effects of academic distinctions on early careers.**

*Draft available upon request*

Selected work in progress

**Teacher mental health and pupils' wellbeing**

*Joint with Emilia Del Bono, Luca Favero and Paul Garcia*

## Can teachers' training in active learning reduce the math gender gap? Evidence from an RCT in Italy.

*Joint with A. Aparicio-Fenoll, P. Biroli, D. Contini, M. Della Giusta, M.L. Di Tommaso, S. Mendolia, D. Piazzalunga, G. Savio, E. Rettore and L. Rocco*

## Bad for boys? Gender norms, socio-emotional development, and early skill inequalities in Italy.

*Joint with D. Piazzalunga, G. Berloff, M. L. Di Tommaso, S. Mendolia, and M. Ploner*

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

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SAEe 2025 PhD student grant, Paul David 2025 Best Junior Paper Award (for *Judging the paper by its cover*), University of Turin PhD mobility grant (2023-2024)

## CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

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**2026 (incl. scheduled):** GRINS project Spoke 3: Household Sustainability Final Workshop, Bolzano Applied Microeconomics Workshop, ESPE. **2025:** Oviedo Economics Seminar, CLOSER Seminars (U. of Turin), Health and Education Colloquia (CCA), Workshop IdEP in Sustainable Economics (U. della Svizzera Italiana), Essex PhD Conference in Applied Economics, Leuven Economics of Education Research Conference (LEER), TAM WIPPS seminar (FBK-IRVAPP), Competence Centre on Microeconomic Evaluation (CC-ME) of the European Commission Joint Research Centre (online), ESPE, SOLE-EALE-AASLE, EEA, Workshop on Socio-emotional Skills and Education (U. of Trento), AIEL, Conference on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in Economics, Finance, and Central Banking, SAEe. **2024:** IWAEe, Microeconomics Section Seminar (U. of Amsterdam), Work in Progress Seminar (U. of Amsterdam and VU Amsterdam).

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

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### Organizer

*Workshop on Socio-emotional Skills and Education (2025), 16th UniTo-CCA PhD Workshop in Economics (2023)*

### Referee

*Humanities and Social Sciences Communications, Journal of Industrial and Business Economics*

### Discussant

*Essex PhD Conference in Applied Economics (2025)*

### Other

*PhD Students' Representative, Department of Economics and Statistics, University of Turin (2024)*

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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|                                                               |             |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| University of Trento, Research Fellow                         | (2025-2026) |
| European Central Bank, Research Analyst                       | (2019-2020) |
| European Central Bank, Market Op. Analysis Trainee            | (2018-2019) |
| Inter-American Development Bank, Operations Analysis Intern   | (2018)      |
| Transition International, Programme Assistant - Data Analysis | (2017-2018) |

## SKILLS

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| Modeling and Analysis | Stata, Python, R                                             |
| Software and Tools    | MS Office, SQL, L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X, Tableau     |
| Languages             | Spanish (Native), English (C1), Italian (B2), French (basic) |

## REFERENCES

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Chiara Pronzato  
*Professor of Demography*  
University of Turin & CCA

Maria Laura Di Tommaso  
*Professor of Economics*  
University of Turin & CCA

Giuseppe Sorrenti  
*Assistant Professor in Public Economics*  
University of Lausanne - HEC

Juan F. Vargas  
*Professor of Economics, Carlo Alberto Chair*  
University of Turin & CCA