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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2025 – LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS  
Assistant Professor of Innovation Policy, Department of Geography and Environment  
Senior Associate, Programme on Innovation and Diffusion (POID)  
Associate, Centre for Economic Performance (CEP)
- 2022 – 2025 STANFORD UNIVERSITY  
Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Economics (Advisor: Ran Abramitzky)

## EDUCATION

- 2021 ÉCOLE POLYTECHNIQUE FÉDÉRALE DE 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

### PUBLICATIONS

- “Free Movement of Inventors: Open-Border Policy and Innovation in Switzerland”  
with Francesco Lissoni  
*Journal of the European Economic Association*, 2026.
- “Beyond the Front Page: In-text Citations to Patents as Traces of Inventor Knowledge”  
with Cyril Verluise, Kyle Higham, and Gaétan de Rassenfosse  
*Strategic Management Journal*, 2025.

### WORKING PAPERS

- “Funding the Ivory Tower: The Effects of NSF Institutional Grants on Universities and Local Innovation”
- “Cross-border Commuters and Knowledge Diffusion”  
with Rainer Widmann  
Reject & Resubmit, *Management Science*

### WORK IN PROGRESS

- “World War II, the GI Bill, and Innovation”  
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)

## VISITING POSITIONS

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

## SELECTED SEMINAR AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Bordeaux School of Economics • Ca’ Foscari University of Venice, Department of Economics • CEP Labour and Education Seminar • LMU Munich, Department of Economics • Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition • NBER Innovation Information Initiative • NBER Productivity Seminar • NBER Summer Institute (Innovation) • Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University, Department of Economics • POID Research Seminar • Stanford University, Department of Economics • Swiss State Secretariat for Migration • Wharton Conference on Migration, Organizations, and Management, University of Pennsylvania • Workshop on Innovation, Technological Change, and International Trade, TUM Heilbronn

## GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

LSE Seed Research Fund, 2025  
Postdoc.Mobility Fellowship, Swiss National Science Foundation, 2022  
Research Grant, Enterprise for Society Center, 2021  
“ExTRA” Dissertation Scholarship, Assolombarda and University of Milan-Bicocca, 2015  
Erasmus Exchange Scholarship, 2014

## REFEREEING SERVICE

*IMF Economic Review*  
*Journal of Labor Economics*  
*Journal of the European Economic Association*  
*Regional Studies*  
*Research Policy*  
*Swiss Journal of Economics and Statistics*

## TEACHING ACTIVITIES

LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS  
Foundations of Innovation Policy, 2025 –

ÉCOLE POLYTECHNIQUE FÉDÉRALE DE 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 (intermediate), Italian (native)

Last updated: March 2026