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Employment

Sep 2023 - Present **Lecturer (Assistant Professor) in Economics and Data Science**,
Lancaster University Management School, Lancaster, U.K..

Education

Sep 2017 - Jan 2023 **Ph.D. in Economics**, Bocconi University, Milan, Italy.
Advisors: prof. Guido Tabellini and prof. Eliana La Ferrara.

Jul 2021 - Dec 2021 **Visiting Student Researcher**, Stanford University, CA, U.S.A..
Host: prof. Matthew Gentzkow.

Sep 2014 - Jan 2016 **M.Sc. in Economics**, Nova S.B.E., Lisbon, Portugal.
Advisor: prof. José Tavares.

Sep 2011 - Jun 2014 **B.Sc. in Economics**, Nova S.B.E., Lisbon, Portugal.

Research

Fields

Primary Field Applied Microeconomics.

Secondary Fields Political Economics, Media Economics, Text Analysis / Machine Learning.

Work in Progress

Trumping the News: A High-Frequency Analysis. -> (Job Market Paper)

Abstract: Do mainstream media outlets actively amplify politicians' social media statements? Does this amplification influence individuals' political opinions? To answer these questions, I first study cable news coverage of Donald J. Trump's tweets using novel high-frequency coverage measures for CNN, Fox News and MSNBC. I show that Trump was able to set the agenda of cable news outlets through Twitter, with cable outlets covering his tweets minutes after these had been posted. I then use a large public opinion survey to investigate the impact of TV coverage of Trump's tweets on public opinion. I find that CNN's broadcasts of Trump's tweets were associated with a decreased approval of Trump by CNN viewers, hours after a tweet was covered. The opposite effect holds for Fox News viewers. These findings shed light on a new channel through which social media impacts individuals' political opinions.

Does Cable News Slant Audio? Evidence from Prime-Time Shows.

Short abstract: Past media literature measured bias on television only through verbal and image-based measures. Audio measures, while crucial to rate TV coverage - by definition, a three-dimensional object - are not to be found. I leverage computer vision and computer audition techniques to rate this third dimension of TV coverage, across and within cable outlets.

Is Congress Watching TV? Evidence from Congressional Tweets.

Short abstract: Past literature on the agenda-setting power of the news media is based mainly on correlational evidence. In this paper, I map within-day content measures for TV news to U.S. congress-members' social media statements, to provide a first causal assessment of the agenda-setting power of traditional mass media over the agenda of politicians.

Working Papers

The War Next Door and the Reds are Coming: The Spanish Civil War and the Portuguese Stock Market with Diogo Leitão, João Pereira dos Santos and José Tavares, 2019. CEPR DP13990.

Republicans, Democrats and Budget Deficits: Fiscal Dynamics in Political Perspective with José Tavares, 2016. CEPR Discussion Paper No. DP11654.

Conferences, Workshops and Summer Schools

5th Monash-Warwick-Zurich Text-as-Data Workshop, April 2023, held remotely, April 3rd and 4th, 2023: presenting "Trumping the News: A High-Frequency Analysis".

Workshop on the Political Economy of Attention and Electoral Accountability, March 2023, held in the University of Basel, Basel, Switzerland, March 10th and 11th, 2023: presenting "Trumping the News: A High-Frequency Analysis".

CAGE's Summer School 2022 - New Research in Political Economy, held at the University of Warwick, Coventry, U.K., June 27th to 30th, 2022: presenting "Trumping the News: A High-Frequency Analysis".

Summer Institute in Machine Learning in Economics (MLESI21), held remotely, August 16th to 20th, 2021; organized by The Center for Applied Artificial Intelligence (CAAI), Booth School of Business, Chicago, IL, USA.

(CANCELLED DUE TO SARS-CoV-2 PANDEMIC) Economic History Society Annual Conference was to be held at the University of Oxford, Oxford, U.K., April 17th to 19th, 2020: presenting "*The War Next Door and the Reds are Coming: The Spanish Civil War and the Portuguese Stock Market*" at the *Stock Markets* Session.

32nd Annual Congress of the European Economic Association held in ISCTE, Lisbon, Portugal, August 21st to 25th, 2017: presenting "*Republicans, Democrats and Budget Deficits: Fiscal Dynamics in Political Perspective*" at the *Debt and Fiscal Policy in Europe and US EEA* Session.

Meeting of the European Public Choice Society held in the Università Cattolica Del Sacro Cuore, Rome, Italy, April 11th to 14th, 2018: presenting "*Republicans, Democrats and Budget Deficits: Fiscal Dynamics in Political Perspective*" at the *Endogenous Growth and Macroeconometric Models for Policy Analysis* Session.

Teaching

- Feb 2023 - Jul 2023 **Teaching Assistant** for prof. Tommaso Colussi.
 - Lecturing STATA sessions and helped prepare/ correct problem sets for the M.Sc. course of *Microeconometrics* (Bocconi University; AY 22/23).
- Feb 2022 - Jul 2022 **Teaching Assistant** for prof. Thomas Le Barbanchon.
 - Lectured STATA sessions and helped prepare/ correct problem sets for the M.Sc. course of *Microeconometrics* (Bocconi University; AY 21/22).
- Feb 2021 - Mar 2021 **Teaching Assistant** for prof. Eliana La Ferrara.
 - Lectured a TA session on social media data for the Ph.D. course *Political Economy* (University of Oslo; AY 20/21).
 - Lectured a TA session on social media data for the *Royal Economic Society's 2021 Easter Training School on Media, Political Economy and Development*.
- Feb 2020 - Jul 2020 **Teaching Assistant** for prof. Diego Ubfal.
 - Lectured STATA sessions and helped prepare/ correct problem sets for the M.Sc. course of *Microeconometrics* (Bocconi University; AY 19/20).
- Feb 2020 - Jul 2023 **Teaching Assistant** for prof. Roberto Perotti.
 - Preparing problem sets for the B.Sc. course of *Macroeconomics and the World Economy* (Bocconi University; AY 19/20, AY 20/21, AY 21/22 & AY 22/23).
 - Prepared lectures for the B.Sc. course of *Monetary and Fiscal Policy* (Bocconi University; AY 19/20, AY 20/21, AY 21/22).
- Sep 2019 - Jul 2021 **Teaching Assistant** for prof. Guido Tabellini.
 - Lectured TA sessions, corrected problem sets/exams for the M.Sc. course of *Political Economics* (Bocconi University; AY 19/20 & AY 20/21).
- Sep 2018 - Jul 2021 **Teaching Assistant** for prof. Luigi Iovino.
 - Lectured TA sessions, helped prepare and correct exams for the B.Sc. course of *Macroeconomics* (Bocconi University, AY 18/19, AY 19/20 & AY 20/21).
- Jan 2016 - Apr 2016 **Teaching Assistant** for prof. José Tavares.
 - Revised literature and helped prepare lectures for the M.Sc. course of *European Economy* (Nova S.B.E.; AY 15/16).

Working

- Dec 2016 - Jul 2017 **Professional Internship** at Banco de Portugal, Financial Stability Department.
 - Assisted in updating different department-specific data routines and in preparing data descriptions for the BoP's Financial Stability Report.
- Mar 2016 - Dec 2016 **Research Assistant** for prof. Francesco Franco.
 - Assisted in estimating fiscal cyclicality measures for a panel of OECD economies, for the Fundação Francisco Manuel dos Santos's research project "*Characterization of the Portuguese Fiscal System*".
- Mar 2016 - Jul 2016 **Research Assistant** for prof. José Tavares.
 - Assisted in elaborating a theoretical framework for the International Monetary Fund's Working Paper WP/16/230 "*Fiscal Discipline and Exchange Rates: Does Politics Matter*".

Jan 2015 - Jul 2015 **Research Assistant** for prof. Miguel Lebre de Freitas.
 - Assisted in “*expert studies on export performance and on internal devaluation in the context of a performance audit of the Greek economic adjustment programme*” for the European Court of Auditors.

Awards and Fellowships

Sep 2021 - Aug 2023 **Fondazione Romeo ed Enrica Invernizzi Scholarship**
 for most promising Bocconi PhD Candidates.

Jul 2021 - Dec 2021 **Fullbright Scholarship for Research**
 for a Visiting Exchange at Stanford University.

Sep 2017 - Aug 2021 **Bocconi University Fellowship**
 for a pursual of a Ph.D. in Economics at Bocconi University.

Sep 2013 - Jan 2014 **Erasmus + Fellowship**
 for an Undergraduate Exchange at Università Degli Studi Roma Tre

Other Activities

Sep 2019 - Jun 2021 **Co-organizer of Food For Thought (F4T)**
 Weekly brownbag series, internal to Bocconi, for Ph.D. students and faculty to present work-in-progress. Coordinated by prof. Eliana La Ferrara.

Refereeing

Journal of Economic Geography

Skills and Languages

Python, \LaTeX :	Expert	Portuguese:	Native
Stata, Office:	Advanced	English:	Fluent
Matlab, R:	Beginner	Italian:	Proficient

References

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