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Research Interests

Development Economics · Climate Change Adaptation · Applied microeconomics · Policy Evaluation · Food systems

Education

Ph.D. in Development Economics 2023 – Present
Sapienza University of Rome, Department of Social Sciences and Economics
Visiting: Paris School of Economics - Spring & Fall 2025
Visiting: NOVA School of Business and Economics and NOVAFRICA, Lisbon - Spring 2026

M.Sc. in Economics and Business Management 2020 – 2022
Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Uppsala, Sweden

M.Sc. in Agricultural and Food Economics 2020 – 2022
Catholic University of Milan, Italy
Specialization: Agricultural, Food, and Environmental Policy Analysis (AFEPA)

B.A. in International Studies, Development, and Cooperation 2017 – 2020
University of Turin, Italy
Erasmus Exchange: IEP Sciences Po, Lille (France) – Winter 2019/2020

Professional Experience

Research Fellow 2024 – Present
University Consortium for Socioeconomic and Environmental Research (CURSA)

Legislative & Research Assistant 2022 – 2023
European Parliament, ENVI Committee Secretariat, Brussels

Parliamentary Assistant and Press Officer 2020 – 2021
Italian Parliament, Chamber of Deputies, Rome

Publications in Peer-Reviewed Journals

Giacardi, A., Viviani, S., Bernaschi, D., Cafiero, C., and Marino, D. (2026). Testing the Food Insecurity Experience Scale Across Urban and Regional Contexts in Italy, *Scientific Reports* 16, 14369. doi: 10.1038/s41598-026-45827-0

Moino, F., **Giacardi, A.**, Califano, G., and Cagliero, R. (2025). Bridging the Gap: The Impact of Compensatory Measures on Mountain Farming in Piedmont, *Bio-Bio-based and Applied Economics* 14(3): 39-49. doi: 10.36253/bae-16852

Working Papers & Work in Progress

Giacardi, A., Maurel, M., and Pernet, T. (2026). Disasters and Innovation: Firm-Level Evidence from China.
[Available as WP at HAL-SHS Paris-1 University and SSRN]

De Vreyer, P., **Giacardi, A.**, Lambert, S., and Safir, A. Poverty, remittances & inequality in Senegal.

Giacardi, A., Delesalle, E., and Calvo, T. Mind the Gap: Climate perception bias across Africa.

Other Publications

Chapters in Edited Books & Monographs

Felici, F. B. (Eds), Bernaschi, D., Caputo, L., **Giacardi, A.**, Manetti, I., Marino, D., Pignataro, G. (2026). The State of Food Poverty in the Metropolitan City of Rome. Report 2026. *CURSA. Pas(SAGGI)*,12, No. 17, ISSN: 2284-4376. Rome.

Scannavacca, F., Marino, D. (Eds.), Bernaschi, D., Caputo, L., Felici, F. B., **Giacardi, A.**, Manetti, I., Minotti, B., Orlandi, L. (2026). Regional Atlas of Food Insecurity in Italy: Territorial Dynamics and Emerging Vulnerabilities, *CURSA Pas(SAGGI)*, 12, No. 16. ISSN: 2284-4376. Rome.

Marino, D., Caputo, L., Minotti, B., Manetti, I., Scannavacca, F., Orlandi, L., Bernaschi, D., Felici, F. B., **Giacardi, A.**(2025). From knolwedge to monitoring: evolution of Food Atlas within the urban food governance. The case of Rome Metropolitan City. *Re/Cibo*, 4, No. 2, ISSN: 3034-834X. Torino. doi: 10.13135/3034-834X.

Scannavacca, F., & Marino, D. (Eds.) (2025). Measuring Food Insecurity and Food Poverty in Italy: A Statistical Compendium for Analysis and Monitoring. *Centro Rossi-Doria Papers Series*, Roma TrE-Press. ISBN: 979-12-5977-557-3. Rome

Giacardi, A., Bernaschi, D., Minotti, B., & Cafiero, C. (2025). The State of the Phenomenon in Italy, in D. Marino, D. Bernaschi, & F. B. Felici (Eds.), *Poverty and Food Insecurity in Italy: From Measurement to Policy. FrancoAngeli*. ISBN: 978-88-3518-186-6. Milan

Giacardi, A., Bernaschi, D., & Cafiero, C. (2025). The Perception of Food Insecurity in Rome, in D. Marino, D. Bernaschi, & F. B. Felici (Eds.), *Poverty and Food Insecurity in Italy: From Measurement to Policy. FrancoAngeli*. ISBN: 978-88-3518-186-6. Milan

Felici, F. B. (Ed.), Bernaschi, D., Caputo, L., **Giacardi, A.**, Manetti, I., Marino, D., Minotti, B., Orlandi, L., & Scannavacca, F. (2025). The State of Food Poverty in the Metropolitan City of Rome within the Italian Context. *CURSA Pas(SAGGI)*, 11, No. 15. ISSN: 2284-4376. Rome

Bernaschi, D., Caputo, L., Di Renzo, L., Felici, F. B., Frank, G., **Giacardi, A.**, Gualtieri, P., Manetti, I., Marino, D., Minotti, B., Orlando, L., & Scannavacca, F. (2024). The State of Food Poverty in the Metropolitan City of Rome within the Italian Context. *CURSA Pas(SAGGI)*, 10, No. 14. ISSN: 2284-4376. Rome

Technical Reports and Non-Peer-Reviewed Publications

Cagliero, R., Rossi, N., and **Giacardi, A.** (2024). La valutazione ai tempi dell'attuazione regionalizzata dei Piani Strategici della PAC, *Pianeta PSR, 130*

Giacardi, A., Manzoni, P., Pierangeli, F., Mazzocchi, G., and Cagliero, R. (2021). Il percorso di definizione dei Piani Strategici Nazionali PAC 2023-2027 negli Stati Membri regionalizzati: un confronto fra Italia, Francia e Spagna, *Agriregionieuropa, Special Issue: Agricalabriaeuropa, 1.*

Giacardi, A. and Cagliero, R. (2021). PSN, dalla diagnosi alla definizione delle esigenze di intervento negli Stati membri regionalizzati, *Pianeta PSR*, 105

Seminars and Conferences

2026: 6th Development Economics Meeting (Palermo); Naples School of Economics PhD Workshop; NOVAFRICA PhD workshop (Lisbon); Chinese Economics Society Annual conference (Chengdu, China); Association of International Applied Economics (IAEE); IV Sapienza PhD Conference in Social Sciences and Economics (*co-organizer*);
2025: 10th Development Economics Network Berlin (DENeB); III Sapienza PhD Conference in Social Sciences and Economics (*co-organizer*); 10th SITES Annual Meeting (Rome); 5th Development Economist Meeting (Florence).
2024: 4th Development Economist Meeting (Roma Tre University); II Sapienza PhD Conference in Social Sciences

and Economics (*co-organizer*); 15th IFSA European Farming Systems Conference (Palermo); 13th AIEAA Conference (Bari).

Teaching Experience

Co-lecturer - *Economics, history, and culture of agri-food systems* 2026-27
Roma Tre University, Department of Economics & Science
Teaching Assistant - *Statistics* 2024-25, 2025-26
Roma Tre University, Department of Economics
Teaching Assistant - *Social Statistics* 2023-24, 2024-25
Sapienza University of Rome, Department of Sociology and Communications

Other Research experiences

Research Intern – UNCTAD, Commodities Division (Geneva, *remote*) 2024
Research and Communication Trainee – Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI), Stockholm 2022
Research Collaborator – CREA, Council for Agricultural Research and Economics (Turin) 2021
Ocean Literacy and Research Intern – UNESCO, UN Ocean Decade 2030 Programme (Venice, *remote*) 2021

Professional service

Referee: *Economics of Disasters and Climate Change*, *International Journal of Development Issues*

Awards, Grants, and Fellowships

Research Fellowship – School of Advanced Studies (SSAS) & ISSNAF Association - €10k 2025-2026
International Mobility Grant – EU Education programme, Sapienza, NOVA Sbe - €2k 2026
International Mobility Grant – EU Education programme, Sapienza, PSE & Université EHESS - €4k 2024–2025
Research Grant – Sapienza University of Rome "Avvio alla Ricerca - Tipo I" - €2k 2024, 2025
European Forum Alpbach Scholarship – Italian Delegate 2022
International Mobility Scholarship – University of Turin 2019–2020
International Mobility Scholarship – Catholic University of Milan 2022–2023

Skills

Languages: Italian (*native*), English (*C1 – Advanced*), French (*B2 – Fluent*), Portuguese (*learning*)

Software: R, Stata, Python (*learning*), Google Earth Engine, LaTeX, MS Office (ECDL Certified)

Other Tools: WordPress, Mailchimp, Canva, Mentimeter, Google Suite, Virtual Meeting Platforms