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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	
<i>Visiting:</i> Paris School of Economics - Spring & Fall 2025	
<i>Visiting:</i> NOVA School of Business and Economics (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	
<i>Erasmus Exchange:</i> IEP Sciences Po, Lille (France) – Winter 2019/2020	

Affiliation

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

Legislative & Research Assistant	2022 – 2023
European Parliament, ENVI Committee Secretariat, Brussels	
Parliamentary Assistant and Press Officer	2020 – 2021
Italian Parliament, Chamber of Deputies, Rome	

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant – <i>Statistics</i> , Roma Tre University, Department of Economics	2024-25, 2025-26
Teaching Assistant – <i>Social Statistics</i> , Sapienza University of Rome, Department of Sociology	2023-24, 2024-25

Research Collaborations

Research Intern – UNCTAD, Commodities Division (Geneva, <i>remote</i>)	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, <i>remote</i>)	2021

Publications in Peer-Reviewed Journals

"Testing the Food Insecurity Experience Scale Across Urban and Regional Contexts in Italy", with Viviani, S., Bernaschi, D., Cafiero, C., and Marino, D., **Scientific Reports** 16, 14639. doi: 10.1038/s41598-026-45827-0

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

Working Papers & Work in Progress

Disasters and Innovation: Firm-Level Evidence from China (with Mathilde Maurel and Thomas Pernet)

Poverty, remittances & inequality in Senegal (with Philippe De Vreyer, Sylvie Lambert, and Abba Safir)

Mind the Gap: Climate perception across Africa (with Thomas Calvo and Esther Delesalle)

Other Publications

Chapters in Edited Books & Monographs

Giacardi, A. (2026). "Measuring Food Insecurity experience-based through the FIES". In 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)**, Year 12, No. 16. ISSN: 2284-4376. Rome.

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)**, Year 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)**, Year 10, No. 14. ISSN: 2284-4376. Rome

Technical Reports and Non-Peer-Reviewed Publications

"La valutazione ai tempi dell'attuazione regionalizzata dei Piani Strategici della PAC", with Cagliero, R., and Rossi, N., **Pianeta PSR**, 2024.

"The Path of Defining the National Strategic Plans CAP 2023–2027 in Regionalized EU Member States", with Manzoni, P., Pierangeli, F., Mazzocchi, G., and Cagliero, R., **Agriregionieuropa**, Special Issue: Agricalabrieuropa (n. 1).

"PSN: From Diagnosis to Definition of Intervention Needs in Regionalized EU Member States", with Cagliero, R., **Pianeta PSR**, 2021.

Seminars and Conferences

2026: 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).

Other Professional activities

Referee: *Economics of Disasters and Climate Change*, *TeMA - Journal of Land Use, Mobility and Environment*

Awards, Grants, and Fellowships

Research Fellowship – School of Advanced Studies (SSAS) & ISSNAF Association - € 10k	2025-2026
International Mobility Grant – NOVA Lisbon, School of Business and Economics - € 2k	2025–2026
International Mobility Grant – 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

Additional Education

VII School in Public Policy Evaluation , Roma Tre University	June 2025
Summer School in Development Economics and Game Theory , Ghent University	Sept 2024
6th Development Economics Summer School , ICID	June 2024
IFAD “Impact Assessment” - (online course)	2023
Food Systems Course , Wageningen University	2023
Project Management Course , Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida)	2022
Introduction to Experimental Economics , University of Bonn	2022
Learning Policy Impacts: Applied Econometrics of Causal Inference , University of Bonn	2021

Skills

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

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

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