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CURRENT APPOINTMENTS

Columbia University, New York, NY

Associate Professor (without tenure), Department of Political Science

2023-present

Lavine Scholar

2019-present

EDUCATION

Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

Ph.D., Economics, *Thesis: "Essays in Dynamic Political Economy"*

2012

M.A., Economics

2008

Bocconi University, Milan, Italy

M.S. *Summa Cum Laude*, Economics and Social Sciences

2006

B.A., Economics and Social Sciences

2004

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

18. [The Effect of Sustained Transparency on Electoral Accountability](#), with Guy Grossman and Kristin Michelitch.

Forthcoming, *American Journal of Political Science*.

17. [Reference Points and Democratic Backsliding](#), with Edoardo Grillo.

American Journal of Political Science, 2023, 67(1): 71-88.

16. [Wisdom of the Crowd? Information Aggregation in Representative Democracy](#), with Stéphane Wolton.

Games and Economic Behavior, 2022, 135: 86-95.

15. [Party Nomination Strategies in List Proportional Representation Systems](#), with Peter Buisseret, Olle Folke, and Johanna Rickne.

American Journal of Political Science, 2022, 66(3): 714-729.

14. [Competing Principals? Legislative Representation in List PR Systems](#), with Peter Buisseret.

American Journal of Political Science, 2022 66(1): 156-170.

13. [After Citizens United: How Outside Spending Shapes American Democracy](#), with Nour Abdul-Razzak and Stéphane Wolton.

Electoral Studies, 2020, 67: 102190.

12. [Self-Enforcing Partisan Procedures](#), with Daniel Diermeier and Razvan Vlaicu.
Journal of Politics, 2020, 82(3): 937-954.
11. [Voting Behavior under Proportional Representation](#), with Peter Buisseret.
Journal of Theoretical Politics, 2020, 32(1), 96–111.
Special Issue on “Personalism and the Personal Vote in PR Systems.”
10. [Campaign Cost and Electoral Accountability](#), with Stéphane Wolton.
Political Science Research and Methods, 2019, 7(1): 1-21.
9. [Rational Ignorance, Populism, and Reform](#), with Stéphane Wolton.
European Journal of Political Economy, 2018, 55: 119-135.
8. [Electoral Imbalance and their Consequences](#), with Stéphane Wolton.
Journal of Politics, 2018, 80(4): 1168-1182.
7. [Electoral Competition and Policy Feedback Effects](#).
Journal of Politics, 2018, 80(1): 195-210.
6. [The Hidden Cost of Direct Democracy: How Ballot Initiatives Affect Politicians’ Selection and Incentives](#), with Bruno Strulovici.
Journal of Theoretical Politics, 2017, 29(3): 440-466.
5. [Citizens United: A Theoretical Evaluation](#), with Stéphane Wolton.
Political Science Research and Methods, 2017, 5(3): 567-574.
4. [Electoral Control and the Human Capital of Politicians](#), with Peter Buisseret.
Games and Economic Behavior, 2016, 98: 34–55.
3. [The Voters’ Curses: Why We Need Goldilocks Voters](#), with Stéphane Wolton.
American Journal of Political Science, 2016, 60(3): 726-737.
2. [A Bargaining Model of Endogenous Procedures](#), with Daniel Diermeier and Razvan Vlaicu.
Social Choice and Welfare, 2016, 47(4): 985–1012.
1. [Procedural Choice in Majoritarian Organizations](#), with Daniel Diermeier and Razvan Vlaicu.
American Journal of Political Science, 2015, 59(4): 866-879.

WORKING PAPERS

[Bending the Iron Law](#), with Giovanna Invernizzi. *R&R*.

[The Institutional Foundations of the Power to Persuade](#), with Ian Turner.

[Politics Transformed? Electoral Competition under Ranked Choice Voting,](#)” with Peter Buisseret.

Winner of the 2023 “Best APSA Paper Award,” APSA Formal Theory Section

[Regulatory Cycles: A Political Economy Model](#), with Pooya Almasi and Jihad Dagher.

CITATION METRICS

H-Index (Google Scholar):	13
Citation Count (Google Scholar):	492

PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS

Columbia University , New York, NY Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science	<i>2016-2023</i>
Stanford University , Palo Alto, CA National Fellow, Hoover Institution	<i>2015-2016</i>
Georgetown University , Washington, DC Assistant Professor, E. Walsh School of Foreign Service Affiliated Faculty, Economics Department and Government Department	<i>2012-2016</i> <i>2014-2016</i>
Princeton University , Princeton, NJ Postdoctoral Research Associate, Department of Politics	<i>2012-2013</i>

HONORS AND AWARDS

W. Glenn Campbell and Rita Ricardo-Campbell National Fellowship	<i>2015-2016</i>
Foscolo Europe Fellowship, Unicredit & Universities (declined)	<i>2013</i>
University Fellowship, Northwestern University	<i>2012 and 2007</i>
EITM Fellowship, National Science Foundation	<i>2011</i>
Ettore Bocconi Fellowship, Bocconi University	<i>2006-2007</i>

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Columbia University , New York, NY Instructor, Department of Political Science <i>Research Topics in Game Theory (PhD); The Political Economy of Inequality and Redistribution, Political Economy of Institutions (PhD).</i>	<i>2016-present</i>
Georgetown University , Washington, DC Instructor, Edmund E. Walsh School of Foreign Service <i>Research Topics in Political Economy; The Political Economy of Inequality and Redistribution; Senior Capstone in Political Economy; Conflict, Cooperation, and Institutions.</i>	<i>2013-2015</i>
Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models , Ann Arbor, MI Faculty mentor in residence	<i>2015</i>
Northwestern University , Evanston, IL Teaching Assistant, Economics Department <i>Political Economy, Introduction to Microeconomics, Introduction to Econometrics, Introduction to Macroeconomics.</i>	<i>2008-2012</i>

Teaching Assistant Kellogg School of Management 2011
Strategic Management in Non-market Environments.

Bocconi University, Milan, Italy
Teaching Assistant, Economics Department 2006-2007
Economic Policy, International Economics, Introduction to Microeconomics.

PAST APPOINTMENTS

Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA
National Fellow, Hoover Institution 2015-2016

Georgetown University, Washington, DC
Assistant Professor, E. Walsh School of Foreign Service 2012-2016
Affiliated Faculty, Economics Department and Government Department 2014-2016

Princeton University, Princeton, NJ
Postdoctoral Research Associate, Department of Politics 2012-2013

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
Research Assistant for Daniel Diermeier and for Luigi Zingales 2007-2012

Bocconi University, Milan, Italy
Research Assistant for Alberto Alesina and for Guido Tabellini 2006-2007

OECD, Statistic Directorate, Paris, France
Intern 2004

SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

2023: University of Chicago, UQAM Montreal, Emory Theory and Model Workshop, Berkeley (*scheduled*), NYU (*scheduled*), LSE (*scheduled*), Essex (*scheduled*), Warwick (*scheduled*)

2022: University of Houston, University of Padova, Collegio Carlo Alberto

2021: European University Institute, Online Political Economy Seminar Series

2020: New York University, University of New South Wales (OVERS)

2018: University of Rochester

2017: Harvard, Yale, New York University

2016: Stanford, Texas A& M, Columbia

2015: Caltech, University of Southern California, University of California Los Angeles, Stanford GSB, Stanford

2014: University of Warwick, London School of Economics, University of California Berkeley, Columbia, Collegio Carlo Alberto, University of Mannheim, Higher School of Economics, University of Oslo, Inter-American Development Bank, SITE - Stockholm School of Economics, CERGE-EI - University of Prague

2013: Princeton University, Princeton University (Political Economy), Washington University in St. Louis

2012: New York University, Caltech, IAE-CSIC - University Autònoma de Barcelona, University Pompeu Fabra, Max Planck Institute for Tax Law and Public Finance, University of Mannheim, Georgetown University, École Polytechnique, Institute for Advanced Studies (Princeton)

2011: European University Institute

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2023: APSA Annual Meeting (*scheduled*)

2022: APSA Annual Meeting

2022: Madrid Workshop on the Political Economy of Party Organizations, Social Choice and Welfare meetings, Virtual Formal Theory Workshop, APSA Annual Meeting

2021: Madrid Workshop on the Political Economy of Party Organizations

2020: Virtual Formal Theory Workshop, EPSA Annual Meeting, APSA Annual Meeting

2019: APSA Annual Meeting, UC Berkeley Formal Theory and Comparative Politics Conference, UC San Diego Conference on Rational Inattention and Political Economy

2018: Washington Political Economy Conference, University of Southern California Political Institutions and Political Economy (PIPE) Conference, Petralia Workshop 2018

2017: University of Houston Political Economy Conference, MPSA Annual Meeting, Yale CSAP American Politics Conference, SIOE Annual Meeting, Stony Brook Summer Workshop in Political Economy, Petralia/Ortygia Workshop, APSA Annual Meeting

2016: MPSA Annual Meeting, APSA Annual Meeting

2015: MPSA Annual Meeting, EITM Final Conference 2015

2014: MPSA Annual Meeting, Priorat Workshop in Theoretical Political Science, APSA Annual Meeting

2013: MPSA Annual Meeting, APSA Annual Meeting, London School of Economics Formal Theory and Comparative Politics Conference

2012-2011: SPSA Annual Meeting, MPSA Annual Meeting, Association for Public Economic Theory, European Economic Association, Spanish Economic Association, Alexander Hamilton Center (New York University), EITM (University of Chicago)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Conference organization: *The Political Economy of Democratic Backsliding*, 2023 (with Edoardo Grillo, Zhaotian Luo, and Monika Nalepa); *APSA 2022 Annual Meeting, Political Economy Section*, Program Chair (with Mai Hassan); *Sixth Political Economy Conference at Columbia*, 2018 (with Suresh Naidu); *Fourth Political Economy Conference at Columbia*; 2016 (with Navin Kartik); *Washington Political Economy Conference*; 2014 (with Laurent Bouton, Allan Drazen, and Roger Lagunoff), 2015, 2016, and 2017 (with Laurent Bouton, Allan Drazen, Roger Lagunoff, and Fabiana Machado).

Seminar organization: Political Economy Seminar, Columbia University: Spring 2017 (with Alessandra Casella), Fall 2017 (with John Huber), Fall 2020 (with Alessandra Casella), Spring 2021 (with John Marshall), Spring 2022 (with Mike Ting), Spring 2024 (with Ebonya Washington)

External Member, PhD Defense Committee: Tine Paulsen (NYU), 2022.

Editorial Board Membership: *Political Science Research and Methods*.

Awards Committe: *The Journal of Theoretical Politics Ostrom Award*, 2022, Chair.

Referee: *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, *Review of Economic Dynamics*, *International Tax and Public Finance*, *Social Choice and Welfare*, *Political Science Research Methods*, *Economics and Politics*, *International Economic Review*, *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, *Journal of Economic Theory*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Games and Economic Behavior*, *Journal of Politics*, *American Economic Journal: Microeconomics*, *Public Choice*, *European Journal of Political Economy*, *European Economic Review*, *Journal of Law, Economics and Organizations*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Management Science*, *PNAS*, *Marketing Science*, *Journal of Public Economic Theory*.

Discussant: APSA 2023 (*scheduled*), PEEP Conference at USC (*scheduled*), Comparative Politics and Formal Theory (Beramendi and Kselman), IE-Rochester Workshop in Political Economy and International Relations (Cakir, Matakos, and Tukainen), APSA 2022 (Devdariani, Foster); Formal Theory Virtual Junior Scholar Symposium 2021 (Goldstein, Tomasi); APSA 2020 (Hafer Tyson & Zhou, Chan & Foster); LSE-NYU Annual Conference, 2019 (Hafer Landa & Le Bihan); Great Lakes Political Economy Theory Conference, 2018 (Buisseret Bernhardt & Hidir); APSA 2017 (Matakos et al., Hübert, Brams et al.); MPSA 2017 (Nunnari and Zapal); APSA 2016 (Dewan & Squintani, Judd); LSE-NYU Annual Conference 2016 (Austen-Smith Dziuda Harstad & Loeper); Formal Theory and Comparative Politics III - U Chicago (Forand & Maheshri); MPSA 2015 (Callander & Martin, Judd, Patty); 2014 (Agranov & Palfrey, Ladha); Princeton-Warwick Political Economy Conference 2015 (Fey); MPSA 2013 (Gallego Jeon Schofield & McAllister, Le); AEA 2014 (Egorov & Sonin); LSE-NYU Annual Conference 2013 (Iaryczower & Oliveros).

Department and University Service: Junior Faculty Advisory Board (Columbia,

2018-19); Coordinator, PhD Admissions in Comparative Politics (Columbia, 2018-19); PhD Admissions in Comparative Politics (Columbia, 2016-present); Faculty Coordinator, Economics-Political Science major (Columbia, 2016-present); Political Economy Theory Minor, Faculty Coordination (Columbia 2020-present); Political Economy Theory Minor, Committee Member (Seungyup Shin, Beatrice Bonini, Giulia Travaglini, Lauren Futter, Samuel Houskeeper, Kylan Rutherford, Heewon Yoon, Arnaud Maurel, Elena Barham, Daniel Thomas); Dissertation Proposal, Committee Member (Beatrice Montano, Noah Zucker, Jenny Jun, Giovanna Invernizzi, Samuel Houskeeper); Search Committee, Assistant Professor in Comparative Politics and International Relations (Georgetown, 2014).

ADVISING (PLACEMENT)

PHD: [Tinghua Yu](#), 2018 (Postdoctoral Research Fellow at LSE, now Assistant Professor at Birkbeck, University of London); [Giovanna Invernizzi](#), 2021 (Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Collegio Carlo Alberto, now Assistant Professor at Duke); [Beatrice Montano](#) (in progress); [Lauren Futter](#) (in progress); Seungyup Shin (in progress)

Master: Alex Chen (J-PAL)

Undergraduate: Antonio Camara (Phd, Harvard Government), Jake Tuckerman (JD-MBA Stanford GSB), Aaron Tayler (PhD, Princeton Politics), Alyssa Huberts (Phd, Harvard Government), Kate Anthony (MSc in Economic and Social History, Oxford University), Neil Christy (MSc in Economics and Social Sciences, Bocconi University), Mallika Paktar (MBA/MA in International Studies, University of Pennsylvania), Didace Irafasha (MPP, Yale University), Kristha Jenvaiyavasjamai (MSc in Economic Policy for International Development, LSE)

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Citizenship: Italy, United States

Languages: Italian (Native), English, French