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## Current appointment

Lecturer in Political Science and Economics, Stanford University  
Lecturer in the Ford Dorsey Program in International Policy, Stanford University  
Director of Data Science Track in Political Science, Stanford University

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## Education

Universitat Pompeu Fabra, PhD in Economics, 2016.  
Boston University, Visiting PhD student, 2013-2014.  
Universitat Pompeu Fabra, MRes in Economics, 2011.  
Barcelona Graduate School of Economics, MSc in Economics, 2010.  
University of Bern, MoA and BSc in Economics, 2006.

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## Previous affiliations

Santa Clara University, Adjunct lecturer, 2018-2020  
Stanford University, Visiting postdoc, 2016-2018.

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## Research fields

Cooperation and Conflict, Cultural Economics, Political Economy, Macroeconomics.

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## Teaching fields

Data Science, Statistics and Econometrics, Mathematics in Economics and Political Science, Microeconomics, Macroeconomics.

Recognition of Collective Victimhood and Outgroup Prejudice (with Elias Dinas and Vasiliki Fouka), *Public Opinion Quarterly*, 85:2, 517–538, 2021.

Family History and Attitudes Towards Outgroups: Evidence from the European Refugee Crisis (with Elias Dinas and Vasiliki Fouka), *Journal of Politics*, 83:2, 647-661, 2021. (Winner of the 2022 Joseph L. Bernd Best JOP Paper Award)

Agricultural Labor Intensity and the Origins of Work Ethics (with Vasiliki Fouka), *Economic Journal*, Volume 130, Issue 628, May 2020, 1081–1113. (Winner of the 2020 Austin Robinson Memorial Prize)

The Emergence and Selection of Reputation Systems that Drive Cooperative Behaviour, *Proceedings of the Royal Society B*, vol. 285, issue 1886, 2018.

Has the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership Affected Mediterranean Business Cycles (with Fabio Canova), *Journal of Applied Econometrics*, vol. 30(2), 241-263, 2015.

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**Teaching**

Stanford University:

ECON 151/POLISCI 151 - Tackling Big Questions Using Social Data Science (2021, 2022)

POLISCI 150A - Data Science for Politics (2021)

POLISCI 150C - Causal Inference for Social Science, Stanford University (2021)

INTLPOL 301B - Research Methods and Policy Applications II (2022)

Math Camp for Political Science Phd Students (2020, 2021)

Santa Clara University:

ECON 1 - Principles of Microeconomics (2016-2020)

ECON 2 - Principles of Macroeconomics (2018-2020)

ECON 174 - Time Series Analysis, Santa Clara University (2018-2020)

Various:

International Macroeconomics, Global Business School Barcelona (2012-2013)

Statistics I, Global Business School Barcelona (2012-2013)

Macroeconomics I, Esei Business School Barcelona (2009-2010)

Microeconomics I, Esei Business School Barcelona (2009-2010)

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## **Conference presentations**

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(2020) Annual meeting of the Allied Social Science Associations, San Diego (2019) Annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington DC (2013) International Conference on Macroeconomic Analysis and International Finance, Rethymno (2012) End-Of-Year Conference of Swiss Economists Abroad, Luzern (2011) End-Of-Year Conference of Swiss Economists Abroad, Zurich (2008) Annual Seminar in Forest Economics, Bern, Annual Conference of the European Trade Study Group (ETSG), Warsaw, Spring Meeting of Young Economists (SMYE), Lille, (2005) Meeting of the Earning and Income Net (E+I-Net), Bern.

## **Seminar presentations**

(2016) Santa Clara University Yellow Bag (2014) Brown University Macro Lunch, Boston University Macro Workshop, CREI Macroeconomic Breakfast (2013) Swiss National Bank Research Seminar (2012) PUC Rio de Janeiro Brown Bag Seminar, CREI International Lunch, CREI Macroeconomic Breakfast (2011) CREI Macroeconomic Breakfast.

## **Refereeing**

Nature - Scientific Reports, Insights of Anthropology, Cliometrics, American Political Science Review

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## **Languages**

German (native), English (fluent), French (fluent), Spanish (basic), Greek (basic).