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CURRENT POSITION

BAFFI Centre, Bocconi University
Fellow

2022–present
Milan, Italy

EDUCATION

University of Bern
PhD in Economics

2022–2026
Bern, Switzerland

Visiting periods: Bocconi University (Jan–Feb 2025); Stellenbosch University (Jan–Feb 2026); University of Sheffield (Apr 2026)

Bocconi University
MSc in Economics

2018–2021
Milan, Italy

Barcelona Graduate School of Economics Summer School (Jul 2019)

Bocconi University
BSc in Economics

2015–2018
Milan, Italy

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Gatti, F., & Strobl, E. (2025). "Marriage, Financial Constraints, and Morality in Late 19th and Early 20th Century Colonial Jamaica." *The History of the Family*, 1–33.

Gatti, F. (2024). "Quantifying Trade from Renaissance Merchant Letters." *Cliodynamics: The Journal of Quantitative History and Cultural Evolution*, 15(2), 1–28.

WORKING PAPERS

Gatti, F., Elliott, R., & Strobl, E. (2024). "The Trade Effect of the Plague: The Saminati Bank of Florence (1626–1634)." EHES Working Paper No. 271. Conditionally accepted at the *European Review of Economic History*.

Gatti, F., & Huesler, J. (2025). "Text Analysis Methods for Historical Letters: The Case of Michelangelo Buonarroti." BAFFI Centre Research Paper No. 2025-251. Revised and resubmitted at *Digital Scholarship in the Humanities*.

Gatti, F., & Masciandaro, D. (2025). "Language, Religion and Trade: Frauds and Reputation Costs in Early Modern Times." Revised and resubmitted at *Business History*.

Gatti, F., Strobl, E., & Bertinelli, L. (2024). "Colonial Governance and Resource Allocation in the British West Indies (1838–1938)." EHES Working Paper No. 281. Submitted to *The Economic History Review*.

RESEARCH ACTIVITY AS RESEARCH ASSISTANT

“Pandemic Recession and Helicopter Money: Venice, 1629–1631.” *Financial History Review*.

“Credibility Is Not Enough: Fiscal Monetization and Currency Depreciation in Early-Modern Venice.” *Explorations in Economic History*.

TEACHING ACTIVITY

University of Bern

Quantitative Economic History: Text Analysis (Co-Teacher) 2025–2026

Economics of Slavery (Teaching Assistant) 2025–2026

Bocconi University

Macroeconomic Trends (Teaching Assistant) 2021–2022

Monetary Economics (Teaching Assistant) 2021–2022

International Macroeconomics (Teaching Assistant) 2021–2022

REFEREE ACTIVITY

The Journal of Economic History

Journal of Institutional Economics

Digital Scholarship in the Humanities

POLICY EXPERIENCE OUTSIDE ACADEMIA

Municipay Project 2020–2022

Creator and Chief Economist

Created a local digital currency and payment system in collaboration with the Municipality of Covo during the COVID-19 pandemic. Media coverage: *Corriere della Sera*, *Milano Finanza*

AWARDED GRANTS

Chandler Travel Grant, Business History Conference 2024

University of Bern Research Foundation 2025

University of Bern Research Foundation 2026

LANGUAGES AND COMPUTER SKILLS

Languages: Italian (native); English (fluent); French (fair); German (basic).

Software and programming: ECDL, Bloomberg, Stata, EViews, MATLAB, Python, R, $\LaTeX$.

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS AS PRESENTER

Business History Conference, Providence, RI — “The Trade Effect of the Plague” 14–16 Mar 2024

Economic History Society Conference, Newcastle — Poster Session 5–7 Apr 2024

Competenze Digitali per le Digital Humanities, Bocconi University — Invited speaker 12 Apr 2024

Bern–Heidelberg Workshop, University of Bern — “The Trade Effect of the Plague” 19 Apr 2024

PhD Seminar in Machine Learning, University of Bern — Guest speaker 2 May 2024

DONDENA Center Seminar Series, Bocconi University — Invited speaker 30 Sep 2024

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS AS PRESENTER (CONTINUED)

TEDE Research Seminar Series, University of Birmingham — Invited speaker	14 Nov 2024
West Indies Economic Conference, University of the West Indies, Kingston	13–14 Mar 2025
Economic History Society Conference, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow	4–6 Apr 2025
Séminaire Avancé de Recherche, University of Geneva — Invited speaker	17 Apr 2025
PhD Workshop in Quantitative Economic History, Queen's University Belfast	18 Jun 2025
Workshop on Cryptocurrencies and New Developments in Monetary Policy Analysis, Sicily	10–11 Jul 2025
World Economic History Congress, Lund University	28–31 Jul 2025
Global Slavery, Emancipations and the University, Stellenbosch University — Invited speaker	22–23 Jan 2026
ERSA/EHSSA Conference, Stellenbosch University	29–30 Jan 2026
Higher Seminar in Economic History, University of Gothenburg — Invited speaker	4 Feb 2026
European Society of Historical Demography Webinar — Invited speaker	24 Mar 2026
Economic History Society Conference, London School of Economics	10–12 Apr 2026
External Seminar Series, University of Sheffield — Invited speaker	15 Apr 2026
PhD Seminar in Machine Learning, University of Bern — Guest speaker	23 Apr 2026
Economic and Business History Society Conference, Washington, DC	28–30 May 2026
Workshop on New Frameworks for Monetary Policy Analysis, Sicily	6–8 Jul 2026

REFERENCES

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