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CURRENT POSITION

BAFFI Centre, Bocconi University 2022–present
Fellow *Milan, Italy*

EDUCATION

University of Bern 2022–2026
PhD in Economics *Bern, Switzerland*

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

Bocconi University 2018–2021
MSc in Economics *Milan, Italy*

Barcelona Graduate School of Economics Summer School (Jul 2019)

Bocconi University 2015–2018
BSc in Economics *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 Saminiati Bank of Florence (1626–1634)." EHES Working Paper No. 271. Forthcoming in the *European Review of Economic History*.

Gatti, F., & Masciandaro, D. (2025). "Language, Religion and Trade: Frauds and Reputation Costs in Early Modern Times." Forthcoming in *Business 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., Strobl, E., & Bertinelli, L. (2024). "Colonial Governance and Resource Allocation in the British West Indies (1838–1938)." EHES Working Paper No. 281. Submitted to *Explorations in Economic History*.

Gatti, F., & Strobl, E. (2026). Planting Christendom: Denominational competition in colonial Jamaica (1828–1920). Submitted to *The Journal of Economic History*

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
Economic Analysis of Extreme Climate Events (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

PNAS Nexus

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

Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF), Project Funding, "Currency Dominance: Lesson from Early Modern Italy." *Contributor* (PI: Pierpaolo Benigno), CHF 637,458, 2027–2031.

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

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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