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RESEARCH STATEMENT My current main research interests are social inclusion, human capital formation, industrial policies, the role of AI in education and other domains, behavioural public policy, causal inference applied to education and labour market policies

INTERESTS Behavioral Public Policy, Human Capital Formation, Social Inclusion, Family Economics, Psychology of Poverty, Firm Behavior and Innovation, Causal Inference, Economic Behavior of Children

EDUCATION **PhD in Development Economics** *Nov 2016 - Apr 2020*
Doctoral School of Social Sciences, Universities of Trento and Florence
Thesis: *Poverty, Violence and human capital formation*
Supervisor: Prof. Gabriella Berloffa

MA in Economics *Aug 2012 - Jun 2014*
Department of Economics, Central European University, Budapest
Thesis: *The impact of early childhood parental investment on human capital formation*
Supervisor: Prof. Gabor Kezdi

BA in Economics *Sep 2009 - Jun 2012*
Bucharest Academy of Economic Studies, Bucharest
Thesis: *Regional disparities in the European Union*

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE **Research Fellow** *Oct 2019 - present*
Fondazione Bruno Kessler, Research Institute for the Evaluation of Public Policies (FBK-IRVAPP), Trento

Researcher/Evaluator *Jan 2019 - Dec 2021*
Fondazione punto.sud, Milan
El Salvador: Social inclusion and violence prevention project

Researcher *Sep 2015 - Jun 2016*
Centre for Behavioural Studies, Bucharest

Research Associate *Apr - June 2013*
World Bank
Early childhood parenting RCT in Slovakia

Research Assistant *Apr 2013 - June 2014*
Research Assistant to Professor Gabor Kezdi

Intern *May - Jun 2012*
National Institute for Economic Research, Romanian Academy, Bucharest

RESEARCH **Academic Publications**
Bonan, J, Burlacu, S., Galliera, A. (2023). Prosociality in variants of the dictator game: Evidence from children in El Salvador. *Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics*, 107, 102084.

Burlacu, S., Mani, A., Ronzani, P., Savadori, L. (2023). The preoccupied parent: How financial concerns affect child investment choices. *Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics*, 105, 102030.

Burlacu, S., Kažemekaitytė, A., Ronzani, P., Savadori, L. (2022). Blinded by worries: sin

taxes and demand for temptation under financial worries. *Theory and Decision*, 92(1), 141-187.

Policy Reports

European Commission, DG-EMPL, Bazoli, N., Burlacu, S., Fiorio, C., et al. (2022). Study on distributional impact assessment. Publications Office of the European Union.

European European Commission, DG-EMPL, Chiattelli, C., Abbasciano, C., Schizzerotto, A., et al. (2022). Study assessing the implementation of the pilot action on the EU Disability Card and associated benefits. Publications Office of the European Union.

Schizzerotto, A., Bazoli, N., Burlacu, S. (2020). Continuous professional development, professional capabilities and innovative teaching practices among European teachers. A second level analysis of TALIS 2018 data set. European Schoolnet.

Chapters in Books

Microeconomie si comportament [EN: Microeconomics and Behavior] in Catalina Rosca and Andrei Vladucu (Eds) "Teorii ale deciziei. Perspective psiho-economice" [EN: "Decision Theories. Psycho-economic Perspectives"], *Editura Universitara*, Bucharest: 208-242

Working Papers

Davide, A., Bazzoli, M., Burlacu, S., Rettore, E. (2023) Starting the School Year on the Right Foot. Effects of a Summer Learning Program Targeting Vulnerable Students in Italy. IZA Discussion Paper No. 16498

Burlacu, S., Cappelletti, D., Marzadro, S., Tondini, A. (2023). The Cost of a Vowel: How the Gender-marked Job Title Affects Ratings of Female Lawyers (No. 2023-06). Research Institute for the Evaluation of Public Policies (IRVAPP), Bruno Kessler Foundation.

Priolo, G., et al. (2023) The robustness of mental accounting: a global perspective. OSF Preprints. July 18.

The Effect of Temporary Employment on Labour Market Outcomes (with Daniela Piazzalunga and Enrico Rettore) - new draft in progress

Recalling Violence Exposure and Cognitive Function among Primary School Students in El Salvador (with Jacopo Bonan, Arianna Galliera) - new draft available soon

Selected work in progress

Seeing through other senses: the impact of a perspective-taking intervention in upper secondary school on attitudes and behaviors towards persons with visual impairment (with Davide Azolini, Federico Podesta) - first draft in progress

Evaluation of a re-industrialization programme in the Lazio Region (with Nicola Bazoli, Andrea Bonaccorsi, Alessio Tomelleri and others)

The Determinants of the Take-up of Public Support Programmes during the COVID-19 pandemic among micro-enterprises (with Andrea Bonaccorsi, Alessio Temelleri and others)

TEACHING
EXPERIENCE

Tutor *2022*
Econometric methods for the evaluation of public policies (for INPS employees): Synthetic Differences-in-Differences

Tutor *2021 - present*
FBK-IRVAPP Advanced School: Synthetic Differences-in-Differences

Tutor *2020 - 2021*
FBK-IRVAPP Basic School: Experimental Design, Differences-in-differences, Regression Discontinuity Design and Synthetic Control

Tutor - Stata for PhD Students *Sep - Dec 2018*
Doctoral School of Social Sciences, University of Trento

Agricultural Economics Teaching Assistant *Mar - June 2017*
Master of Science in Economics and Development, University of Florence

Course of Professor Donato Romano

Tutor - Economics and Econometrics

Dec 2013 - Jun 2014

Roma Graduate Preparation Program, Central European University, Budapest

AWARDS	PhD Scholarship, Universities of Trento and Florence	<i>2016 - 2019</i>
	MA Fellowship, Central European University, Budapest	<i>2012 - 2014</i>
	Alumni Scholarship, Central European University, Budapest	<i>2012 - 2013</i>
	Special Prize Winner at the Scientific Research Session with the paper "Regional Disparities in the European Union", Faculty of Economics, Academy of Economic Studies, Bucharest	<i>2013</i>
	BA Fellowship, Bucharest Academy of Economic Studies	<i>2009 - 2012</i>
	Best Student Prize, Bucharest Academy of Economic Studies	<i>2010</i>
CONFERENCES PRESENTATIONS	2023: "Fifth Dondena Workshop on Public Policy". University of Bocconi, Milan	
	2022: ERMAS 2022 - Annual Scientific Conference of Romanian Academic Economists from Abroad, Babe-Bolyai University, Cluj	
	2022: "Evaluation of ESIF interventions in Europe. Between tradition and innovation", Bucharest	
	2021: ERMAS 2021 - Annual Scientific Conference of Romanian Academic Economists from Abroad, University of Sibiu	
	2018: Online experiments "Quick? Cheap? Valid?", University of Zurich	
	2018: "11th JDMx Meeting for Early Career Researchers", University of Konstanz	
	2017: "Joint PhD Workshop", Universities of Trento and Bamberg	
	2016: "Joint PhD Workshop", Universities of Trento and Bamberg	
ORGANIZED CONFERENCES	2019: "12th JDMx Meeting for Early Career Researchers", University of Trento	
TRAINING	2018: IRVAPP Winter School 2018 Advanced Methods for Impact Evaluation, Trento.	
	2017: Sixteenth Summer School in International and Development Economics, Gargnano	
	2017: Summer School in Development Economics, Prato	
	2017: IRVAPP Winter School 2017 Fundamentals and Methods for Impact Evaluation of Public Policies, Venice	
	2017: World Bank Impact Evaluation Training, Balaton	
OTHER QUALIFICATIONS	Data Analysis: R, Stata Survey and Experimental Design: oTree, surveyCTO, Google Forms General Programming: Python Web Design: HTML, Javascript, R-shiny, Rmarkdown, Wordpress Network Analysis: Payek, Gephi, Cytoscape Agent Based Modelling: Netlogo Word Processing: Rmarkdown, LaTeX, Microsoft Word	
	Language: English(Fluent, C2), Italian (Advanced, C1), Spanish (Intermediate, B1), German (Basic, A1), Romanian(Native)	

REFERENCES

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