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Presentation

Current Position  **FBK-IRVAPP**
Researcher

Research Interests  Program and Policy Evaluation, Education, Labour Market

Research Experience

- 09/2025  Junior Research Fellow
Research Institute for the Evaluation of Public Policies - Bruno Kessler Foundation (FBK-IRVAPP), Trento
- 03/2025 – 08/2025  Research Collaborator
National Institute of Social Security (INPS) – Visit INPS PNRR-Lavoro
- 02/2024 – 08/2025  Research Associate
Evaluation Lab - Fondo per la Repubblica Digitale
- 11/2023 – 04/2024  Research Associate
Italian Alliance for Sustainable Development - ASviS, Rome
- 02/2023 – 12/2023  Research Assistant
Research Institute for the Evaluation of Public Policies - Bruno Kessler Foundation (FBK-IRVAPP), Trento
- 09/2018 – 10/2020  Project Manager
Demos Student Association and Sapienza University of Rome, Rome

Project Experience

- 03/2025 – 08/2025  **Digital Skills and Employment Outcomes: Evidence from 23 Training Programmes – Visit PNRR-Lavoro**
Funding: National Institute of Social Security (INPS)
Role: Researcher in charge of supporting Professor Raffaella Sadun in the counterfactual evaluation of employment outcomes for participants in the Futura and Onlife programmes (funded by Fondo per la Repubblica Digitale), using INPS administrative data.

Project Experience (continued)

09/2024 – 08/2025

■ **Polaris**

Funding: Fondo per la Repubblica Digitale

Role: Researcher in charge of designing, monitoring, and managing experimental impact evaluation frameworks (using MIM and INVALSI data) for ten programmes aimed at improving STEM knowledge and skills among lower- and upper-secondary students.

02/2024 – 03/2025

■ **Prospettive**

Funding: Fondo per la Repubblica Digitale

Role: Researcher in charge of project coordination, monitoring, and impact evaluation for six programmes targeting digital upskilling for unemployed and inactive individuals (aged 34–50), with the goal of improving their employment opportunities and job retention.

■ **In progresso**

Funding: Fondo per la Repubblica Digitale

Role: Researcher in charge of managing, monitoring, and evaluating three programmes focused on digital upskilling for workers in occupations at high risk of automation and technological displacement, with the aim of supporting job retention and career advancement.

11/2023 – 04/2024

■ **Sustainability Performances Evidence & Scenarios - Horizon Europe**

Funding: European Commission (Grant Agreement No. 101094551)

Role: Researcher & Task Leader in charge of coordinating Task 3.3 (“Guidance for governance and policy implications”) by leading project partners in collecting and analysing evidence on how sustainability performance monitoring informs governance and public policy.

02/2023 – 12/2023

■ **The future of schooling: harnessing the potential of digital education technology**

Funding: European Investment Bank - University Research Sponsorship Programme

Role: Research Assistant in charge of analysing the implementation of digital education technologies across EU countries using international large-scale assessment (PIRLS, PISA, TALIS, TIMSS).

02/2023 – 04/2023

■ **WILL - Educare al Futuro**

Funding: Impresa Sociale Con i Bambini - Fondo di Contrasto alle Povertà Educative

Role: Research Assistant in charge of conducting statistical analyses for supporting the experimental evaluation of a new savings program for education in Italy.

01/2020 – 07/2020

■ **Global Model United Nations 2020**

Funding: International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)

Role: Project Manager (Sapienza University of Rome) in charge of coordination of participating universities and interdisciplinary working committees on the theme “Human Rights Violations during the 2019–20 Coronavirus Pandemic.”

Project Experience (continued)

10/2019 – 06/2020

Italian Parliament Simulation

Funding: Sapienza University of Rome

Role: Project Manager & Co-author in charge of organising, coordinating, and reporting seminar activities for a simulation of the Italian Parliament.

Education

04/2024 – 04/2025

Counterfactual Methods for Programme and Policy Evaluation

Training sessions delivered by Hessel Oosterbeek (University of Amsterdam), Alexia Delfino (Bocconi University), Michael Lechner (University of St. Gallen), and Toru Kitagawa (Brown University) at Collegio Carlo Alberto, Turin

09/2022

School for Advanced Training: “Public Policy Impact Assessment. Concepts, Methods, Applications”

Rossi-Doria Center for Economic and Social Research of Roma Tre University, Rome

10/2020 – 03/2025

Master’s Degree in Economics and Economic Policy (LM-56)

University of Bologna

Final grade: 107

Thesis: Regional Inequities in Tertiary Education Policy in Italy. Thesis Supervisor: Prof. Giuseppe Pignataro. Co-supervisor: Prof. Enrico Rettore. Thesis Examiner: Prof. Stefano Toso. Thesis Score: 8/8

08/2017 – 10/2020

Bachelor’s Degree in International Economic Relations (L-33)

Sapienza University of Rome

Final grade: 110 cum laude

Thesis: Rethinking the State as a co-player in the innovation process. Thesis Supervisor: Prof. Pierluigi Montalbano. Thesis Score: 5/5

Research Publications

Journal Articles

- 1 S. Pastore, D. Azzolini, S. Marzadro, and F. Ottaviani, “Preparing assessment literate teachers: A cross-national trend analysis,” *Studies in Educational Evaluation*, vol. 86, p. 101 485, 2025.  DOI: 10.1016/j.stueduc.2025.101485.
- 2 N. Landini, M. Mattone, C. De Nardo, *et al.*, “Ct evaluation of interstitial lung disease related to systemic sclerosis: Visual versus automated assessment. a systematic review,” *Clinical Radiology*, 2024.  DOI: 10.1016/j.crad.2023.11.022.

Policy Brief, Blogs and Commentary

- 2024  Ottaviani, F., Pagliarulo, M. P. Giornata internazionale delle ragazze nelle Ict: a che punto siamo in Italia? Approfondimenti ASviS. Aprile, 2024

Policy Brief, Blogs and Commentary (continued)

- Ottaviani, F., Grande, C., Calzaroni, M. Redefining progress to go beyond GDP in Europe. SPES Policy Brief n° 2, SPES project – Sustainability Performances, Evidence and Scenarios. Florence: University of Florence

Presentations at Conferences and Workshops

- 2025 ■ Do Partisan Politics Affect Higher Education Policy? Evidence from Scholarship Allocation in Italy XVIII Conferenza ESPAnet Italia 2025, Politecnico di Torino
- Regional Inequities in Tertiary Education Policy in Italy: The Impact of Partisan Politics on University Scholarship Coverage Rates
INTEDU — AISSEC Workshop: Inequality and education: measurement, evidence, and policy (2025), Università degli Studi di Modena e Reggio Emilia
- 2024 ■ How go beyond GDP in Europe
SPES consortium meeting (2024), Bordeaux School of Economics, Université de Bordeaux
- Il Divario Digitale di Genere: Analisi dei dati PISA 2022 in Europa
Convegno Patrimonio Culturale Digitale (2024), DiCultHer

Skills

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| Programming Languages and Markup | ■ Python (Working Knowledge), $\LaTeX$ (Working Knowledge) |
| Statistics/Econometrics Software | ■ Stata (Advanced), R (Working Knowledge), Gretl (Working Knowledge) |
| Survey and Experimental Design | ■ IdSurvey, Google Forms |
| Application/Operating Systems | ■ Microsoft 365 (Office), Excel (Advanced) / Mac OS X, Windows |
| Languages | ■ Italian (Mother tongue), English (C1) |

Awards and Achievements

- 2023 ■ **Torno Subito 2023 Scholarship**
Funding: Lazio Region — Scholarship awarded: €4,815
Purpose: Funding to support internships both within and outside the Lazio Region, aimed at fostering the acquisition of professional knowledge and skills.

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