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FIELDS

Applied Microeconomics, Development Economics, Political Economy

EDUCATION

Brown University, Providence, RI, USA

May 2016 - May 2021 (expected)

Ph.D. Candidate in Economics

References:

· **Prof. Andrew Foster**

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· **Prof. Bryce Millett Steinberg**

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· **Prof. Stelios Michalopoulos**

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Brown University, Providence, RI, USA

Aug 2015 - May 2016

M.A. in Economics

Bocconi University, Milan, IT

Sep 2011 - Mar 2014

M.Sc. in Economics and Social Sciences

Bocconi University, Milan, IT

Sep 2008 - Sep 2011

B.Sc. in Finance

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Brown University, Providence, RI

Jul 2017 - Present

Teaching Assistant

- Fall 2019 - Fall 2020: Intermediate Macroeconomics, for M. Lancaster.
- Spring 2019: Intermediate Macroeconomics, for Prof. S. Michalopoulos.
- Fall 2018: Intermediate Macroeconomics, for Prof. P. Michailat.
- Summer 2017: Game Theory and Introduction to Macroeconomics, pre-college classes.

Brown University, Providence, RI

Jul 2018

Instructor

- Co-taught with A. Kilani a three-weeks long pre-college class, "Global Business Environment".

Brown University, Providence, RI

AY 2017-18

- Successfully completed the Sheridan Teaching Seminar - Reflective Teaching (Certificate I), offered by the Harriet W. Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning at Brown University.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Poverty Targeted Cash Transfers & Attitudes Toward Redistribution, *with R. R. Jamil*

Selected for the Berkeley Network for a New Political Economy workshop, August 2020, UC Berkeley, Berkeley, CA, USA.

Poverty Targeted Cash Transfers & Attitudes Toward Redistribution, *with R. R. Jamil*

Presented at the Harvard Experimental Political Science Conference, April 23 - 24, 2020, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, USA.

On the Transmission of Ethnic Identity, *with S. Michalopoulos*

Presented at XVIII World Economic History Congress, July 29 - August 3, 2018. MIT, Cambridge, MA, USA.

HONORS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

Dissertation Completion Proposal Award, Brown University	<i>A.Y. 2020/21</i>
Department of Economics Teaching Award, Brown University	<i>A.Y. 2018/19</i>
Stone Project on Wealth and Income Inequality Fellowship, Brown University	<i>A.Y. 2017/18</i>
Honors in Field Examinations, Brown University	<i>2017</i>
Stone Project on Wealth and Income Inequality Fellowship, Brown University	<i>A.Y. 2016/17</i>
Stephen R. Ehrlich Fellowship for first-year PhD in Economics, Brown University	<i>A.Y. 2015/16</i>

RESEARCH PAPERS

Poverty Targeted Cash Transfers & Attitudes Toward Redistribution, *with R. R. Jamil*
[Job Market Paper]

Are unconditional cash transfers targeting the poorest households in Pakistan shaping beneficiaries' attitudes toward welfare? We analyze an original household survey using a regression discontinuity design to find that, overall, cash transfers are preferred to public goods (such as new roads, schools, or hospitals), but beneficiaries of the transfers do not respond differently than non-beneficiaries. We find that beneficiaries have lower preferences for redistribution than non-beneficiaries.

Sea Perils and Social Preferences, *with Gustav Agneman, J. Bentzen, A. S. Beck Knudsen, D. Ramos Toro* *[in progress]*

What explains variations in religiosity across the globe? Using global surveys and fine-grained geographic information, together with oceanographic data, we find that historic exposure to dangerous oceans robustly predicts higher degree of religiosity, thus confirming hypotheses advanced by a large body of historical and anthropological literature. We arrive at such conclusion through the use of TensorFlow's Lattice, a machine learning algorithm, to globally predict historical reliance on fishing, based on the oceanographic environment each society was exposed to. The results suggests that dangerous modes of subsistence induce societal systems of beliefs that allow coping with said perils.

On the Transmission of Ethnic Identity, *with S. Michalopoulos* *[in progress]*

We look at the census questionnaires of 15 African countries where parents report, besides their own ethnolinguistic identity, the identity of their children. It seems that the relative strength in political representation of the parents' ethnic groups has a strong bearing on which of the two identities parents choose to report on behalf of their children.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Amazon, Seattle, WA

Jun 2020 - Aug 2020

Economist Intern

- Causal inference track. Produced a short research paper (and a companion business-facing document) describing the impact of COVID-19 on Amazon's workforce. The analysis combined several data sources and used a difference-in-differences identification strategy.

Reference:

Tetyana Zelenska, *Economist II*

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Brown University, Providence, RI

Jun 2016 - May 2018

Research Assistant

- Worked for Prof. S. Michalopoulos (Sep 2016 - May 2018) on two research projects using large census datasets in Africa. The projects looked at: inequality in education along religious or ethnic lines, and political representation of ethnic groups affecting the transmission of a dominant culture.
- Worked for Prof. G. Eggertsson (Jun 2016 - Aug 2016) on the materials for the 1st year graduate Macroeconomics class, and on a research project on hyperinflation: the project involved digitizing time series of macroeconomic indicators to calibrate a toy model that accounts for hyperinflation.

National University of Singapore, Singapore, SG

Jul 2015

Visiting Fellow

- Visited NUS Asian Competitiveness Institute for two weeks, holding a technical workshop on the firm-level competitiveness analysis toolbox used during my time at the European Central Bank.

European Central Bank, Frankfurt am Main, DE

May 2014 - Apr 2015

Junior Consultant

- Offered research support for the Competitiveness Research Network (CompNet) project. Involved in the WS2 of the project, which performs firm-level analysis on the data provided by National Central Banks. Published one ECB WP (with co-authors).

Action Institute, Milan, IT

May 2014 - Sep 2015

Associate

- Worked remotely for the research team; prepared research briefs for the Credit division.

CIDA AI, Milan, IT

Jul 2013 - Sep 2014

Research Assistant

- Completed the statistical analysis of experimental data collected from children affected by dyslexia. The work has been presented by Prof. G. A. Chiarenza at the 17th World Congress of Psychophysiology (September 23-27, 2014 - Hiroshima, JP).

Bocconi University, Market Analysis Div., Milan, IT

Jul 2012 - Dec 2012

Junior Analyst

- Market research in the education sector (universities); coordinated a small group of interns to produce a research brief on the UK labour market.

SKILLS

Data Analysis	R, Stata: advanced knowledge Python, SQL, TensorFlow: basic knowledge
Software & Tools	UNIX server, QGIS, LaTeX, MS Office
Project Management	Agile, Scrum

LANGUAGES

Italian (native), English (fluent), French (advanced), German (elementary)