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Languages

- Italian
- English
- French



Barskills

- Stata
- Microsoft Office
- QGis

Research Activity

Apr, 2025 – March, 2026 — **Research Fellow** — **Unige, Italy**
ERC European Project "HABITAT" "How European Big Cities and Legal Systems Trigger Urban Inequality: An Inquiry into Law and Economics", "Horizon Europe" Program, Action ERC StG, G.A. n. 101076616, CUP: D33C22002160006

Jan, 2024 – Mar, 2025 — **Research Fellow** — **Unige, Italy**
PRIN Project "INFINITE" - The objective of the research project is to analyse the economic impact of high-speed railway lines in Italy, focusing on variables such as production, productivity and innovation, with particular attention to the correct identification of the counterfactual, the existence of heterogeneous effects and spillovers, and transmission channels.

Aug, 2022 – Jan, 2024 — **Research Fellow** — **UPO - Disit, Italy**
European Project "PRIMA2020" (Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area) – Promoting soil fertility, yield and income in smallholder agriculture of semiarid and arid Mediterranean regions by management of beneficial soil microbiota, conservation agriculture and intercropping

May, 2021 – Nov, 2021 — **Visiting Scientist** — **JRC, Ispra**
Visiting Scientist at the Monitoring, Indicators and Impact Evaluation Unit of the Directorate I – "Competences" of the JRC.

Apr, 2020 – Aug, 2022 — **Research Fellow** — **Unige Diec, Italy**
Empirical counterfactual analysis of the effects of road and rail infrastructure on innovation and/or firms' productivity.

Education

Postgraduate Study

2016 – 2020 — **Ph.D. in Economics** — **Unige Diec, Italy**
Title: Essays in Applied Economics.
Supervisors: Prof. Anna Bottasso and Prof. Maurizio Conti.

2012 – 2016 — **M.Sc. in Economy and Financial Institutions** — **Unige Diec, Italy**
Title: The Determinants of Innovation: An Empirical Analysis of a Sample of Italian Firms.
Supervisor: Prof. Anna Bottasso

Undergraduate Study

2007 – 2012 — **B.Sc. in Economics and Commerce** — **Unige Diec, Italy**
Title: Some Considerations on the Evaluation of Regional Health Policies in Italy.
Supervisor: Prof. Angela Testi

Other Advanced Training

2024 — **Industrial Economics and Industrial Policy** — **SIEPI**
SIEPI Summer School
Società Italiana di Economia e Politica Industriale. Advanced Training in Industrial Economics and Industrial Policy.

2021 — **Causal Machine Learning** — **Unige DIEC**
Intensive training programme on the most commonly used methods for conducting causality analyses with machine learning methods.

2019 — **IRVAPP - Advanced Methods for Impact Evaluation** — **IRVAPP-FBK, Italy**
Training on applied policy evaluation and quantitative microeconometrics.

2019 — **Counterfactual Impact Evaluation (CIE) Summer Week** — **JRC, Italy**
Training on good practices of evaluation of public programmes and CIE methods.

2018 — **Fundamentals & Methods for Impact Evaluation of Public Policies** — **IRVAPP-FBK, Italy**
Training on policy evaluation analysis using microdata.

2018 — **TEM Summer School - Innovation in Place Branding, Management** — **UNIVDA, Italy**
Summer school on local development, innovation, tourism and place branding.

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About Me

I am an empirical economist working on applied economics issues: in particular, my interests span the fields of industrial organization, innovation economics and economic impact analysis, as well as transport and health economics. In the case of industrial economics, I have analysed online marketplace platforms, energy markets and I generally assess the impact of related public policies. In the case of innovation economics, my research has dealt with the impact of transport infrastructures (roads, rails and public infrastructures in general) on innovation and patent activity. Moreover, I studied some economic determinant of innovation. Additionally, I have analysed the role played by public R&D institutions – such as the I.I.T. Foundation - on the evolution of local innovation systems. I also analysed the impact of road/rail infrastructure on firms' productivity and real estate markets. In the case of health economics, I studied the predicted impact of the EU zero-emission mobility on local urban pollution and related health outcomes. My research interests generally includes the evaluation of public/economic policies through counterfactual impact evaluation methods.

Interests

- Regional & Urban Economics
- Applied Economics
- Industrial Organization
- Innovation Economics
- Health Economics
- Transport Economics
- Counterfactual Impact Evaluation
- Platform Economics
- Regulation & Energy Markets

Econometric Skills

- Counterfactual Impact Evaluation
- Panel Data Analysis
- Time Series Analysis
- Quantitative Micro-Econometrics
- Microdata
- Data Mining
- Gravity Models

Other Advanced Training

2018	**Panel Data Methods** Training in panel data methods.	**UNIGE, Italy**
2017	**Policy Evaluation Methods** Training in policy evaluation methods.	**UNIGE, Italy**
2017	**Panel Data Econometrics: Theory and Applications** Training in panel data methods.	**SIDE-IEA, Italy**
2017	**Introductory Econometrics** Training in basic econometric methods.	**SIDE-IEA, Italy**
2017	**Complex Networks: Theory, Methods, and Applications** Training in complex networks analysis.	**Lake Como School of Advanced Studies, Italy**

Teaching Experience

Ph.D. Courses

Genoa University	**Advanced Microeconomics (PHD ECONOMICS AND QUANTITATIVE METHODS; - CFU; 10 hours** Lecturer	2024-ongoing

Graduate Courses

UPO University	**Rational Choice Theory (7 CFU; 42 hours)** Adjunct Professor (CO.CO.CO).	2023-ongoing
UPO University	**Microeconomics II (9 CFU; 60 hours)** Adjunct Professor (CO.CO.CO).	2020-2023

Undergraduate Courses

Genoa University	**Political Economy (9 CFU; 54 hours)** Adjunct Professor (CO.CO.CO).	2024-2025
UPO University	**Political Economy Lab (- CFU; 40 hours)** Adjunct Professor (CO.CO.CO).	2021-2024
Genoa University	**Microeconomics (- CFU; - hours)** Microeconomics labs and drills (CO.CO.CO).	2017-2020
Enaip Alessandria	**Math - CFU; 90 hours)** Teaching mathematical principles (CO.CO.CO).	2019
Genoa University	**Student Tutoring (- CFU; - hours)** Microeconomics student tutoring (CO.CO.CO).	2017-2018

Honours and Awards

2020	Ph.D. Award "B. Nobile"	Area Science Park - Trieste
2017	M.Sc. Award "Premio Leonardo Qualità Italia"	Fondazione Manlio Masi, Italy
2017	M.Sc. Award "DIEC"	University of Genoa, Italy

Invited Talks, Seminars and Conferences

2026	**XXXVIII SIEP Conference 2026** University of Modena and Reggio Emilia	
2025	**Innovazione e politiche pubbliche: analisi e prospettive** Università degli Studi di Genova	Workshop in collaborazione con Banca d'Italia
2024	**XXI Workshop CiMET** Enna University "Kore"	Centro Universitario Nazionale di Economia Applicata
2024	**4th International workshop on high-speed rail socioeconomic impacts** University of Naples Federico II	International Union of Railways Alliance of Universities

Invited Talks, Seminars and Conferences

2024 **8th EHEW** 2024 Empirical Health Economics Workshop
Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies - Pisa

2024 **10th Annual International Conference on Transportation - ATINER** Athens Institute for Education & Research
University of Athens

2024 **XXII SIEPI Annual Workshop** Società Italiana di Economia e Politica Industriale
University of Bergamo

2024 **XIV NERI Workshop** Network of the Economics of Regulation and Institutions
University of Naples "Federico II" - Naples

2023 **XXVIII AIES Conference** Italian Health Economics Association
La Sapienza University - Rome

2023 **NetCIEx workshop 2023** EU Joint Research Center
Competence Centre on Microeconomic Evaluation (CC-ME)

2023 **ProSmallAgriMed Meeting** University of Eastern Piedmont
PRIMA2020

2023 **XXXV SIEP Conference 2023** University of Verona
Società Italiana di Economia Pubblica

2022 **N.E.R.I. Workshop 2022** University of Genoa
Network on the Economics of Regulation and Institutions Workshop

2021 **JRC NetCIEx Annual Meeting** Joint Research Centre
EU Commission's Competence Centre on Microeconomic Evaluation

2021 **COMPIE 2021** University of Mannheim
EU Commission's Competence Centre on Microeconomic Evaluation

2021 **SIEPI Workshop 2021** Università Di Parma
Società Italiana di Economia e Politica Industriale

2020 **DESF UNICAL Seminars** Università Della Calabria
Dipartimento di Economia, Statistica e Finanza

2020 **SIE - 61ª RSA** Società Italiana di Economia
Riunione Scientifica Annuale

2020 **DIEC Ph.D. Seminars** Università di Genova
Dipartimento di Economia

2020 **JRC NetCIEx Conference** JRC, Ispra
EU Commission's Competence Centre on Microeconomic Evaluation

2017 **Come Stanno le Nostre Imprese** Ovada
Tavolo di discussione promosso da Confartigianato

Academic and Scientific Appointments

National Scientific Qualification - ASN

2026 – ongoing **Ministry of Universities and Research** ASN 13/A2 - Economic Policy
National Scientific qualification as associate professor in the Italian higher education system, in the call 2023/2025 (Ministerial Decree n. 1796/2023) for the disciplinary field of 13/A2 - Economic policy (Academic Recruitment Field 13/A - Economics, according to the national classification).

2026 – ongoing **Ministry of Universities and Research** ASN 13/A4 - Applied Economics
National Scientific qualification as associate professor in the Italian higher education system, in the call 2023/2025 (Ministerial Decree n. 1796/2023) for the disciplinary field of 13/A4 - Applied Economics (Academic Recruitment Field 13/A - Economics, according to the national classification).

Other Appointments

2026-ongoing	Reviewer for Economics	De Gruyter
2026-ongoing	Reviewer for The Annals of Regional Science	Springer Nature
2025-ongoing	Reviewer for Regional Studies	Taylor & Francis
2024 - ongoing	HEDG Affiliate	Health Econometrics and Data Group
2023 - ongoing	GLO Affiliate	Global Labor Organization
2022 - ongoing	Reviewer for Research Policy	Elsevier
2023 - ongoing	Member of Società Italiana di Economia Pubblica	SIEP, Italy
2022 - ongoing	Reviewer for The International Journal of Theoretical and Applied Papers on Economic Modelling	Elsevier
2021 - ongoing	Member of Società Italiana di Economia e Politica Industriale	SIEPI, Italy
2021 - 2022	Member of Associazione Italiana Documentalisti Brevettuali	AIDB, Italy
2020 - ongoing	Member of Società Italiana di Economia	SIE, Italy
2020 - ongoing	NetCIEx Follow Up Meetings	JRC, Italy

Publications

Phd Thesis

1. Robbiano, S. (2020). Essays in Applied Economics. PhD Thesis (`http://hdl.handle.net/11567/1008711`).

Published Papers

1. Bottasso, A., Conti, M. & Robbiano, S. (2026) High-speed rail beyond core hubs: evidence from Italy. The Annalso of Regional Science 75, 104. `DOI: 10.1007/s00168-026-01525-3`

2. Robbiano, S., Cerruti, G. (2026) Assessing the Impact of Price-Matching Guarantees and Price Fluctuations on Consumer Feedback: Insights from the Online Consumer Electronics Market. Journal of Consumer Policy 49, 8 (2026). `DOI: https://doi.org/10.1007/s10603-026-09613-9`

3. Robbiano, S. (2025) Price–matching Guarantees in the Age of Algorithms: A Model of Collusion, Discrimination and the Welfare Trade-off. Geoprogress Journal, Volume 12(2) DOI: `DOI: 10.20373/2384-9398/72`

4. Robbiano, S. (2025) The Geopolitical Reconfiguration Of Global Supply Chains: Tariffs, Sanctions, And The Rise Of Friend-Shoring. ECONOMIA INTERNAZIONALE / INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS. Forthcoming article available at [link]

5. Bondonio, D., Chirico, P., Piacenza, M., Robbiano, S. (2025) Urban NO_2-pollution and health outcomes: Evidence from a natural experiment in Italy on the simulated benefits of the EU zero-emission-vehicles resolution. Health Policy, Volume 159, 105376, ISSN 0168-8510, DOI `https://doi.org/10.1016/j.healthpol.2025.105376`.

6. Bottasso, A., Robbiano, S. & Marocco, P. (2025) Price matching in online retail. Economic Inquiry, 63(1), 206–235. Available from: `https://doi.org/10.1111/ecin.13255`.

7. Cerruti, G., Robbiano, S. (2024). Presence Of Migrants And Voting Behavior In Europe: An Overview Of The Empirical Literature. Economia Internazionale / International Economics, 77(4), 515-554. Available at (link)

8. Robbiano, S., Menozzi, A., Erbetta, F., Lingua, G. (2023). Economic impact of agricultural innovation: a literature review and the contribution of the ProSmallAgriMed PRIMA project. Geoprogress Journal, Vol. 10(2) (`https://dx.doi.org/10.20373/2384-9398/29`)

9. Bottasso, A., Conti, M., Robbiano, S., Santagata, M. (2022). Roads to innovation: Evidence from Italy. Journal of Regional Science, 1– 25. (`https://doi.org/10.1111/jors.12583`)

10. Robbiano, S. (2022). The innovative impact of public research institutes: evidence from Italy. Research Policy, 51(10), 104567. (`https://doi.org/10.1016/j.respol.2022.104567`)

Books and Volume Contributions

1. Bottasso, A., Conti, M., Fiduccia, A., Robbiano, S., Tartaglia, M. (2025). Does the Opening of a High-Speed-Rail Station Impact House Prices? Evidence from a Quasi-Natural Experiment: Reggio Emilia Mediopadana. In: Pagliara, F. (eds) Socioeconomic Impacts of High-Speed Rail Systems. IW-HSR 2023. Springer Proceedings in Business and Economics. Springer, Cham. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-82528-6_16

2. Bottasso, A., Piga, C., Robbiano, S. (2023). Analisi dei prezzi al dettaglio sul mercato dell'energia elettrica in Italia. In: Fondazione AMGA. PROJECT 4.0 LA RICERCA NEL SETTORE IDRICO, ENERGETICO, AMBIENTALE E REGOLATORIO. p. 179-188, ISBN: 978-88-94738-50-6

3. Bottasso, A., Conti, M., Ferrara, A., Robbiano, S. (2023). High-Speed Railways and Firms Total Factor Productivity: Evidence from a Quasi-Natural Experiment. IZA Discussion Paper n° 16572. ISSN: 2365-9793.

Data Repository

1. Anna Bottasso, Simone Robbiano (2024). ECIN Replication Package for "Price Matching in Online Retail". doi: https://doi.org/10.3886/e207843v1

Discussion Papers

1. Robbiano, Simone (2026). Innovation effects of place-based investment-incentives: Evidence from Italy. Available at SSRN: https://ssrn.com/abstract=6256505 or http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.6256505

2. Bottasso, Anna, Mij, Federico, and Robbiano, Simone. The Innovation Dividend of High Speed Rail: Evidence from Italy (October 11, 2025). Available at SSRN: https://ssrn.com/abstract=5590932 or http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.5590932

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