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## BIO

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Sex: Female

Citizenship: Italian

Date of birth: 10 May 1985

Status: Married, 1 daughter (compulsory career break: March-August 2017)

## CURRENT POSITION

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**Post-Doc**, University of Bologna

Oct 2014-present

## VISITING POSITIONS

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**Research Fellow**, Brown University

Jan-May 2016

## OTHER POSITIONS

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**World Bank short-term consultant**: Niger WASH-Pov diagnostic

Jan-Aug 2016

P.I.: Aude-Sophie Rodella (World Bank), The World Bank, Washington DC

**Researcher/Consultant**: Pathways for Resilience in Semi-arid Economies

Aug 2014-Feb 2015

Principal Investigator, Overseas Development Institute, London

**Research Assistant** for Prof. Peter van Bergeijk (ISS-EUR)

Jun 2012-Aug 2012

ISS-Erasmus University Rotterdam, The Hague, NL

## EDUCATION

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**Ph.D Economic Policy**, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart of Milan

Oct 2010-May 2014

Result: Excellent, awarded the label of *Doctor Europaeus*. Thesis:

*Economics of natural disasters. From macro to micro evidence with a focus on developing countries*

**MA Development Studies (Economics)**, ISS-Erasmus University Rotterdam

Sep 2011-Dec 2012

Research paper *with distinction*

**MA International Economic Integration**, University of Pavia

Oct 2007-Jul 2010

*Summa cum laude*

**Erasmus Program**, Université de Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne

Oct 2008-Feb 2009

**BA Economics**, University of Pavia

Sep 2004-Nov 2007

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Economic Growth and Development, Economic History, Political Economy, Meta-Analysis

## PUBLICATIONS AND WORKING PAPERS

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### Published papers

- Lazzaroni, S. and N. Wagner (2016) 'Misfortunes never come singly: structural change multiple shocks and child malnutrition in rural Senegal', *Economics and Human Biology* 23: 246-262. DOI:10.1016/j.ehb.2016.10.006.
- Van Bergeijk, P.A.G. and S. Lazzaroni (2015) 'Macroeconomics of Natural Disasters: Strengths and Weaknesses of Meta- Analysis versus Review of the Literature', *Risk Analysis* 35(6): 1050-1072. DOI: 10.1111/risa.12372.
- Lazzaroni, S. and P.A.G. van Bergeijk (2014) 'Natural Disasters Impact, Factors of Resilience and Development: A Meta-Analysis of the Macroeconomic Literature', *Ecological Economics* 107(11): 333-346. DOI: 10.1016/j.ecolecon.2014.08.015.

### Working papers

- Lazzaroni, S. and A.S. Bedi (2014) 'Weather variability and food consumption: Evidence from Rural Uganda', *ISS Working Paper* 585. The Hague, Netherlands: International Institute of Social Studies.

### Policy reports

- Lazzaroni, S. and N. Wagner (2016) 'Misfortunes never come singly: structural change multiple shocks and child malnutrition in rural Senegal', *PRISE Policy Briefs*. London, UK: Overseas Development Institute. Available at <http://prise.odi.org/research/small-grants-programme-misfortunes-never-come-singly-structural-change-multiple-shocks-and-child-malnutrition-in-rural-senegal/>

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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**Sovereign Polities and Pre-Industrial Development: Theory and Evidence for Europe 1000-1850**, with M. Cervellati, G. Prarolo and P. Vanin

**Political Institutions, Culture and Cooperation: Medieval Social Contracts and their Legacy**, with P. Buonanno, M. Cervellati and G. Prarolo

**Deep Determinants of Preferences over Political Institutions: Monarchy vs. Republic in 1946 Italy**, with P. Buonanno, M. Cervellati and G. Prarolo

**Cultural Colonization and the Demand for Populism: Evidence from Argentinian**

## GOOGLE SCHOLAR CITATION INDICES

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## ORGANIZATION/PARTICIPATION TO RESEARCH GROUPS

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**PRIN 2015:** The legacy of institutions for comparative development 2016-present  
P.I.: Matteo Cervellati, University of Bologna

**PRIN 2012:** A study on the determinants of crime and civil conflict 2014-2016  
P.I.: Matteo Cervellati, University of Bologna

**Data Scraping Tools and Methods (PhD Economics course)** Jan 2016  
Co-organizer with Giovanni Prarolo, University of Bologna

## GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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EIEF grant 2015: Geography, demographic shock and political institutions P.I.: Giovanni Prarolo, University of Bologna (€10K)	Jun 2015-Jun 2016
Brown-Bologna Programme Grant, Brown University Awarded research scholarship (\$ 6.9K)	Jan-May 2016
PRISE Small Grants Programme, ODI London Principal Investigator (£5K)	Aug-Feb 2015
INESAD travel grant for conference participation, INESAD, Bolivia	Aug 2015
EAERE travel grant for conference invitation, Harvard School of Public Health	Oct 2013
Belpasso International Summer School grant, University of Catania	Aug 2013
PhD Fellowship, Catholic University of Milan	Oct 2010-Dec 2013
Erasmus scholarship, University of Pavia and University of Paris I	Sept 2008-Feb 2009

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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BCDE 2014 Best Development Economics Paper, Universidad Privada Boliviana	Aug 2015
PhD thesis award of <i>Doctor Europaeus</i> , Catholic University of Milan	May 2014
Professor Hans Opschoor Prize for best research paper, ISS-Erasmus University	Dec 2012

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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<b>Instructor:</b> Disaggregated data with ArcGIS and Python (Ph.D. Economics) University of Bologna	a.y. 2015-2017
<b>Introductory class on “Development Economics”</b> for high school students University of Bologna	a.y. 2014-2016
<b>Teaching Assistant:</b> Macroeconomics (undergraduate) University of Bologna - Forli Campus	spring 2015

## INSTITUTIONAL AND SERVICE ACTIVITIES

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### Organization of Conferences/Workshops/Reading Groups

- Spring Meeting of Young Economists, University of Bologna 5-7 Jun 2020
- ASREC Conference 2017 (Program Chair: Giovanni Prarolo), University of Bologna 9-11 Sep 2017
- Political Economy and Development Reading Group, University of Bologna Oct 2015-present

### University Service

- Representative of Research Fellows, Department of Economics, University of Bologna a.y. 2018/2019
- Representative of Research Fellows, Department of Economics, University of Bologna a.y. 2015/2016
- Teaching and Learning Committee Student Representative, ISS-Erasmus University 2011/2012

### Activity as Referee

- *China Economic Review; Ecological Economics; Economic Modelling; Economics Research International; Environment, Development and Sustainability; Journal of Economic Growth; Journal of Economic Surveys; Journal of Peace Research; Papers in Regional Science.*

## PRESENTATIONS TO CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS

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- Workshop on Political Economy 2017, Free-University of Bozen-Bolzano, Brunek-Brunico, 2017;
- ICEG 2017, University of Naples Parthenope, Naples, 2017;
- SIOE 2017, Columbia University, New York, 2017;
- Culture Diversity and Economic Development Workshop, Groeningen, 2017;
- Barcelona GSE Summer Forum, Barcelona GSE, 2017;
- Macroeconomics Lunch Seminar, UCLouvain, 2017;
- EEA-ESEM, Geneva, 2016;
- Petralia Applied Economic Workshop, 2016;
- (*Discussant*) Workshop on Social Economy for Young Economists, University of Bologna, 2016;
- Macro Lunch Seminar, Brown University, 2016;
- PRISE Workshop, London School of Economics, 2015;
- Internal seminar, University of Bologna, 2015, 2017;
- ENRMDTE2014, CERDI and University of Auvergne, 2014;
- BCDE 2014, Universidad Privada Boliviana, 2014;
- EDEM Seminar Series, ISS-Erasmus University Rotterdam, 2013;
- (*Invited*) Harvard School of Public Health, 2013;
- Belpasso International Summer School, 2013;
- MAER-Net, University of Greenwich, 2013;
- Second AIEAA Conference, University of Parma, 2013;
- 5th EAAE Phd Workshop, KU Leuven, 2013;
- CSAE, Oxford University, 2013.

## SUMMER/WINTER SCHOOLS AND FURTHER COURSES

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<b>Digital Humanities Oxford Summer School</b> University of Oxford, Oxford, Italy	3-7 Jul 2017
<b>14th Summer School in International and Development Economics</b> Centro Studi Luca D'Agliano, Gargnano, Italy	8-11 Sep 2015
<b>JPAL101x: Evaluating Social Programs</b> MIT, online learning	Nov 2014
<b>Belpasso International Summer School on Environmental Economics</b> University of Catania and FEEM, Belpasso, Italy	1-7 Sep 2013
<b>Structural Change Real Financial Interactions and Development</b> University of Pavia, Pavia	13-21 Jun 2011
<b>Development and International Cooperation,</b> ISPI - Istituto per gli Studi Politici Internazionali, Milan	Oct 2009-Jan 2011
<b>Understanding and Managing Globalization and Transition</b> CARIPLO and University of Pavia, Pavia	Mar-May 2009

## SKILLS

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### Softwares

- Operating Systems: Microsoft, Mac OS
- Programming languages: Python, SPARQL
- Statistical softwares: Stata, R
- GIS softwares: ArcGIS
- Data scraping: Scrapy and Tesseract (Python-based)
- Text softwares: Standard MS Office packages, LaTeX

### Languages

- Italian (native)
- English (fluent)
- French (intermediate)

## REFERENCES

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