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EDUCATION

University of British Columbia

- PhD in Economics

Vancouver BC, Canada

2024 (expected)

Bocconi University

- MSc in Economics
- BSc in Economics

Milan, Italy

2018

2015

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political Economy, Public Economics, and Public Finance

WORKING PAPERS

[Minority Underrepresentation in U.S. Cities \(with Francesco Trebbi\)](#)

This paper investigates the patterns of Minority representation in U.S. municipal governments and of Minority voter registration for the period 1981-2020. We report substantial levels of strategic underrepresentation of African American, Asian, and Latino voters in U.S. local politics. Disproportionality in the representation and in voter registration rates of Minority groups are widespread, but stronger where racial or ethnic minorities are electorally pivotal. Underrepresentation is determined by the combination of several endogenous institutional features, starting from systematic disparity in voter registration, strategic selection of electoral rules, city's form of government, council size, and pay of elected members of the council. We provide causal evidence of the strategic use of local political institutions in reducing electoral representation of minorities based on the U.S. Supreme Court narrow decision of *Shelby County v. Holder* (2013), which removed Voting Rights Act (VRA) Section 4(b) coverage requirements for a specific subset of U.S. jurisdictions.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of British Columbia

Vancouver BC, Canada

- Research Assistant for Professor Francesco Trebbi

2018-today

Bocconi University

Milan, Italy

- Research Assistant for Professor Massimo Morelli
- Visiting Student at IGIER

2016-2018

2016-2018

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of British Columbia

Vancouver BC, Canada

- ECON 234, Wealth and Poverty of Nations (undergraduate) - TA
- ECON 490, Seminars in Applied Economics (undergraduate) - TA
- ECON 325, Introduction to Empirical Economics (undergraduate) - TA
- ECON 303, Intermediate Microeconomics II (undergraduate) - TA
- ECON 221, Introduction to Strategic Thinking (undergraduate) - TA
- ECON 485, Political Economy (undergraduate) - TA

2022

2021

2021

2021

2020

2020

HONORS AND AWARDS

University of British Columbia

Vancouver BC, Canada

- President's Academic Excellence Initiative PhD Award
- International Tuition Award
- Doctoral Fellowship (Four Year Fellowship)

2020-today

2018-today

2018-2022

GRANTS

Center for Innovative Data in Economics Research (UBC)

Vancouver BC, Canada

- Grant in Innovative Data (\$14,000)
- Grant in Innovative Data (\$15,000)

2021

2020

SKILLS

Softwares

- Stata, Julia, Python, QGIS, MATLAB, R, \LaTeX

Languages

- Italian (native), English (fluent), Spanish (intermediate), French (intermediate), German (basic)