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EDUCATION

University of British Columbia

- PhD in Economics

Vancouver, BC
2025 (expected)

Bocconi University

- MSc in Economics, 110/110 cum laude
- BSc in Economics, 110/110 cum laude

Milan, Italy
2018
2015

RESEARCH AREAS

Political Economy, Public Economics, Public Finance

WORKING PAPERS

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

Disproportionality in the representation and in the voter registration rates of Minority groups in the United States is widespread, but stronger when racial or ethnic minorities are electorally pivotal. We define this phenomenon *strategic underrepresentation* and show that for the period 1981-2020 levels of strategic underrepresentation of African American, Asian, and Latino voters in U.S. city politics are substantial. 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 deemed unconstitutional Voting Rights Act (VRA) Section 4(b), removing federal preclearance requirements for a specific subset of U.S. jurisdictions.

WORK IN PROGRESS

The Price of Diversity: Evidence from Municipal Bonds and Public Goods Provision

REFEREEING EXPERIENCE

American Economic Review: Insights
Journal of Public Economics

WORK EXPERIENCE

University of British Columbia/UC Berkeley

- Research Assistant for Professor Francesco Trebbi

Vancouver, BC/Berkeley, CA
2018-today

Bocconi University

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

Milan, Italy
2016-2018
2016-2018

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of British Columbia	Vancouver, BC
• ECON 471, Economics of Nonrenewable Resources - TA	2024
• ECON 485, Political Economy - TA	2020, 2023
• ECON 350, Public Finance Policy Topics - TA	2023
• ECON 221, Introduction to Strategic Thinking - TA	2020, 2022
• ECON 441, The Process of Economic Development - TA	2022
• ECON 234, Wealth and Poverty of Nations - TA	2022
• ECON 490, Seminars in Applied Economics - TA	2021
• ECON 325, Introduction to Empirical Economics - TA	2021
• ECON 303, Intermediate Microeconomics II - TA	2021

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

• Canadian Economics Association Annual Meeting (scheduled, presentation), Toronto, ON	2024
• Berkeley-VSE Conference on Political Economy and Governance (poster), Berkeley, CA	2023
• ACES Summer School in Political Economy (workshop), Berkeley, CA	2023
• American Economic Association Annual Meeting (presentation), New Orleans, LA	2023
• Urban Economics Association North American Meeting (presentation), Washington, DC	2022
• European Economic Association Congress (presentation), Milan, Italy	2022

HONORS AND AWARDS

• MinE Best Paper Award, European Economic Association	2022
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University of British Columbia	Vancouver, BC
• President's Academic Excellence Initiative PhD Award	2020-today
• International Tuition Award	2018-today
• Doctoral Fellowship (Four Year Fellowship)	2018-2022

GRANTS

Center for Innovative Data in Economics Research (UBC)	Vancouver, BC
• Grant in Innovative Data (\$14,000)	2021
• Grant in Innovative Data (\$15,000)	2020

PROGRAMMING

Python (Data Science and Machine Learning), SQL, Stata, Julia, ArcGIS, MATLAB, R, \LaTeX , HTML.

LANGUAGES

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

CITIZENSHIP

Italian, Canadian Permanent Resident

REFERENCES

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