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SHORT BIO

I am a PhD Candidate at the Institute of Economics (IdEP) of *Università della Svizzera italiana (USI Lugano)*, under the supervision of Prof. Massimo Filippini. In Spring 2025, I visited the department of *Barcelona School of Economics* hosted by Prof. Mar Reguant, and co-organized the inaugural Workshop IdEP in Sustainable Economics (WISE 2025). In 2022, I completed the Swiss Program for Beginning Doctoral Students in Economics, offered by the *Swiss National Bank*. Before joining IdEP, I was a research assistant at the Environmental Economics Knowledge Center of *Nova School of Business and Economics* under Prof. M. Antonieta Cunha-e-Sá.

I am an applied economist, with particular interest on **carbon markets**, **energy economics** and **climate risks**.

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITÀ DELLA SVIZZERA ITALIANA	Lugano (Switzerland)
Ph.D. in Economics. Supervisor: Prof. M. Filippini (USI and ETH Zurich)	2021-2026 (<i>expected</i>)

BARCELONA SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS	Barcelona (Spain)
Visiting Student. Host: Prof. M. Reguant (BSE and Northwestern University)	2025

STUDY CENTER GERZENSEE	Gerzensee (Switzerland)
Swiss Program for Beginning Doctoral Students in Economics.	2021-2022

NOVA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS	Lisbon (Portugal)
M.Sc. in Economics, Public Policy Track.	2018 - 2020
• Thesis: <i>The Impact of Fiscal Incentives on Electric Vehicle Adoption in Europe</i> . Advisor: Prof. M. Cunha-e-Sá. Grade: 20/20.	

FREE UNIVERSITY OF BOZEN	Bolzano (Italy)
B.Sc. in Economics and Social Sciences.	2014 - 2017
• Thesis: <i>The Design of Fiscal Policies Towards a Circular Economy in the European Union</i> . Advisor: Prof. M. Tonin.	
• Visiting: Universität Passau (Germany)	

JOB MARKET PAPER

Carbon Permits, Plant Emissions and Industry Dynamics: To Cut or To Quit?

Abstract: Market-based climate policies aim to reduce greenhouse gas emissions while minimizing economic distortions, yet their full impact on firm behavior and survival remains debated. This paper examines how differences in free carbon permit allocations under the EU Emissions Trading System affected the emissions and exit decisions of French industrial plants. Using a difference-in-differences approach, I classify plants by allocation stringency, ownership structure, and pre-existing permit holdings. I find that plants facing stricter allocation cuts reduced emissions more than their peers, but that part of this decline reflects compositional effects from plant closures and within-firm reallocation of production. A complementary survival analysis shows that plants with higher compliance costs—stemming from inefficient emission intensity—were significantly more likely to exit and cease operations. These results suggest that tightening free permit allocations can lower emissions both through efficiency improvements among surviving plants and through market selection, thereby reshaping industry structure and the aggregate emission profile of remaining producers.

WORKING PAPERS

Impact of monetary incentives on the adoption of direct load control electricity tariffs by residential consumers, with Davide Cerruti, Massimo Filippini and Jonas Savelsberg, Dec 2023.

Abstract: To overcome the inherent clash between the ever-increasing push for electrification in the transportation and heating sectors, and the intermittent nature of renewable energy sources, demand response solutions such as direct load control (DLC) tariffs are receiving growing attention from researchers and policymakers. The present

study aims to investigate the impact of two measures (i.e. a video intervention and an upfront subsidy) in increasing the acceptance rates of an existing DLC tariff targeted at electric vehicle charging stations and heat pumps in Switzerland. To achieve this, we combine two randomized-controlled trials: (1) a stated-choice contingent valuation on electric vehicle owners to confirm the validity of the upfront subsidy, and (2) a revealed-preference field experiment on an existing DLC tariff proposed to the clients of a local distribution system operator. Results suggest that both measures of video and monetary intervention increase contact and subscription rates to the proposed DLC tariff, although the monetary intervention appears to be more convincing to consumers. Further, we use these results in combination with a bottom-up electricity market model to simulate the consequences on the level of system cost of a large-scale implementation of a DLC tariff.

WORK IN PROGRESS

- Can financial resources improve national exams scores? Evidence from a prize in Brazil (with *João Pereira dos Santos*)
Abstract: This study investigates the impact of prize “Nota 10”, a monetary award established in the state of Ceará (Brazil) to assess 2nd grade students’ alphabetization skills, on 2009 standardized national exams. Interestingly, the prize was destined to both the 150 best and worst-performing schools in the state. We use school-level data from Ceará and neighboring states to establish causality in a matched difference-in-differences setting. Results indicate that the monetary prize increased significantly grades in Portuguese and in Mathematics national exams for both types of schools.
- Multidimensional climate risk and firm behaviour (with *Sébastien Houde*)

NON PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- [IncentV2G - Analysis of the effect of incentives for efficient vehicle to grid integration](#) (with Davide Cerruti, Massimo Filippini and Jonas Savelsberg). Swiss Federal Office of Energy SFOE. 2024
- Seagrass Ecosystem Services Valuation (with Carina Vieira Da Silva). VALPRAD Project, Nova Forum Executivos. 2019

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

AWEEP, Airolo. • SIEP, Naples. • FAERE, Nantes. • EARIE, Valencia. • EAERE, Bergen. • YEEES, Paris. • IAERE, Rome. • BSE Energy Economics Seminar, Barcelona. • WISE 2025, Airolo. 2025
 Brown Bag Seminar, USI Lugano. • EMEE 2024, ETH Zurich. 2024
 FSR Workshop, EUI Florence. • Brown Bag Seminar, USI Lugano. • SERE 2023, ETH Zurich. 2023
Non-academic invited speaker: AI Week Lugano 2025 2025

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS ORGANISATION

1st Workshop IDeP on Sustainable Economics (WISE), Airolo. March 2025

ADDITIONAL EDUCATION

- Quantitative Spatial Economics Within and Across Cities. CEMFI. Summer 2024
- Dynamic Economics: Solving and Estimating Dynamic Models. USI. Summer 2024
- Energy Economics Summer School. BSE. Summer 2023
- Recent Advances in Causal Inference. USI. Fall 2022

ADDITIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

NOVA ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMICS RESEARCH CENTER, NOVA SBE Lisbon (Portugal)
 Research Assistant to Prof. Cunha-e-Sá. 2019 - 2021

MARKET RESEARCH CENTER, PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS Luxembourg (Luxembourg)
 Economics Research Assistant. 2020

TEACHING ASSISTANCE

UNIVERSITÀ DELLA SVIZZERA ITALIANA

Lugano (Switzerland)

- TA for *Causal Inference for Policy Evaluation* (M.Sc. course) *Spring 2026*
- TA for *Macroeconomics A: Economic Cycle* (B.Sc. course) *Spring 2026*
- TA for *Energy and Climate Policy for Sustainable Development* (M.Sc. course) *Fall 2025*
- TA for *Principles of Economics and Sustainable Development* (B.Sc. course) *Fall 2023 - 2024 - 2025*
- TA for *Regional Economics and Policy* (B.Sc. course) *Spring 2022 - 2023 - 2024*
- TA for *Public Economics* (M.Sc. course) *Spring 2022 - 2023 - 2024*
- TA for *Public Economics B* (B.Sc. course) *Fall 2022*

EXTERNAL COMMITTEE

Analysis of the cannibalization effect in the Italian power market, Master Thesis in Economics of Pagnamenta Federico, Dec 2024.

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- SNF Scientific Exchange Grants for "Workshop IdEP in Sustainable Economics (WISE)" (10,000 CHF). 2025
- USI Doc Mobility Grant for visiting doctoral students (20,000 CHF). 2024-2025
- PhD Program Full Scholarship by Università della Svizzera italiana (USI). 2021- Present
- Merit Scholarship by Nova School of Business and Economics. 2018- 2020

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Environmental Economics, Energy Economics, Public Policy.

CERTIFICATIONS, IT and LANGUAGE SKILLS

Stata, ~~LaTeX~~, advanced. **Python**, intermediate. **R**, **Julia**, **Matlab**, beginner.

Italian: native speaker. **English**: fluent. **German**: good. **Portuguese and Spanish**: basic.

REFERENCES
