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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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**Applied Economics:** Migration, Labour, Development

## PUBLICATIONS IN PEER REVIEWED JOURNALS

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- [The Determinants of Refugees' Destinations: Where Do Refugees Locate within the EU?](#)  
with Jackline Wahba - **World Development**, May 2024, vol. 177, 106533.  
- **Media Coverage:** The Conversation UK - [Article](#) and [Podcast episode](#); Economics Observatory - [Article](#);  
Center for Global Development [Blog post](#)
- [Expecting Brexit and UK migration: Should I go?](#)  
with Jackline Wahba - **European Economic Review**, August 2023, vol. 157, 104484
- [The ties that bind and transform: knowledge remittances, relatedness and the direction of technical change](#)  
with Ernest Miguelez - **Journal of Economic Geography**, 22(2), 423-448
- [Natives' attitudes and Immigration Flows to Europe](#)  
With Jackline Wahba - **Conditionally accepted at Oxford Economic Papers**

## WORKING PAPERS

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- [The impact of the Brexit vote on young ethnic minorities' mental health](#)  
With Corrado Giulietti and Jackline Wahba - *CPC Working paper*  
- **Media Coverage:** Economics Observatory - [Article](#)

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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- The disconnecting vote - With Corrado Giulietti and Jackline Wahba
- Migration and the well-being of people left behind: a regression sensitivity approach

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS AND AFFILIATIONS

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- **Research Fellow in Economics** *Sep 2020 - ongoing*  
University of Southampton, UK
- [IZA Research Affiliate](#) *Mar 2026 - ongoing*
- **Assistant Lecturer** *Sep 2019 - Sep 2020*
- **Data Analyst for the TKC project** *May 2020 - Sep 2020*  
University of Bordeaux, France

## EDUCATION

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- PhD in Methods and Models for Economic Decisions** *Nov 2016 - Mar 2020*  
University of Insubria, Italy in co-supervision with the University of Bordeaux, France
- MSc in International economics (with honours)** *Nov 2013 - Jul 2016*  
University of Ferrara, Italy
- BA in Political Science** *Nov 2010 - Oct 2013*  
University "L'Orientale", Naples - Italy

## TEACHING

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- **University of Southampton, UK**
  - **PhD level:** [Causal Inference for Panel Data](#) - **Module Creator and Lead:** Designed and delivered this module from scratch, with no prior template
  - **Undergraduate level:** **Guest Lecturer** for [Migration](#) - The Economics of Migration (x2) - Refugees and Labour Markets (x1)
- **University of Bordeaux, France**
  - **Undergraduate level:** T.A. in Microeconomics (in French)
  - **Postgraduate level (Master):** T.A. in Applied modelling (in French), Introduction to econometrics (in French), Econometrics of causality (in French and English), Dissertation topics on Migration and Development (in French), Master thesis supervision (x1)
- **University of Insubria, Italy**
  - **Undergraduate level:** Tutor in Microeconomics (in Italian)

## GRANTS AND AWARDS

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- 2026: ADR UK Research Fellowship - (PI) Submitted, outcome expected in June 2026.
- **2025:** Training and Skills Fund, Faculty of Social Science - University of Southampton.
- **2024 and 2022:** Career Development Funding for Early Career Researchers, Faculty of Social Science - University of Southampton.
- **2016-2019:** Full Ph.D. Scholarship awarded by the Italian Ministry of Education, Universities and Research.
- **2016:** Ferrara School of Economics and Management diploma, a sign of academic merit to reward the most deserving students with an international orientation.
- **2015-2016:** Erasmus scholarship (9 months).

## RESEARCH IMPACT AND POLICY ENGAGEMENT

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- **Policy briefs and reports (selected)**
  - [Mind the gap: Education, employment and mobility of second-generation immigrants in the UK](#) with Corrado Giulietti and Jackline Wahba - *CPC Policy Brief, July 2024*
  - [Navigating uncertainty: understanding the impact of Brexit on EU migration to the UK](#) with Jackline Wahba - *CPC Policy Brief, June 2023*
  - [Asylum seekers' choice of country is mostly driven by personal networks, not economy](#) with Jackline Wahba - *Policy Insight, Population Europe, March 2023*
  - [Women's participation in inventive activity: Evidence from EPO data](#) with Lissoni, F., Miguelez, E., Tarasconi, G., Ménière, Y., Grilli, M., Rudyk, I. - *European Patent Office, Chief Economist Unit, November 2022*
  - [Why Should We Care About Uncertainty in Migration Flows?](#) with Emily Barker, Jakub Bijak and Jackline Wahba - *Population Policy Compact 35/2022.*
- **Media coverage**
  - [The Conversation UK:](#) article and podcast episode on refugee destination choices
  - [Economics Observatory:](#) two articles (refugee destinations; Brexit and ethnic minority mental health)
  - [Center for Global Development Blog:](#) refugee location choices

## BOOK CHAPTERS (PEER REVIEWED)

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- **Migration trends in the post-referendum interstitial period;** (with Jackline Wahba) in Handbook on Brexit and Migration, Moreh, Pietka-Nykaza and McGhee (eds.), Edward Elgar - *In preparation*
- Contributed to: **Migration drivers across time and space;** (Authors: Marta Bivand Erdal, Helga de Valk, Jackline Wahba and Jakub Bijak) in [From Uncertainty to Policy: A Guide to Migration Scenarios](#), Jakub Bijak (ed.), Elgar, 2024.

## CONFERENCES, SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS

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- **2026:** [BSE Seminar](#), University of Bordeaux
- **2024:** Departmental Seminars, University of Southampton; Lisbon Migration Economics Workshop; Migration and Displacement Network Meeting, University of Southampton.
- **2023:** FUME-Hummingbird conference (online); Understanding Society Scientific Conference, University of Essex
- **2022:** QuantMig High-Level Experts Meeting (online); Ce<sup>2</sup> Workshop, Warsaw
- **2021:** Online Economic Seminars, University of Insubria; Departmental Seminars, University of Southampton; IUSSP International Population Conference (online).
- **2020:** GEOINNO 2020, University of Stavanger; Economics Seminar, University of Pau; Immigration in OECD countries - CEPII, Paris.
- **2019:** GREThA Economic Seminars, University of Bordeaux; Junior Economist Workshop on Migration Research - CEMIR, Munich; PhD Workshop - University of Insubria, Varese.
- **2018:** Conference on International Development Economics - CERDI, Clermont Ferrand; Conference on Economic Development - University of Bordeaux; PhD Workshop - University of Insubria, Varese; Development Economics Seminar, GREThA - Bordeaux; International Conference on Policies for Happiness and Health in Siena.

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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- **Referee for:**
  - Journal of Economic Geography, Economics of Innovation and New Technology, Regional Science, Economics and Business Letters, Scottish Journal of Political Economy, Public Choice, Demographic Research, PNAS, Migration Studies, Papers in Regional Science, National Science Centre of Poland
- **Academic service:**
  - [CPC-CG Seminar Series](#) coordinator, University of Southampton (Dec 2023 – Sep 2025, shared with Dr. Joseph Butterick)
  - CPC Early Career Researchers Network — speaker: ‘Working with UK Data’ (Sep 2025)
  - RES Mentoring Programme participant (2024)
  - [8th Bordeaux Conference on Development Economics](#) co-organiser - (cancelled due to Covid19), July 2020
- **Public engagement and outreach:**
  - [Asylum Seekers, economic migrants and labour markets](#), Economic Review - accessible research summary written for A-level Economics students
  - Taster Lecture in Economics, Barton College, Southampton, May 2026

## ACADEMIC VISITING

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- **Visiting PhD student at the University of Bordeaux, France** *Sept 2017 - Aug 2019*  
- **Hosts:** Prof. Matthieu Clement and Prof. Eric Rougier
- **Visiting Scholar at Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Pisa (Italy)** *July 2022*  
- **Hosts:** Dr. Edoardo Ferrucci and Prof. Andrea Mina

## SKILLS

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- **Softwares:** Stata (advanced), Latex (advanced), R (intermediate), Python (intermediate)
- **Languages:** Italian (native), English (fluent), French (fluent), German (intermediate), Spanish (intermediate)

## REFERENCES

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