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Education

Vilfredo Pareto PhD in Economics 2024 – Ongoing
Collegio Carlo Alberto – University of Turin Turin, Italy
Doctoral Fellow at Collegio Carlo Alberto
Supervisor: Prof. Juan Vargas

Master Degree in Economic Development and International Relations 2021 – 2024
University of Pavia Pavia, Italy
Final grade: 110/110 with honors

Bachelor Degree in Political Science 2018 – 2021
University of Milan Milan, Italy
Final grade: 110/110 with honors

Research Interests

Education and labor economics; gender and inequality; human capital; development.

Teaching

Development Economics (master degree) Autumn 2025
University of Turin – Prof. Conzo

Lab: Quantitative Methods for Development Studies (master degree) Spring 2026
University of Turin – Prof. Conzo

Conferences and Presentations

2025 AISSEC Workshop (Italian Association for the Study of Comparative Economic Systems), Modena –
SIEP Conference (Italian Society of Public Economics), Naples.

Working Papers

"Social Origins and Field of Study" with F. Scervini. GLO Discussion Paper No. 1623, 2025.

Work in Progress

"Drug Trafficking Networks and Welfare Effects in Ecuador"
Project on networks of illicit drug trafficking and their effects on welfare in affected municipalities in Ecuador, using geographic data and spatial analysis.

Professional Experience

Research Assistant to Prof. P. Savoldi [intermittent] 2021 – 2024
Polytechnic University of Milan

Research Assistant to Prof. J. Vargas Autumn 2025
Collegio Carlo Alberto – University of Turin

Research Assistant to Prof. B. McCully Spring 2026
Collegio Carlo Alberto

Visiting researcher (Master's thesis) Autumn 2023
University of Turku, Finland

Schools and Post-graduate Courses

Panel Data Econometrics (Summer School) September 2025
SIDE (Italian Society of Econometrics)
Bank of Italy – full scholarship

IT knowledge

Python, STATA, LaTeX, QGIS

Languages

Italian (native). English (proficient). Spanish (fluent). Arabic (basic; actively learning).

References

Available upon request.