

PIERA BELLO  
Curriculum Vitae

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

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Nationality: Italian  
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**CURRENT OCCUPATION**

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10/2021 – present: Assistant professor (RTDb), Department of Economics, **University of Bergamo**

**RESEARCH GROUPS**

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10/2020 – 09/2021: Post-doctoral research fellow, Department of Economics, **University of Zurich (UZH)**  
(Supervisor: Josef Zweimüller)  
02/2021 – present: Non-Resident Research Associate, ZEW Leibniz Centre for European Economic Research,  
10/2020 – present: Non-Resident Research Fellow, Netspar, Tilburg  
04/2019 – present: Non-Resident Fellow, Baffi-CAREFIN Centre (Pension Economics Unit), Bocconi University  
02/2016 – present: Non-Resident Fellow, Dondena Gender Initiative, Bocconi University, Milan

**PREVIOUS POSITIONS**

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02/2019 – 09/2020: Swiss National Science Foundation post-doctoral research fellow  
Department of Economics, **University College London**. Supervisor: Orazio Attanasio  
10/2018 – 01/2019: Post-doctoral research fellow  
Department of Economics, **Ca' Foscari University of Venice**. Supervisor: Agar Brugiavini  
02/2017 – 07/2018: Swiss National Science Foundation post-doctoral research fellow  
Department of Economics, **University College London**. Supervisor: Orazio Attanasio

**EDUCATION**

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09/2012 – 12/2016: **Università della Svizzera Italiana**, Lugano, Switzerland  
Ph.D. in Economics (thesis defense 19/12/2016)  
(Supervisors: Vincenzo Galasso, Mario Padula)  
Thesis Title “Three essays in applied economics”  
Thesis Committee: M.Jametti, J.Zweimüller, V. Galasso, M.Padula  
02/2015 – 06/2015: **Boston College**, Boston, USA  
Visiting Scholar, Department of Economics  
01/2013 – 01/2014: **Studienzentrum Gerzensee** (Foundation of the Swiss National Bank), Switzerland  
Swiss Program for Beginning Doctoral Students in Economics  
09/2008 – 04/2011: **Bocconi University**, Milan, Italy  
M.Sc. in Economics and Social Sciences  
(Supervisors: Alessandra Casarico, Paola Profeta)  
09/2005 – 09/2008: **Bocconi University**, Milan, Italy  
B.Sc. in Business Administration, Bocconi University  
(Supervisor: Alfredo Di Tilio)

**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

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Applied Microeconomics, Public economics, Gender economics, Pension economics

**PUBLICATIONS**

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Gender Quotas and the Quality of Politicians, *Journal of Public Economics*, October 2014, 118 pp. 62-74  
(with A. Baltrunaite, A. Casarico and P. Profeta)

Winner of the 2018 Bocconi Research Impact Award, Milan  
Winner of the 2018 Prize for scientific contributions on issues of equal opportunities and/or diversity, Università della Svizzera italiana, Lugano

Exchange rate effects on cross-border commuting: Evidence from the Swiss-Italian border *Journal of Economic Geography*, Volume 20, pages 969–1001 (2020)

Old before their time: The role of employers in retirement decisions. *International Tax and Public Finance*, Volume 27, pages 1198–1223 (2020) (with V. Galasso),

The politics of aging and retirement: Evidence from Swiss Referenda. *Population Studies*, Volume 75, pages 3-18 (2021) (with V. Galasso)

The environmental cost and the accident externality of cross-border commuting: evidence from the Swiss franc's appreciation. *Economic Inquiry*, Volume 59, pages 1440-1458 (2021)

## **WORKING PAPERS**

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Gender price discrimination in the annuity market: Evidence from Chile IdEP Economic Paper 2020/02 *Submitted*

Education, Information and COVID-19 excess mortality with L.Rocco, IZA DP. No 14402 *Submitted*

## **PRIZES & SCHOLARSHIPS**

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- 2020-21: Return Grant, Swiss National Science Foundation,  
Project: Life Span Variation and Annuity Prices. Principal Investigator  
2019-20: Advanced Postdoc. Mobility fellowship, Swiss National Science Foundation,  
Project: Adverse Selection in the Annuity Market. Principal Investigator  
2018: The 2018 Prize for scientific contributions on issues of equal opportunities  
2017-18: Early Postdoc. Mobility fellowship, Swiss National Science Foundation,  
Project: Exchange rate fluctuations and border crossings. Principal Investigator  
2012: Annual post-graduate scholarship in the Department of Institutional Analysis and Public Management, Bocconi University

## **REFEREE ACTIVITY**

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*Journal of Public Economics*, *European Journal of Political Economy*, *Journal of Economic Geography*, *Hacienda Publica Espanola*/ *Review of Public Economics*, *Journal of Pension Economics and Finance*, *Aging and Society*, *Public choice*

## **ADDITIONAL TRAININGS**

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- 2021: ETH, Summer Institute in Computational Social Sciences (machine learning, text as data, web scraping, digital field experiments, and ethics.)  
2020: UCL, Public Economics by E. French  
2016: Mannheim, IIPF Doctoral School “Social Insurance Programs” by J. Zweimuller and L. Pistaferri  
2015: Boston College, Topics in Labor Economics by C. Olivetti  
2015: Boston College, Topics in International Economic Policy by J.E. Anderson  
2014: LASER, Econometric Methods to Estimate Causal Effects by S.O.Becker  
2014: Università della Svizzera Italiana, Urban Taxation by K. Schmidheiny  
2014: Barcelona Graduate School of Economics, Panel Data Linear Analysis by B.Baldagi  
2014: Barcelona Graduate School of Economics, Dynamic and Non-linear Panel Data Models by S.Jiménez Martín  
2014: Barcelona Graduate School of Economics, Labor Market Outcomes by R. Shimer  
2013: Università della Svizzera Italiana, Political Economy by V.Galasso and T.Nannicini

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCES**

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- 10/2021 – present: Undergraduate, Population and Health Economics, University of Bergamo  
02/2015 – 07/2016: Undergraduate, Macroeconomics, Università della Svizzera Italiana, Lugano  
09/2015 – 01/2016: Undergraduate, Political Economy, Università della Svizzera Italiana, Lugano

02/2013 – 07/2013: Graduate, Pension Economics and Finance, Università della Svizzera Italiana, Lugano  
09/2012 – 08/2013: Undergraduate International Economics, Università della Svizzera Italiana, Lugano  
09/2011 – 09/2012: Undergraduate Public Economics, Bocconi University, Milan

## **CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS**

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10/2020: RSA, Annual Congress (online)  
09/2020: AIEL, Annual Congress (online)  
09/2020: Annual Conference of the Italian Society of Public Economics, Annual Congress (online)  
08/2020: European Economic Association, Annual Congress (online)  
08/2020: ES, World Congress (online)  
08/2020: IIPF, Annual Congress (online)  
09/2019: 9th ifo Dresden Workshop on Regional Economics, Dresden  
09/2019: Annual Conference of the Italian Society of Public Economics, Turin  
08/2019: Conference on Pension Finance and the Teaching of Pension Finance, Vaduz, Liechtenstein  
01/2019: Alp-Pop Conference, La Thuille; Population Days, Milan  
09/2018: Annual Conference of the Italian Society of Public Economics, Padova  
08/2018: IIPF Annual Congress, Tampere  
04/2018: PAA Annual Congress, Denver  
09/2017: Annual Conference of the Italian Society of Public Economics, Catania  
08/2017: European Economic Association Annual Congress, Lisbon  
07/2016: CEMIR Junior Economist Workshop on Migration Research, Munich  
04/2017: Royal Economic Society Annual Conference, Bristol  
01/2017: Alp-Pop Conference, La Thuille,  
06/2016: Annual Meeting of the French Economic Association, Nancy  
02/2016: Young Swiss Economists Meeting, ETH Zurich  
06/2015: CRR Seminar Series, Center for Retirement Research, Boston

## **LANGUAGES**

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Italian: mother tongue, English: fluent, Spanish: basic

## **COMPUTER SKILLS**

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MS Office, Stata, R, Python, and LATEX