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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2015–2016 Lecturer in Real Estate, The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania
2016– Assistant Professor in Real Estate, The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania
2022-2024 Leonard J. Horwitz Faculty Scholar

AFFILIATIONS

2016 – Research Affiliate, International Growth Centre
2019- J-PAL invited researcher

EDUCATION

2016 Massachusetts Institute of Technology, PhD, Economics
2009 Bocconi University, M.Sc. summa cum laude, Economics and Social Sciences
2007 Bocconi University, B.A. summa cum laude, Economics and Social Sciences
2006 New York University, Undergraduate exchange student

RELEVANT POSITIONS

2016 – Recurring visiting scholar, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia
2015 Visiting scholar, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis
2011 Field research assistant to Professor Esther Duflo, India
2009 Research assistant to Professor Guido Tabellini, IGER Bocconi
2008 Research assistant to Professor Roberto Perotti, IGER Bocconi

PUBLICATIONS

PUBLISHED AND FORTHCOMING PAPERS

1. Harari, Mariaflavia, and Eliana La Ferrara, “Conflict, Climate and Cells: a Disaggregated Analysis” (joint with Eliana La Ferrara), *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 100 (4), 594-608, 2018.
2. Harari, Mariaflavia, “Women’s Inheritance Rights and Bargaining Power: Evidence

from Kenya”, *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, 68 (1), 189–238, 2019.

3. Harari, Mariaflavia, “Cities in Bad Shape: Urban Geometry in India”, *American Economic Review*, 110 (8), 2377–2421, 2020.

WORKING PAPERS

4. Harari, Mariaflavia, and Maisy Wong, “Slum Upgrading and Long-run Urban Development: Evidence from Indonesia”, 2024 (2nd round “R&R”, *Review of Economic Studies*).
5. Harari, Mariaflavia, and Maisy Wong, “Colonial Legacy and Land Market Formality”, 2024 (“R&R”, *Journal of Urban Economics*).
6. Harari, Mariaflavia, “Residential Patterns and Local Public Goods in Urban Brazil”, 2024.

BOOK CHAPTERS

7. Harari, Mariaflavia and Guido Tabellini, “The Effect of Culture on the Functioning of Institutions: Evidence from European Regions”, in Harrison, L. and E. Yasin, eds., “Culture Matters II: Focus on Russia”, New York: Lexington Books, 2014.

WORK IN PROGRESS

- “Mapping Out Property Rights and Informality in Indonesia”, with Adil Ahsan and Maisy Wong.
 “Racial Segregation and Inequality in Access across U.S. Neighborhoods”, with Bryan Stuart.

TEACHING

2025	<i>Planned: Cities in Developing Countries</i> (Applied Economics PhD, Wharton)
2022	Girls Who Invest lecturer
2016 –	Real Estate Investment: Analysis and Financing (Undergraduate and MBA, Wharton)
2011, 2015	Principles of Microeconomics (Undergraduate, MIT), Teaching assistant to Prof. Jeffrey Harris
2014, 2015	MIT edX The Challenges of Global Poverty (Undergraduate, MIT), Teaching assistant to Profs. Abhijit Banerjee and Esther Duflo
2014	Health Economics (Undergraduate, MIT), Teaching assistant to Prof. Jeffrey Harris
2011, 2012	Development Economics - Micro issues (Graduate, MIT), Teaching assistant to Profs. Abhijit Banerjee, Esther Duflo, and Benjamin Olken
	Introduction to Collective Choice and Political Economy (Graduate, MIT), Teaching assistant to Profs. Eliana La Ferrara and Benjamin Olken

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**Invited Presentations:**

2024: 13th European Meeting of the Urban Economics Association, 7th Workshop on Urban Economics at IEB – Universitat de Barcelona, Urban Economics Workshop at NBER Summer Institute.

Scheduled: Penn Development Research Initiative seminar, 6th Handbook of Regional and Urban Economics Conference (discussant), Online Spatial and Urban Seminar, University of Toronto, University of Warwick, University College London, UCLA, University of Southern California, UC Irvine, Purdue, National Tax Association Conference, Princeton, Boston University.

2023: Université du Québec à Montréal, World Bank/George Washington University Sustainable Cities Workshop on Urban Inclusion and Development, Urban Economics Association 2023 Summer School (keynote speaker), Urban Economics Workshop at NBER Summer Institute (discussant).

2022: RWI - Leibniz-Institut Essen Workshop on Causal Inference with Spatial Data (keynote speaker), Hitotsubashi University, Junior Spatial Economics Conference at Chicago Booth, George Washington University.

2021: University of Strathclyde, World Bank and George Washington University Workshop on Economic Effects and Policy Responses to Climate Change and Natural Disasters (discussant), Harvard Kennedy School Center for International Development seminar series, CREI Workshop on Geography, Trade and Growth.

2020: University of Syracuse, Online spatial and urban seminar, World Bank's Sustainable Development Practice Group Webinar series, Conference on Urban and Regional Economics (discussant).

2019: Inter-American Development Bank, UC Irvine, USC, 6th World Bank-GWU Urbanization and Poverty Reduction Conference (discussant).

2018: 13th Meeting of the Urban Economics Association in New York, BREAD/CEPR/STICERD/TCD Conference on Development Economics, UC Berkeley Haas Real Estate Seminar, 5th World Bank-GWU Urbanization and Poverty Reduction Conference (discussant), Urban Economics Workshop at NBER Summer Institute (discussant), 2018 Annual Meeting of the Society for Economic Dynamics, V Workshop on Urban Economics at IEB – Universitat de Barcelona, CIFAR Research Workshop - Smart Inclusive Cities in Banff, Alberta.

2017: University of Delaware, Urban Economics Workshop at NBER Summer Institute, Stanford University, Cities and Development Conference at Harvard University, Authors' Workshop for the Flagship Study on Cities Productivity and Growth in Latin America and the Caribbean at The World Bank.

2016: Bocconi University, Central European University, Penn State University, IV Workshop on Urban Economics at IEB – Universitat de Barcelona, Barcelona GSE Summer Forum, CRED-PODER Summer School in Namur (keynote lecture), CEMFI, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Stockholm University, Stockholm School of Economics, Festival dell'Economia in Trento, Marron Institute at New York University, Cities and Regional Development Workshop at University of Toronto.

2015: 5th UniCredit Gender Economics workshop at Bocconi University, 10th Meeting of the Urban Economics Association in Portland, Urban Economics Workshop at NBER Summer Institute, IGC

Cities Research Group Conference in London, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, Carey Business School at Johns Hopkins University, World Bank Research Division, University of Rochester, The Wharton School at University of Pennsylvania, Geography Department at London School of Economics, University of Zurich, Economics Department at London School of Economics, School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

2014: Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference, Boston University.

2013: Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference at Harvard University, 28th Annual Congress of the European Economic Association at University of Gothenburg (invited speaker).

2012: Boston Working Group on African Political Economy at MIT.

Referee:

American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Review, American Economic Review: Insights, Annals of Regional Science, Econometrica, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Economic Inquiry, Environment and Planning, International Economic Review, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Development Studies, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Economic Geography, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Housing Economics, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Urban Economics, Nature: Cities, Oxford Economics Papers, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Regional Science and Urban Economics, Review of Economic Studies, Review of Economics and Statistics, The Economic Journal, World Bank Economic Review.

Professional service

- 2024- Urban Economics Association (UEA) Board at-large member
- 2022 UEA North American Meeting, Student Prize Committee
- 2018 Econometric Society European Meetings, program committee member
- 2018-2021 UEA North American Meeting, program committee member

Committees:

- 2022- Wharton Real Estate Department Visitors' program co-organizer
- 2021-2022 Wharton Real Estate MBA advisor
- 2018-2021 Wharton Real Estate Workshop, organizer
- 2018 –2021, 2022-2023 Wharton Curriculum Innovation Committee
- 2015-2021 Wharton Applied Economics Workshop, co-organizer
- 2015 – 2020 Wharton Applied Economics PhD admissions Committee
- 2015- Wharton Real Estate Department faculty recruiting committee

Professional associations: American Economic Association (AEA), American Real Estate and Urban Economics Association (AREUEA), Urban Economics Association (UEA).

PhD Dissertation committees: Thiago Patto, INSPER São Paulo, Sunny Lee, Wharton Applied Economics PhD, Rafael Pucci, INSPER São Paulo, Angela Gunn, Wharton Applied Economics PhD.

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

2016, 2024	Zell/Lurie Center, The Berger Scholar in Real Estate
2015	UniCredit & Universities Foundation, UWIN Best Paper Award on Gender Economics, 5th edition
	UniCredit & Universities Foundation, “Foscolo Europe” fellowship, 6 th edition (declined)
2013	MIT Travel Grant (for Graduate Students)
2009 – 2011	“Albert Ando - Franco Modigliani” fellowship for graduate studies, MIT
2007 – 2009	Bocconi Scholarship for Outstanding Students
2006	New York University Dean’s Honor Roll

GRANTS

2020	Tanoto ASEAN Initiative research grant, “Place-based poverty targeting in Indonesia”, with Maisy Wong.
2017	Wharton Global Initiatives, “Spatial Configuration of Cities and Real Estate Development in Indonesia”, with Maisy Wong.
2016	Wharton Global Initiatives, “Spatial Dimensions of Poverty and Inequality in Indian cities”.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Italian citizen, U.S. permanent resident.

Languages: English (fluent), Italian (native), German, Spanish, French (intermediate).