

## CURRICULUM VITAE – Summer 2025

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### QUALIFICATIONS

#### Bocconi University

Ph.D., Department of Social and Political Science  
Subfields: Innovation Policy, Political Economy

Italy

2021 – 2026 (expected)

#### University of Chicago

Visiting Fellow, Kenneth C. Griffin Department of Economics  
Sponsor: Ufuk Akcigit

United States

2024 – 2025

#### University of Oxford (Lady Margaret Hall)

M.Sc., Economics for Development  
Subfields: Economics, Development, Public Policy  
Thesis supervisor: Julien Labonne, Blavatnik School of Government

United Kingdom

2020 – 2021

#### University College London (UCL)

B.Sc., Economics  
Subfields: Economics, Political Economy

United Kingdom

2017 – 2020

### AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

**Full PhD Fellowship**, Bocconi University

2021 – 2025

**Hume-Lloyd Sessional Prize**, Dep. of Economics, University College London

2020

Ranked within top 3 in the final-year BSc Economics cohort

**The Dean's List**, Faculty of Social and Historical Sciences, University College London

2020

**Certificate of Appreciation**, Department of Economics, University College London

2019

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

*Political Economy, Innovation, Industrial Organisation, International Trade*

### PUBLICATIONS

Fuest, C., Gros, D., Mengel P.-L., Presidente, G. & Rujan, C. **Funding Ideas, Not Companies: Rethinking EU Innovation Policy from the Bottom Up**, IEP @ Bocconi & EconPol/ifo Institute.

Gros, D., Mengel, P.-L., & Presidente, G. (forthcoming, 2025). **The EU Investment Gap Is Really an R&D Gap**. Accepted for publication in the *Journal of Industrial and Business Economics*.

Fuest, C., Gros, D., Mengel P.-L., Presidente, G. & Tirole, J. (2024). **EU Innovation Policy: How to Escape the Middle Technology Trap**, European Policy Analysis Group.

Dietrich, A., Dorn, F., Fuest, M., Gros, D., Presidente, G., & Mengel, P.-L. (2024, April). **EU-Innovationspolitik: Wie entkommt Europa der »Midtech-Falle«?** ifo Schnelldienst, 77(4).

Gros, D., Mengel P.-L., & Presidente, G. (2023). **The EU and the US Inflation Reduction Act: No Rose Without Thorns**, *Working Paper: IEP @ Bocconi*.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

**Fund Internship Program**, International Monetary Fund (IMF) Jun. 2025 – Sept. 2025

- PhD Summer Internship at the IMF Western Hemisphere Department
- Project on trade integration under supervision of Sami Ben Naceur

**Junior Consultant**, The World Bank Jan. 2024 – Present

- Report on EU Competitiveness (with Gianmarco Ottaviano & Leonardo Iacovone)
- Flagship report on Productivity in Europe and Central Asia (with Gianmarco Ottaviano & Leonardo Iacovone)

**PhD Researcher**, Institute for European Policymaking @ Bocconi, Jan. 2023 – Present

- Working in the research group of Daniel Gros on projects concerning EU trade, competition and innovation policy

**PhD Researcher**, Blavatnik School of Government, Oxford Sept. 2022 – Nov. 2022

- Research Assistant for Julien Labonne (BSG) & Pablo Querubin (NYU) exploring the role of checks and balances in municipal elections in the Philippines.

**Teaching Assistant**, Dep. of Economics, University College London (UCL) 2020 – 2021

- Teaching Assistant in the UCL Department of Economics for the undergraduate module *Economics* (ECON0002).
- Tutoring undergraduate students, delivering weekly seminars, correcting assignments and exams, along with providing feedback and academic support.

**Lionsweb (Marketing Agency)**, Founder and Owner, Marburg (Germany) 2017 – Present

- *Lionsweb* is creating holistic marketing strategies and social media plans.
- Our core specialisation is web design for the Sports and Entertainment business as well as real estate business.
- International projects in London, Hong Kong and Rio de Janeiro

## PRESENTATIONS & OTHER ACTIVITIES

**Presentation at IMF EUR Seminar**, Washington D.C., United States 5th December 2024

- Invited for a presentation on the macro and micro foundations of EU innovation policy

**EU Innovation Policy Discussion**, Brussels, Belgium 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024

- Launch event of the *EU Innovation Policy* report with leading economists (CESifo, Bocconi University, Toulouse School of Economics) at the Bavarian Representation to the EU

## **First Year Representative & Marketing Director**, The Economist's Society, UCL 2017 – 2019

- Led marketing for the UCL Economist's Society (1,500+ members) and co-organised the 2019 inter-university Economics Debate with LSE, Cambridge, and others.

## **Co-founder Nobel Laureate Series**, The Economist's Society, UCL 2018 – 2019

- Speaker Series hosted by *The Economist's Society* at UCL with talks of international Nobel Prize winners of Economics:
  - Jean Tirole, 22. October 2018
  - Robert J. Shiller, 16. November 2018
  - Lars Peter Hansen, 8. January 2019
  - Edward C. Prescott, 19. March 2019

## **LANGUAGE SKILLS**

German (native), English (C2), Italian (B2), Spanish (B1), Portuguese (B1), French (B1)

## **IT SKILLS**

- Statistical analysis: Stata, R, LaTeX
- Microsoft Office: Excel, Powerpoint, Word
- Adobe Creative Cloud: Photoshop, InDesign, Illustrator, Dreamweaver, Muse, Lightroom
- Wordpress: WordPress 6.5
- Video editing: Final Cut Pro

## **REFEREES**

### **Gianmarco I. P. Ottaviano**

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Boroli Chair in European Studies  
Bocconi University  
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### **Daniel Gros**

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Director, Institute for European Policymaking  
Bocconi University  
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### **Ufuk Akcigit**

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