

Maria Carreri

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Personal: 1 child, born in 2022

Academic Appointments

Bocconi University - Department of Social and Political Sciences
Assistant Professor (July 2025 -)
Visiting Assistant Professor (September 2024 - June 2025)

UC Berkeley - Goldman School of Public Policy
Assistant Professor (July 2023 - June 2025)

UC San Diego - School of Global Policy and Strategy
Assistant Professor (July 2019 - June 2023)
Parental leave in 2022

Northwestern University - Kellogg School of Management
Postdoctoral Fellow, Ford Center for Global Citizenship (July 2018- June 2019)

Education

Ph.D. in Political Science, New York University, 2018

Affiliations

CEPR (Centre for Economic Policy Research), research affiliate, 2025 -
Dondeña Centre for Research, faculty affiliate, 2025 -
CEGA (Center for Effective Global Action), faculty affiliate, 2023 -
IGCC (Future of Democracy initiative), faculty affiliate, 2023 -
Political Economy Designated Emphasis, UC Berkeley, faculty affiliate, 2023 - 2025
Glocal Metropolitan Studies program, UC Berkeley, faculty affiliate, 2023 - 2025
PERICLES Research Unit, Bocconi University, faculty affiliate, 2021-

Publications

“The Influence of Police Unions in Local Elections. Evidence from U.S. Cities Spending and Performance,” (with Edoardo Teso and Rui Yu) Forthcoming at the *American Political Science Review*

“Fiscal Rules, Austerity in Public Administration, and Political Accountability: Evidence from a Natural Experiment in Colombia,” with (with Luis Martinez) *Journal of the European Economic Association* (2026)

“When Progressives Took Power: The Limited Economic Effects of Municipal Reform in U.S. Cities” (with Julia Payson and Dan Thompson) *Journal of Historical Political Economy* (2026)

“Local Leaders and the Pursuit of Growth in U.S. Cities: The Role of Managerial Skill,” (with Julia Payson) *Political Science Research and Methods* (2024)

“Economic Recessions and Congressional Preferences for Redistribution” *Review of Economics and Statistics* (2023) (with Edoardo Teso)

“Can Good Politicians Compensate for Bad Institutions? Evidence from an original survey of Italian mayors” *Journal of Politics* (2021)

What Makes a Good Local Leader? Evidence from U.S. Mayors and City Managers? *Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy* (2021) (with Julia Payson)

“Do Natural Resources Influence Who Comes to Power, and How?”
Journal of Politics (2017) (with Oeindrila Dube)

**Working Papers
& Work
In Progress**

“Fighting for Influence: The Political Economy of Firefighters’ Unions in U.S. Local Elections.” *R&R in the Local Political Economy Symposium at Urban Affairs Review*

“Political Corruption and Bureaucratic Performance. Evidence from Mafia-Infiltrated Local Governments,” (with Davide Cipullo, Marco Le Moglie, and Alberto Perego)

“Who Donates in U.S. Cities’ Mayoral Campaigns? Comprehensively testing theories of local interest groups and campaign finance” (with Edoardo Teso and Rui Yu)

“Collective Voice or Special Interest? Teachers’ Unions and Mayoral Elections in U.S. Cities” (with Barbara Biasi and Sara Chiuri)

“The determinants of local fiscal rules in comparative perspective: multilevel fiscal governance across the world, 1990-2024” (with Alexandros Kentikelenis)

**Invited Seminars
& Conferences
since 2019**

2026. Columbia University; UC Berkeley; Emory University; UCL Political Science Departmental Research Seminar; LUISS; Stockholm School of Economics; LSE BPE workshop; Copenhagen Business School; CEPR Pol Econ Symposium in Lisbon (discussant); Collegio Carlo Alberto; Bocconi-Columbia Conference; Princeton-CBS Money in Politics Workshop; Global Challenges to Local Governance Workshop - EUI; European Political Science Society; University of Zurich Democracy Under Pressure Workshop.

2025. CSEF Naples Federico II; Uni Cagliari Econ Seminar; NBER Summer Institute Political Economy (attendee); Local Political Economy Workshop, UBC (discussant); University of Zurich Workshop on “Representation in divided democracies”; EUI Comparative Politics Seminar; Humboldt University of Berlin Politics Seminar; Hertie School Political Economy Seminar; IE University Madrid; European Political Science Association; Midwest Political Science Association; American Political Science Association.

2024. UC Berkeley American Politics Seminar (RWAP); Brown Political Economy Conference; EJPE-CEPR Political Economy Conference, Naples; Representation & Economic Background of Politicians, Vanderbilt; PE of Legislatures and Legislators Workshop, EUI; Local Political Economy Workshop (Temple); American Political Science Association Meeting; Petralia PE Workshop; Alghero PE Workshop; Money in Politics Conference; Yale-UB HPE Workshop; WPECO.

2023. Bocconi University; ITAM Political Science Seminar; UC Davis Development Seminar; Yale-UB HPE Workshop; Stockholm University; IEB PE Workshop; American Political Science Association; NBER Political Economy; Midwest Political Science Association; European University Institute; UC Berkeley, Goldman School of Public Policy; American Political Science Association Meeting.

2022. University of Southern California; Collegio Carlo Alberto; Trinity College Dublin; University of Pavia; American Political Science Association Meeting.

2021. UC Berkeley, Political Economy Seminar; IEB, University of Barcelona; Local Political Economy Symposium, USC; American Political Science Association Meeting.

2020. Sapienza University of Rome; American Political Science Association Meeting.

2019. Harris School of Public Policy PE Seminar; Uppsala University; Institute of Advanced Study & Toulouse School of Economics; Quality of Government Institute, University of Gothenburg; Università degli Studi di Napoli Parthenope; Local Political Economy Conference, George Washington University; Political Economy in the Chicago Area; Galatina Summer Meetings; NYU Alumni Workshop; Midwest Political Science Association Meeting.

Awards & Prizes

Junior Researchers Grant, Bocconi University, 2025

SPS Interdisciplinary Grant, Bocconi University, 2024

Hellman Fellowship, Society of Hellman Fellows, University of California, 2022-2023

Michael Wallerstein Best Article Award, Political Economy Section, APSA, 2022
Faculty Career Development Program, UCSD, 2022-2023
Honorable mention, ADB-IEA Innovative Policy Research Award, 2022
Susan Clarke Young Scholars Award, Political Economy Section, APSA, 2021
Quality of Governance Institute Best Paper Award, University of Gothenburg, 2018

Academic Service

Editorial Board, *Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy*
Award Committee, Fiona McGillvray Award, APSA Political Economy Section
Organizer, Political Economy of Europe Pre-APSA (PEEP) Workshop, 2023-present

- 2026 - Harvard University
- 2025 - University of British Columbia
- 2024 - Temple University
- 2023 - University of Southern California

Organizer, EUREKA Workshop in Comparative Politics, Stanford University, 2025
Organizer, Robert Powell Political Economy Seminar, UC Berkeley, 2023-2024
Organizer, Political Economy Seminar (PELG), UCSD, 2019-2023
Organizer, Petralia Political Economy Workshop, 2022
Founding Organizer, Political Economy Breakfast, NYU, 2014-2015

Reviewer for:

American Political Science Review; *American Journal of Political Science*; *Journal of Politics*; *Political Science Research and Methods*; *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*; *The Review of Economics and Statistics*; *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*; *Journal of Public Economics*; *British Journal of Political Science*; *The Economic Journal*; *Journal of Development Economics*; *European Journal of Political Economy*; *Journal of Law, Economics and Organization*; *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*; *Local Government Studies*; *Economics and Politics*; *Journal of Applied Econometrics*; *World Bank Economic Review*; *Publius. The Journal of Federalism*; *Scandinavian Journal of Economics*; *Governance*; *European Economic Review*; *Urban Affairs Review*

University Service

Search Committee member, Non-citizenship cluster search, 2023-2024, UC Berkeley
Search Committee member, Public Policy search, 2019-2020, UC San Diego
Affiliated Faculty, Designated Emphasis in Political Economy, 2023-2025, UC Berkeley
Affiliated Faculty, Global Metropolitan Studies Program, 2024-2025, UC Berkeley
Affiliated Faculty, Monitoring Democracy Initiative, 2024-2025, Bocconi
Member, PPA (MSc in Politics and Policy Analysis) Committee, 2024-, Bocconi
Member, SPS Research Committee, 2025-, Bocconi

Teaching

Graduate

Political Science Field Survey (PhD class), Bocconi, Fall 2024
 Methods and Tools for Policy Analysis, Bocconi, Fall 2024
 Public Management - Political Economy of Bureaucracies, UC Berkeley, Spring 2024
 Quantitative Analysis of Public Policy (MPP Capstone), UCSD, Winter 2020, 2021, 2022
 Local Political Economy, UCSD, Spring 2020, Winter 2021

Undergraduate

Policy Evaluation, Bocconi, Spring 2025
 Urban Politics, UCSD, Spring 2020, Winter 2021, Winter 2022

Mentoring (PhD)

Dissertation Committee (placement)
 Theodoros Ntounias, UCSD Political Science, 2021-2026 (*Rochester, postdoc*)
 Francesco Mattioli, Bocconi, 2025-2026 (*EUI, postdoc*)
 Konstantin Bogatyrev, Bocconi, 2024-2025 (*LSE, postdoc*)
 Antonio Valentim, Humboldt University, visiting UCSD, 2021-2023 (*LSE, assist. prof.*)
External Reviewer (placement)

Jessica Di Cocco, Sapienza University of Rome, 2021 (*EUI, postdoc*)

Mentoring (MSc) PhD program or employer in parenthesis

Federica Di Chiara (Chicago Booth, predoc)

Sara Chiuri (Princeton, economics)

Luigi Roncoroni (Michigan Ann Arbor, economics)

Santiago Perez Cardona (University of Chicago, economics)

Eugenio Cassese (European Central Bank)

Hao Wu (University of Mannheim, economics)

Vincent D'Anzi (Pompeu Fabra, economics)

Sem Manna (Bonn Graduate School of Economics)

Claudio Giambrone (The World Bank)

David Castro Pena (Institute for Women's Policy Research)

Swati Nair (Econ One Research)

Catherine Pollock (International Fund for Agricultural Development)

Sijin Chen (University of Minnesota, social sciences)

Gala Ledezma (UC Irvine, education)